

# SOS Int'l delegation, others call on Kavinder; raise issues Only Modi Govt provided succour to refugees: Kavinder

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JAMMU: There is no match in the history to the steps taken by the PM Narendra Modi led government in providing succor to the refugees from PoK as for the first time the hapless community got Rs 5.5 lakh as relief. This was stated by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta during a meeting with delegation of SOS International, an organization of PoK 'refugees' settled in J&K. The delegation was led by its Chairman, Rajiv Chhumi, which also submitted a memorandum to the former deputy CM. mRajiv apprised Kavinder that for the last more than one year there's no permanent Provincial Rehabilitation Officer in Jammu and the charge has been handed over to Special Secretary, Disaster Management Department who sits in Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar which has made things cumbersome for



Members of Bawe Wali Market Association during meeting with Ex-Dy CM Kavinder Gupta.

the refugee community as earlier the Custodian Jammu was Ex Officio Provincial Rehabilitation Officer, Jammu, which was the win-win situation for the refugees because the PoJK were allotted both State and Custodian lands and one officer on the post of Custodian Jammu and Provincial Rehabilitation Officer, Jammu was a good arrangement because it was easy for PoJK DPs to get their job done related to both offices at single window (With single officer). He said that the

Prime Minister's cash assistance scheme for PoJK DPs is totally halted for the last more than one year due to this wrong decision of the authorities of bifurcation of Custodian Jammu and PRO Jammu posts, therefore the same needs to be rectified as soon as possible. He also demanded relaxation in documentation which is being sought from PoJK, Chhamb DPs of 1965, 71 and WPRs which is totally discriminatory. Claiming that Government has abruptly stopped the PM's

cash assistance scheme for PoJK DPs which is unjustified because still 50% families have not received the aforesaid relief, he demanded extension of the date for filing claims. After listening to the demands of SOS International delegation, Kavinder said that he will project the demands at the concerned quarters for considering the same. He said that relief to refugees is testimony to the fact that what BJP government under PM Modi has done for the refugees no other

government has even thought of doing the same. Meanwhile, newly elected members of Bawe Wali Market Association today met Kavinder Gupta and expressed gratitude to him for extending wholeheartedly support during the elections. They said that role played by the seasoned BJP leader was phenomenal and they are highly obliged. Ankush Khajuria, President, General Secretary Sumit Bajrang, Vivek Patyal and several were present. Later in a statement issued to media persons, Kavinder applauded the stand taken by the Delimitation Commission after going through the details of the suggestions and objections submitted by the associate members. He said that the sincerity shown by the panel in demarking the constituencies is exemplary and the UT of J&K is indebted to the role played by the Delimitation Commission in redrawing the seats with extreme precision.

# Minorities feeling much safer under Modi Government: Raina



President, J&K BJP, Ravinder Raina speaking at a meeting.

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JAMMU: Minorities are feeling much safer under Modi government, said Ravinder Raina, President, Jammu & Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Raina was addressing Executive Body meeting of BJP Minority Morcha at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. It was attended by President BJP Minority Morcha Sheikh Bashir, Morcha office bearers, District Presidents and District General Secretaries. Ravinder Raina, while

addressing the meeting, stated that it is indeed a matter of great satisfaction that the minorities are feeling much safer under Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union government. He said that while the earlier governments used the minorities merely as a Vote Bank to enter the power corridor; it is the Modi government that has worked to empower this class educationally, socially and economically. Raina asked the Minority Morcha activists to work for the party more vigorously and contribute in making it strong at

the grass root level. He also stressed upon them to motivate more and more people to join the party so that we become a force which creates history in the upcoming elections of the assembly. He also gave different assignments to the Minority Morcha activists. Sheikh Bashir asked them to work for the betterment of the party. He said that Morcha leaders are celebrating all the programmes of the party at the ground level, assuring that the Morcha activists will work up to Booth level to make the party strong.

## Mayor starts construction work of community hall at Shiv Shakti Temple

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today kick started the construction work of community hall at Shiv Shakti Temple in Sector 1 Pamposh Colony Janipur in Ward Number 38. On the occasion, Corporator Ward Number 38 Surinder Sharma, JI Bamzai, President Shiv Shakti Sanastha Pamposh Colony Janipur, SK Raina, Raveesh Mengi, Chander Chawla, TS Negi, General Secretary of the Sanstha JK Khar, BJ Majoo, Surinder Dhar, Lalit Luthra, AK Saproo Ex President of the Sanstha, Raj Kumar Bhan, Jitu Bhan and others. The community hall is being constructed at an esti-



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta speaking during a programme at Shiv Shakti Temple.

mated cost of Rs 40 lakh. Mayor directed the concerned officials of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) present on the occasion to complete the project in time so that the people of the area get great benefit of this community hall. Later, Mayor also met with the locals, listened to their general issues regarding

proper sanitation, lifting of stray dogs and animals on routine basis, installation and rectification of LED street lights in the left over areas, construction of remaining lanes and drains in the Ward and other related matters. Mayor assured that all their genuine issues will be taken up on priority basis.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI) Shimla organized a training programme in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Jammu on 'Productivity Enhancement and Sustainable Livelihood through Forest Technology Interventions' at KVK Jammu, SKUAST, which is working under the leadership of Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, SKAUSAT, Jammu. Dr. Punit Choudhary, Senior Scientists and Head KVK welcomed all dignitaries and participants. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. S.S. Samant Director, HFRI, Shimla, who was the Chief Guest of the occasion. Professor Susheel Kumar Gupta, Registrar, SKUAST, Jammu and Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director, Extension, SKUAST, Jammu were Guests of Honour. Dr Jagdish Singh, Scientist-F and Head Extension Division HFRI, Shimla apprised participants that



HFRI Shimla and KVK Jammu officials during a programme.

without forestry we can think of agriculture as both fields are inter connected. Dr S.S. Samant informed that HFRI is one of the regional institute of ICFRE, which has jurisdiction of working in state of Himachal Pradesh and Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. He suggested the remedial measures to tackle the regeneration problems of high temperate conifers viz., Fir and Spruce.

Dr S.K. Gupta, Registrar told that productivity enhancement and sustainable livelihood generation through forest technological intervention is need of hour. Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director, extension thanked HFRI, Shimla and hoped that this training programme would benefit farmers. In technical session, Dr Jagdish Singh delivered talk on forest technol-

ogy intervention for livelihood generation. Dr. Sandeep Sharma, Scientist-G and Group Coordinator Research, HFRI, Shimla talked about Modern nursery technologies for raising quality planting material for productivity enhancement. Dr Punit Chaudhary delivered lecture on role of agroforestry in productivity enhancement. He stressed that agroforestry augment livelihood pf people. Dr.Lalit Mohan Gupta, Head, Agroforestry, SKUAST, Jammu gave a presentation on cultivation of medicinal plants for augmentation of Rural income. Whereas, Dr Sandeep Sehgal briefed about importance of traditional agroforestry in meeting the bonafide need of rural communities. Dr. Sanjay Khajuravi discussed about role of Bamboo in ecological and livelihood security. Dr Vaneet Jhista, Scientist, HFRI delivered lecture on Hill bamboo and its role in enhancing rural income.

## Virat Ambuja Steel appoints Kashmir Steel as conversion agent in J&K

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Virat Ambuja TMT Bars has appointed Kashmir Steel Rolling Mills as a conversion agent in Jammu and Kashmir. After the launch of Virat Ambuja brand TMT Bars in the North Indian states of Punjab, Himachal and Jammu & Kashmir UT, the brand has proudly appointed Kashmir Steel as its conversion agent for the region. Kashmir Steel Rolling



Hemant Basu (North India Head) Virat Ambuja Steel and Deepak Sabharwal (GM Marketing) Kashmir Steel Rolling Mills after signing MoU.

Mills has been engaged in the manufacturing of TMT

Bars for the past 52 years and has been continuously upgrading their manufacturing facilities to ensure that the products are maintained as per present market trends. Up-gradation of technology has been of paramount strategy to implement the desired quality of end product. Earlier, Krishan Gopal Singla, who is a qualified Chartered Accountant from the ICAI, has years of experience in the line and after his age passed on the reins to his sons namely Varun Singla and Tarun Singla, who are

qualified graduates from the Business School of Management. Both the brothers are up-keeping the systems to ensure present market requirements as per the current trends. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Hemant Basu (North India Head) Virat Ambuja Steel and Deepak Sabharwal (General Manager Marketing) Kashmir Steel Rolling Mills. Quality Assurance Head Das of Kashmir Steel Rolling Mills with other channel members also present.

## President Dental Council extends support to unemployed dentists



President JKDC, Dr. Bhupinder Singh talking to reporters.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: President of J&K Dental Council (JKDC), Dr. Bhupinder Singh extended the support to the demand of dental surgeon regarding their absorption in the government jobs. While speaking to media at a press conference, Dr. Bhupinder said that the unemployed dental surgeons are stressed, depressed and at the verge of starvation. He pointed out that the posts of dental doctors had not been advertised for the past 14 years and unemployment among the dentists had increased manifolds. He stressed that dentists had worked tirelessly during the pandemic throughout the country and many states had advertised posts of dental surgeons as they could very well manage the patients suffering from Covid-19 but the J&K government has not taken any step to absorb the dental doctors and even detained them few days back when they were demanding advertisement of Govt. jobs. Dr. Munish Gupta Executive member of JKDC told media that the file of creation of post of the dental surgeons bearing no HD/PLAN/68-2018 is shuttling between the planning deptt., finance and health department since many years without any result. Dr. Manoj and Dr. Pankaj Bhagatsaid that the dentists are now adamant that they will continue their agitation till the jobs are advertised and they do not want any kind of financial help in shape of loan from the government. Dr.Bhupinder strongly recommended that the Lt.Gov. must take concrete steps and direct the concerning authorities to advertise the posts of dental doctors immediately. Dr Varun Sharma, Dr. Arun, Dr. Aman, Dr. Vasudha Kak, Dr. Burhan were also present in the conference.

## Dr Jitendra for searching, mentoring, sustaining Start-Ups

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Saturday called for searching, mentoring and sustaining Innovation StartUps and emphasised on creating a StartUp ecosystem based on Science and Technology. The Minister was speaking after announcing the winners of CSIR organised National Level Scientific Creativity Competition "CSIR Jigyasa Vigyan Mahotsav 2022" to celebrate India's 75 years of Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Dr Jitendra Singh urged the CSIR Jigyasa team to continue to mentor the students so that they will lay strong foundations for the Roadmap 2047 and help India solve the various challenges and make it a global leader. He said, it is critical to engage the future generation of scientists and technologists and highlight the science, technology & innovation from every part of our country.

Dr Jitendra Singh expressed satisfaction that CSIR Jigyasa Vigyan Mahotsav 2022, launched on 3rd January 2022, had reached out to more than 20,000 students through Bootcamps across the country. He said, 7 Bootcamps with futuristic themes in areas like Energy, Health, Artificial Intelligence, Climate Change, Water Conservation, Disaster Mitigation and Agro-technology were organised where in science experts could communicate to students some of the contemporary issues that are facing us and which need greater awareness and S&T based solutions. Dr Jitendra Singh informed that this week starting from 22nd February 2022 to February 28th is being celebrated as the Ironic week of Science and Technology ministry under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav. All the science departments are actively engaged in this. Jigyasa Vigyan Mahostav is also a

part of this celebration. Dr Jitendra Singh gave away the Grand Prize of Rs One Lakh each to three students Mohammed Hisam, Shruti Nimbali and Sanchi Bansal for the CSIR's National Level Scientific Creativity Competition conducted in Hindi and English Medium. 75 winners from all the country were chosen for the awards as part of celebration of India's 75 years of Independence. The children have been evaluated rigorously for their creativity; innovative ideas; story telling ability; message conveyed; overall aesthetics; out of box thinking; usability or applicability in case of apps/ videos/ animations. Dr. Shekhar C. Mande, Director General, CSIR said that CSIR labs have executed this event and developed strong partnership and engagement with IIT Bombay, My Gov, Kendriya Vidyalays, Navodaya Vidyalays and Atal Innovation Mission, MHRD and others.

## ASSOCHAM J&K Council opens nominations for J&K Women Achievers Award-2022

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Council of ASSOCHAM has opened the nominations for J&K Women Achievers Award - 2022 for five different categories, which will be declared on March 8, 2022 on the occasion of International Women's Day. Similar awards were given to five Women achievers of Jammu and Kashmir on International Day last year as well and this time too the Nominations are open for five categories i.e. Manufacturing, Retail, Beauty & Wellness, Education and Media. "To encourage the women entrepreneurs of Jammu and Kashmir, we started this initiative last year. This year also we invite nominations from women of J&K, who have excelled in their respective fields," said Manik Batra, Chairman ASSOCHAM J&K Council. "ASSOCHAM always appreciates the

role of the women in nation building and we are strongly committed to paying the ways for Indian Women to grow and empower, contributing to national initiatives like 'Empowering Women, Empowering Nation' as envisioned by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi," he added. To file the nomination, applicants can contact ASSOCHAM's office at Narwal or call at 9419238684. Applicant can also send request on amit.khajuria@assocham.com for nomination form. The last date for submission of award nomination form is 4th March 2021. The Jury will decide upon the winners. A trophy and a certificate will be presented to all the winners during the Award ceremony. Certificate of participation will also be given to all the participants.

## JU organises Prof GL Kaul Memorial Lecture

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A lecture in the memory of one of the founding members of the Department, Prof. G.L. Kaul was organized online by the Department of Computer Science & IT, University of Jammu. The faculty and the research scholars of the department of Computer Science & IT, offsite Campuses and affiliated colleges of University of Jammu and from different states including Punjab, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu attended the lecture held. The Chief Guest, Prof. Manoj Dhar, Vice-Chancellor, JU said that Prof Koul was a very dedicated academician and underlined the immense contributions to the academics and research as a founder member in building the department. Prof. K Chandra Sekharaiah from Jawaharlal Nehru Technical University (JNTU), Hyderabad was the

resource person who delivered an invited talk on Cyber Policing for Development of National Virtues for Secure Digital India. Prof. Pawanesh Abrol, Head of the department presented the welcome address. Prof. Vinod Sharma of the Department shared the reminiscences of Prof. G. L. Kaul while Prof. Lalit Sen Sharma introduced the invited speaker to the participants. Veena Kaul wife, Prof. O.N. Kaul, elder brother of late Prof. G. L. Kaul and other family members attended the lecture. Prof. R. L. Hangloo, Former Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Allahabad also attended the lecture. Prof. Vibhakar Mansotra, Dr. Shubhmandan, Jasbir Singh, Dr Suresh Rao, Rhea Mahajan, Palak Mahajan, Namrata Karhupia, besides large number of faculty members, staff, scholars and other participants attended the lecture.