

Randhawa distributes school uniforms among students, assures all possible help in future also

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JAMMU: In a goodwill gesture, former Legislator and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Vikram Randhawa distributed winter school uniforms among the students of Government High School in Satwari area of Jammu South RS Pura Assembly segment and assured them of all possible help in the future also.

Randhawa was accompanied by Avtar Singh Naib Sarpanch, Vishal Charak Ex Sarpanch, Mithilesh Kumari, Harpal Singh, Gurmeet Singh and Ashu Gupta, all Panchs, Bhushan Kumar, Surjeet Singh, Sajal Gupta, Ram Ch, Deepak and many others. While speaking, Randhawa said, "These students were forced to attend school without woollens due to poor economic conditions. We did what we can to make them comfortable by providing them with clothes so that they can sit in this chill with enough layers on their body



Senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa after distributing winter school uniforms among the students of Government High School in Satwari.

and concentrate on studies," he said. He urged the students to keep studying and in case of need, he or she can contact him. He expressed that their main aim was to come to the rescue of the needy.

"We provide financial help to the ones who are in dire need. These children were attending school without woollens. With the little help provided by us, they may feel

a bit cozy and safe. As human beings, it is our moral responsibility to come to the aid of those who are less blessed," he added.

Randhawa said it was observed that students were practising in cold weather conditions, hence, it was decided to provide them warm sweaters so that students are able to cope up with the harsh weather conditions. He said it was the bounden duty of every

citizen to ensure the safety of students in wake of inclement weather conditions. He said it would also help in saving the students from the cold weather. Randhawa said that the Government is fully committed to provide free education to all the sections of the society. He promised that he will be available round the clock for the betterment of the younger generation.

He said, teachers should

adopt new learning methods to make them competent enough, so that they can play a big role in their future for the development of themselves, family and the nation as well.

Randhawa further said that in today's world, a teacher's role is quite multifaceted.

"The teachers should spread awareness among the students about all the schemes launched by the Government for the betterment of the students", the former Legislator added.

On the occasion, the staff members informed the visiting leader that there is a need for some upgradation in the school infrastructure.

Randhawa assured that the issues related to the school upgrade will be taken up with the concerned authorities for early redressal.

Anuradha Gupta, Principal of the school, Raj Singh Langeh, staff members and students were present on the occasion.

Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch J&K releases 'Sthaniya Calendar 2024'

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JAMMU: The Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM) J&K on Wednesday unveiled the much-anticipated 2024 edition of the Sthaniya Calendar under the auspices of Rupesh Kumar, the distinguished Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh Prant Pracharak of Jammu and Kashmir.

The visit was spearheaded by the Dr. Vivek Sharma, serving as the President of BTSM in the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, alongside Dr. Rajesh S. Chib, entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing all Jammu and Kashmir universities for BTSM.

The release of the Sthaniya Calendar was marked by a profound emphasis on its significance, particularly highlighting the pivotal date of 22nd January, which commemorates the Pran Pratishtha of Lord Ram Lalla, eliciting widespread appreciation and reverence.



BTSM J&K members felicitating Rupesh Kumar, RSS Prant Pracharak of Jammu and Kashmir.

Amidst the ceremonial launch, Rupesh Kumar provided invaluable insights and guidance to the BTSM team concerning the future trajectory of societal welfare initiatives.

He expounded upon the extensive endeavors undertaken by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in Jammu and Kashmir, aimed at fostering the holistic betterment of society.

Discussions ensued, focusing on the remarkable growth and potential of Jammu and Kashmir across diverse sectors such as

tourism, agriculture, sports, skills development, and startups.

Deliberations delved into exploring innovative avenues to further augment societal advancement and progress.

The other team members of Bharat Tibet Sahyog including Dr. Yudhbir Singh, Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Dr. Vikrant Singh, Dr. Nitin Sharma, Mukesh Kumar, and Manan Raina, each actively engaging in the discourse and seeking counsel from Rupesh Kumar regarding the BTSM's strategic roadmap for the future.

Health Check-up-cum-Wellness camp for drivers held at Trikuta Nagar

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JAMMU: In line with ongoing Road Safety Month 2024 a medical camp organized by Team RTO Jammu, in collaboration with the Taxi Operators Union, here today at Trikuta Nagar: RTO Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra said that such camps are being organized for prioritizing the physical well being of drivers as if they are healthy and fit it will significantly contribute to safety of passengers and other road users. During the camp more than 300 drivers participated for various health check-up component included screenings, identifying health issues like BP, Sugar, Hb, Vision check-ups encompassed detailed eye examinations, with corrective measures such as prescription glasses distribution were arranged for drivers.

During the camp, awareness session on road safety was also conducted by ARTO and repre-



Doctor examining a driver during a camp.

sentatives from various transport unions.

Prominent speakers like C.M.O Jammu J.T C Transport Department and ARTOs addressed the audience on topics like safe driving practices, stress management, vehicle maintenance, and emergency response training.

J.T.C Transport Department said that such collaboration with the Taxi Operators Union for organizing awareness camps played a vital role in bringing the required behaviour

change among drivers to promote road safety.

The programme was ended with vote of thanks by president Railway Taxi Union Davinder Choudhary and Secretary A&JT W Secretary Sanjeev Choudhary.

Among others SSP Traffic, CMO Jammu, Joint Transport Commissioner JK, ARTO Hq, ARTO BoI (G&P), DySP Traffic, representatives from various transport unions and drivers were present on the occasion.

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JAMMU: Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court holds that employer is the best person to judge the suitability of the candidate for a particular post depending upon the requirements of a specialized qualification for the said post.

This significant judgement has been passed in a petition filed by Amrinder Singh, who filed the petition as the J&K Grameen Bank did not issue formal order of appointment.

The respondent No. 1 issued an advertisement, thereby inviting applications for recruitment of officers of Scale-I, II and III and Office Assistant (Multipurpose) in Regional Rural Banks including J&K Grameen Bank as well i.e. the respondent No. 2.

The posts advertised by the respondent No. 1 included

the post of Officer Scale-II (Treasury Manager). The qualification prescribed for the above-mentioned post was Chartered Accountant or MBA in Finance from recognized University/Institute with one year experience in the relevant field. As per the notification, the candidates applying for Scale-II (Generalist and Specialists) and Scale-III posts, were required to appear for a single online examination and shortlisted candidates in the single examination were subsequently to be called for a common interview to be co-ordinated by the Nodal Regional Rural Banks with the help of NABARD and IBPs in consultation with the appropriate authority. It was also provided in the notification that the candidates must necessarily produce the documents in original along with photocopies in support of

their identity and eligibility pertaining to the category, nationality, age, educational qualification etc. as indicated in the online application form at the time of interview/document verification, as the case may be. Simultaneously, it was also provided that merely applying for Common Recruitment Process (CRP)/appearing for and being shortlisted in the online examination (preliminary and main) and/or in the subsequent interview and/or provisionally allotted and/or subsequent process would not imply that a candidate would necessarily be offered an employment in any of the Regional Rural Banks. It was further provided in the notification that while appearing for the interview, the candidate should produce valid prescribed documents as mentioned in the notification. In the absence of docu-

ments, the candidature of the candidates was to be cancelled. The documents which were required to be produced in support of candidate's eligibility and identity included the experience certificate as on August 14, 2017, if applicable.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal after hearing Sr. Adv Abhinav Sharma with Adv Saba Atiq for the petitioner whereas Sr. Adv Rahul Pant with Adv Dhruv Pant for the respondents, observed that it is the employer who has to determine the suitability of the candidate depending upon the requirements for the particular post and the candidate cannot dictate terms to the employer to interpret the requisite qualification in a particular manner, when the reasoning assigned by the employer while rejecting the candidature is neither arbitrary nor

perverse.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal further observed that the contention raised by the petitioner, though not pressed during the course of arguments, is that in the case of Sanchit Gupta, the respondent Nos. 2 and 3 while appointing him have relied upon the certificate issued by the SIT Institute, whereas the post required specialized qualifications. It is reiterated that it is the prerogative of the employer to determine the eligibility of the candidate depending upon the qualifications prescribed for the said post and the petitioner cannot derive any benefit out of the selection of Sanchit Gupta. For all what has been said and discussed above, this Court is of the considered view that the present petition is misconceived and the same is, accordingly, dismissed.

HC quashes PSA of alleged dreaded criminal

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JAMMU: Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court on Wednesday quashed the detention under PSA of Mohd. Ayaz alias Shantoo, who is a dreaded criminal according to police.,

Justice Rajnesh Oswal, after hearing Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed for the petitioner, observed that the representation made against the order of detention to the respondents has not been considered by them. The perusal of Record produced by the

respondents would reveal that the representation submitted by the father of the petitioner was forwarded to Special DG Police, CID J&K by the respondent No.1 vide communication dated June 22, 2023 but the same was not decided either by the respondent No. 1 or respondent No.2. The respondent No.1 has confirmed the order of detention vide order dated July 24, 2023, after obtaining the opinion from the Advisory Board when representation was already forwarded by the respondent No.1to Special DG

Police, CID J&K, vide communication dated by June 22, 2023.

Non consideration of representation is violative of the constitutional as well as the statutory rights of the petitioner, the Court said.

With these observations, the Court ordered that the order of detention bearing No. 06 of 2023 dated May 10, 2023 issued by respondent No. 2 under section 8(1)(a) of the Public Safety Act, 1978 is quashed. The petitioner be released forthwith, if not required in any other case, it added.

CISF saves life of man at Delhi's Metro Station

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NEW DELHI: A 28-year-old man, who fell unconscious at the Anand Vihar Metro Station, New Delhi, was saved by a CISF personnel by performing the cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) procedure on him, a force spokesperson said on Sunday.

"On Wednesday at about 1355 hrs a male passenger identified as Manoj Kumar, 28 yrs, resident of Modi Nagar, UP suddenly fell down unconscious near concourse area at Anand Vihar Metro Station, New Delhi," spokesperson said adding that

Constable Amit Kumar Sharma of CISF, who was performing duty at the Metro Station, acted promptly and administered life-saving Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to the passenger.

Due to Constable Amit immediate response, the passenger was successfully revived, spokesperson said adding that subsequently, the passenger left for his destination along with his family members.

The proactive and quick actions of the CISF personnel played a pivotal role in saving a valuable life, spokesperson said.

DHS Jammu Dr. Rajeev accorded warm send off

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JAMMU: Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma Director Health Services Jammu, who superannuated on Wednesday after rendering 34 years of glorious service in the department, was accorded a warm send off by the staff of Directorate of Health Services Jammu.

To bid him farewell, a function was organized in the premises of Directorate, where Dy. Director Health Services (Schemes and Dentistry) Jammu and other officers/officials complimented Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma for his contribution to the Health Department.



Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma started his services as Medical Officer at AD Panchound Block Basantgarh and served the department in various other administrative capacities as,

Deputy Medical Superintendent Government Hospital Sarwal, Medical Superintendent Chest Disease Hospital Jammu, Medical Superintendent Government Hospital Sarwal, Chief Medical Officer Reasi, Deputy Director (HQ) Health Services Jammu.

His integrity, honesty and perception were reflected in his work. The staff of Directorate wished him good health and prosperous post retirement life and thanked him for his guidance, support and cooperation. The work, ethic of Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma will be missed.

DBPS demands naming either airport of J&K UT on Major Somnath

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JAMMU: On his 101th birth anniversary, rich tribute were paid to first ParamVir Chakra awardee, Major Somnath Sharma who laid down his life while defending the Srinagar Airport from the attack of tribals and Pak Army on November 3, 1947.

Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) President, Ved Parkash Sharma and others paid floral tributes to Shaheed Major Somnath at a function held in the Sabha premises where speakers recalled supreme sacrifice of this great soldier.

They particularly mentioned that after the martyrdom of Major Sharma, almost all his entire family joined Indian Army, thereby setting an example that sacrificing life by one member from the family couldn't demoralize others.

Sr. BJP Leader Chander Mohan Sharma, NMC President Subash Shastri and Retd. Col. Rajeev Khajuria and others said that present situation in the UT demands that the people should take inspiration from



DBPS members paying tributes to ParamVir Chakra awardee, Major Somnath Sharma.

the supreme sacrifices of the brave soldiers and stand by Army and Para-military forces to give a befitting replay to Pakistan for its acts of ceasefire violation and firing on border.

They also demanded naming either airport of the state on Major Somnath Sharma.

Describing Maj. Sharma as the great hero of India, Senior Bureaucrats B.D. Sharma, Soujanya Sharma Former Commissioner JMC, J.K. Sharma Retd. Chief Engineer, Ex. Dtd. B.S. Jamwal, Subash Chander Sharma, Pt. Barita Ram

Sharma Sr. Member of the Sabha Advocate P.C. Sharma, Gen. Secretary BVP J&K Prant Shiv Ram Sharma' Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Parchar Sewa Samiti President Sunil Sharma and others said that the real tribute to major Somnath Sharma will be to take pledge to keep our self always prepared to face challenges which pose threat to the unity and integrity of the motherland.

Sabha Vice-President Virendra Mohan Magotra, Satyanand Sharma, JaganNath Sharma, Nanak

Chand Sharma, M.L.Sharma, M.L. Padha, Gurdas Sharma, S.S.Baru, PremBalotra, Rajesh Badgotra, Ritiz Khajuria, Devinder Sharma (Baboo), K.L. Sharma, Satpal Sharma, Arun Sharma Regional Joint General Secretary BVP, Sham Mishra, Ashok Kumar Sharma, and others also paying tributes to major Somnath Sharma. They appealed to Lt. Governor to declare holiday on the eve of Major Somnath Sharma birthday.

HC sets-aside conviction of CAPD supervisor in corruption case

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SRINAGAR: Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has set-aside the conviction of Mohammad Mansoor Malik, the then Supervisor/I/c Tehsil Officer CAPD Circle Zainapora Shopian, who was booked in a case under FIR No 26/2009 of Police Station Vigilance Organization Kashmir (VOK).

The brief facts of the case are that on September, 11, 2009 case FIR No. 26/2009 under section 5(2) J&K Prevention of Corruption Act and section 161 RPC was registered against the accused in Police Station Vigilance Organization Kashmir on receipt of an order dated August 5, 2009 passed by Additional, Anti-corruption Court, Srinagar.

"The direction from court came in the wake of complaint lodged by one Sabzar Ahamd Dar S/o Abdul Razaq Dar, resident of Reshipora Shopian alleging therein that complainant was running a Fair Price Shop of CAPD Department at village Reshipora since 2007, and accused Mansoor Ahmad Malik, Supervisor/Incharge Tehsil Supply Officer, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution System department (CA&PD), Circle Zainapora Shopian demanded and accepted Rs 10,000/- from the complainant for issuing report in respect of various applications that had been endorsed to him by the Assistant Director CAPD Department concerned.

Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, after hearing Adv MA Qayoom, for the appellant and Sr. AAG Mohsin Qadiri for the UT, observed that in a criminal case, the Court has a duty to ensure that mere conjectures or suspicion do not take the place of legal proof. The large distance between 'may be' true and 'must be' true, must be covered by way of clear, cogent and unimpeach-

able evidence produced by the prosecution, before an accused is condemned as a convict, and the basic and golden rule must be applied. In such cases, while keeping in mind the distance between 'may be' true and 'must be' true, the court must maintain the vital distance between mere conjectures and sure conclusions to be arrived at, on the touchstone of dispassionate judicial scrutiny, based upon a complete and comprehensive appreciation of all features of the case as well as the quality and credibility of evidence brought on record. The court must ensure that miscarriage of justice is avoided and if the facts and circumstances of a case so demand, then the benefit of doubt must be given to the accused keeping in mind that a reasonable doubt is not an imaginary, trivial or a merely probable doubt but a fair doubt that is based upon reason and common sense. Court after perusal of the material in the present case on the file as also the Trial Court record, when analyzed on the touchstone of legal principles insinuated hereinabove, leaves no manner of doubt that the prosecution in the instant case has failed to prove clearly and explicitly the demand of illegal gratification and, resultantly, the appeal deserves to be allowed and impugned judgement and order recording conviction and sentence of appellant/accused person deserves to be set-aside.

With these observations, High Court allowed the appeal and ordered that the conviction of appellant/accused person recorded by the Trial Judge in connection with commission of the offences punishable under Section 5(1)(d) read with Section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 161 RPC in case FIR No.26/2009 of Police Station VOK, is set-aside. The appellant/accused is ordered to be acquitted.

KDP Wing of DPAP demands permanent solution for PM package employees

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JAMMU: The Kashmiri Displaced People (KDP) Wing of Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) in a joint statement issued through its President Sanjay Dhar, Chairman Piaray Lal Pandita and General Secretary Raj Kumar Ticku and others have put forth the demands regarding vanishing of all sufferings being faced by PM Package employees with treatment of step motherly criteria being rightful citizens of J&K.

the demanded that the status of PM Package employees be brought at par with state/UT Cadre, the SRO 43/Cases for PM Package employees to be preferred at par with UTGovt Rules, transfer of PM Package employees to suitable places on medical/life consuming grounds, earliest accommodation in Transit Camps require to made in favour of disabled.