

Congress only alternative to BJP: Rajni Patil

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JAMMU: Senior AICC Leader Incharge Jammu and Kashmir Rajni Patil, Member Rajya Sabha said that people are fed up with BJP's poor performance, opportunist and wrong policies and there is strong wave of change among Jammu people, who are looking towards congress as only viable alternative. She said congress is only viable alternative to BJP which has utterly failed on all fronts and snatched the statehood, dignity and rights, employment and trade of people.

While addressing an impressive gathering of congress workers at Shakti Nagar, organized by PCC General Secretary Mannohan Singh, Patil said that BJP has vitiated atmosphere of peace, harmony and progress and downgraded the historical state against the wishes of people. Only congress can restore peace, harmony, progress especially the lost status and dignity of people of Jammu and Kashmir, she added. She further said that only congress can rebuild the lost trust, meet genuine aspirations of each section and regions and can do justice with all and ensure equitable development by creating harmony



AICC Leader & Incharge J&K Rajni Patil along with other leaders at a workers rally.

and peace and strengthening democracy.

"Power hungry BJP's divisive and opportunist politics have destroyed and vitiated the atmosphere of peace, harmony and progress and created unrest in the society, for which people will have to join the congress struggle to restore things back on rails," said Patil, advising party leaders to recognize hard work of grass root workers who alone can take congress achievements and programmes to people and bring party back to power.

She said that Congress is only political force in the country consistently playing role of healthy opposition to highlight issues of each section and opposing anti-poor, anti-farmers and anti-people policies of BJP.

JKPCC Chief G A Mir raised strong pitch on the issue of restoration of historical

Dogra state of Jammu and Kashmir, which was snatched from people, arbitrarily and undemocratically. He asserted that people would return the betrayal and deception of BJP with cross section of society by bringing about change whenever elections held and claimed that congress would emerge single largest party and form next government in Jammu and Kashmir.

AICC Spokesperson Alka Lamba alleged that BJP is playing with sentiments of people by downgrading the historical state and depriving people of democratic rights.

Raman Bhalla lashed out at BJP for betrayal with mandate of Jammu as they failed to do justice with sentiments and aspirations of people. On every front Jammu has suffered under BJP regime at the center and under LG's administration,

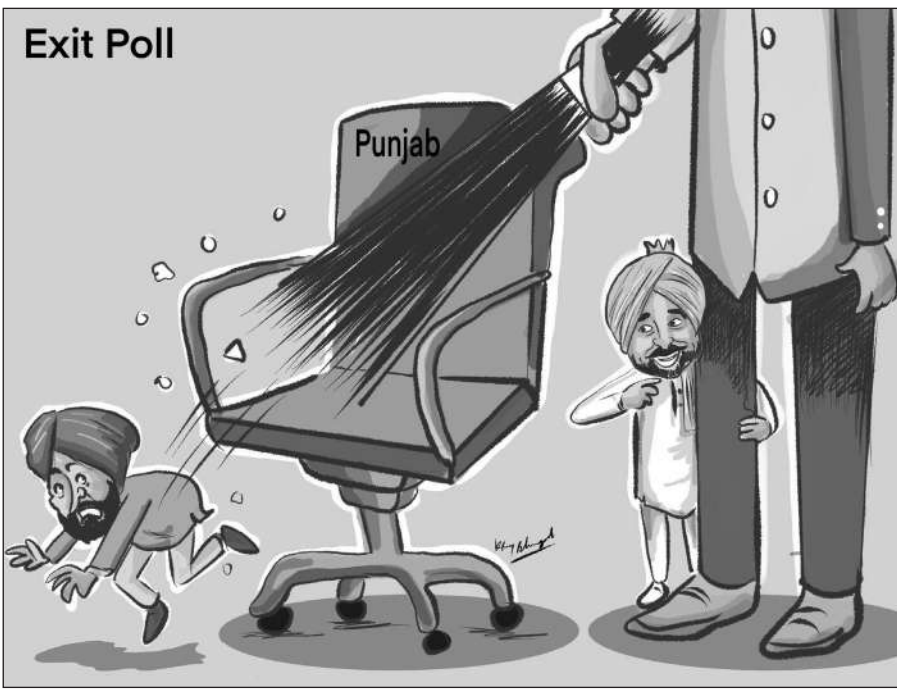
he added. Mula Ram lambasted BJP for division and downgrading of historical state of J&K and ruling by proxy for three and half years. APRO Sukhwant Singh Brar urged the workers to go for vigorous membership to strengthen congress at grass root levels. Ravinder Sharma referred to the talk promises by BJP before elections especially electorate of Jammu but betrayed each sections and overall aspirations of people. He termed delimitation as a dissection of constituencies to further the political interests of BJP but people would rebuff BJP in forthcoming elections. Mannohan Singh highlighted the burning problem of different sections and blasted the hollow slogans of development.

Yogesh Sawhney appreciated workers and efforts of Mannohan Singh to hold

impressive gathering and asked them to hold door to door membership campaign and strengthen congress at grass-root levels. Indu Pawar criticized BJP's failure to ensure protection of women and praised Congress and Priyanka Gandhi for their fight for women's rights.

Prominent among those who attended the function included PCC Vice President Haji Rashid, General Secretary S S Channi, Shiv Dev Singh (Ex-MLA), DCC President Jammu Rural Hari Singh Chib, DCC President Kathua Pankaj Dogra, Kuldeep Raj Verma, Ch Dwarka, Rajinder Singh Jamwal, Ritu Choudhary, Rashpal Bhardwaj, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Seva Dal Chief Vijay Sharma, Gurdarshan Singh (Vice Chairman Minority) Chairman SC Deptt Karan Bhagat, Chairman OBC Deptt Suresh Dogra, Pranav Shagotra, H S Mehta, Rajvir Singh, Shashi Sharma, Sanjeev Panda, Kapil Singh, Deepika Rajwat, Sahil Sharma, Narinder Gupta, Kewal Krishan Jogi, Satish Sharma, Vijay Malhotra, Ashok Bhagat, Rajiv Saraf, Sonu Dogra, Rano Devi, Balbir Balli, Vijay Shastri and Prem Singh.

Exit Poll



Tax Bar Association organises AYUSH Medical Camp; distributes immunity boosters



Members of Tax Bar Association Jammu distributing immunity booster kits during a camp.

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JAMMU: Tax Bar Association, Jammu on Wednesday inaugurated AYUSH Medical Camp in the Bar Office at Excise & Taxation Complex, Railhead Jammu.

The medical camp was organized by Tax Bar Association Jammu President Advocate Rakesh Kapahi accompanied by Senior Vice President Advocate Vikram Dubey, Vice President Advocate Remu Verma, General Secretary Advocate Dheeraj Bhasin and Joint Secretary -cum- Cashier Advocate Ishant Gupta and all the esteemed members of the Tax Bar Association, Jammu.

During the camp, over 150 kits were distributed among members and the officials of the Sales Tax & Excise Department. These kits consisted of Ayurvedic & Herbal Medicines and Immunity which includes Ashwagandha syrup, Chyawanprash, Ayush-64 Tablets, Sharbat-E-UNNAB, Herbal Cough

Syrup, Multani Amratarista syrup etc.

All these medicines were provided by the Directorate of Ayush Department J&K free of cost and also detailed briefing about the uses of these medicines, procedure prescribed how to take these medicines and consultation was also provided by the team of Doctors consisting of Dr. Vaishali Anand, Dr. Shivani Padha, Pooja Goswami and other assisting professionals.

Speaking on the occasion, Advocate Rakesh Kapahi highlighted the benefits of Ayurveda in building immunity in today's era especially when the world is passing through the pandemic. He recommended everyone to adopt herbal medicines and enhance their body immunity as a part of a proactive measure to fight CoronaVirus. He added that Immunity boosters will boost the body to fight against the infection spread by Covid-19 and urged the people to take benefits of Ayush medicines in today's life

as herbal medicines are the most beneficial supplement for people.

Rakesh Kapahi complemented the doctors and Ayush Department for holding medical camps and promoting AYUSH. He said that there is dire need to organize such camps so that the people can avail the benefits of these camps.

Advocate Remu Verma while speaking said that these medicines are totally herbal and ayurvedic as such it is very helpful for us to fight against virus and other infections too and most importantly these medicines do not have any side effect.

Advocate Ishant Gupta while speaking said that we have to adopt herbal medicines that enhance body immunity as part of proactive measures to fight pandemic and thanked Ayush Department, The Members of the Bar, and especially Media Persons for covering the camp and helping in creating awareness.

Court directs ACB to register FIR against revenue officials for tempering records

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JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge, Ritesh Kumar Dubey on Wednesday directed Police Station ACB to register FIR against the then Tehsildar Jammu, Naib Tehsildar Muthi and Patwari Barnai under section 156 (3) of CrPC for abusing official powers to provide undue benefit to accused persons by tempering revenue records and initiate investigation as per procedure.

As per the details of case, one Pardeep Singh, son of Late Hans Raj, resident of village Lower Barnai Tehsil Jammu North alleged that among accused persons namely Chanchal Singh, son of Late Om Parkash, resident of village Lower Barnai, Dewan Chand, son of Om Parkash, resident of Shakti Nagar and her wife Suman, Ranjit Singh, Yash Paul, Sham Singh and Angrez Singh all sons of Chanchal Singh, resident of village Lower Barnai, accused No. 2 and 3 sold 7 Kanals, 14 Marlas and 8 Kanals of orchard land

respectively, in Khasra No 341 at Barnai, through two sale deeds without permission of the then Revenue Minister despite a prohibition on the same under J&K Prohibition on Conversion of Land and Alienation of Orchards Act 1975.

Adv Vijay Singh Bali, appearing for applicant pleaded that a bare perusal of Fard Intekhab Jamabandi shows that word 'Bagicha' (Orchard) has been erased with a criminal intention to get sale deeds registered. The accused, in conspiracy with Tehsildar Jammu, Naib Tehsildar Muthi and Patwari Barnai tempered the Fard Intekhab Jamabandi, by erasing word 'Bagicha'. Moreover, revenue officers also tempered Fards by inserting that land was in form of Banjar Qadeem, when Fards were renewed in May 1998, but in reality land was actually covered by fruit trees and was correctly recorded as Bagicha Nehri. Mutations were entered on basis of four sale deeds

which were challenged by the complainant before Divisional Commissioner Jammu who stayed the operation of mutation vide order dated March 21, 2019, with a further order not to change nature of land. But accused, destroyed fruit bearing trees except a Mango tree, and revenue officers issued Fard wrongly, in violation of the provisions of alienation of land Act, Orchard Act, and J&K Agrarian Reforms Act.

On this, when complainant submitted a complaint to Director ACB, he directed ADC (DVO) Jammu to furnish enquiry report in matter but no FIR was registered against guilty persons. DVO (ADC) Jammu submitted its report dated March 3, 2021 before the court stating that land fell in the category of Orchard in Terms of section 2 (2) of J&K Prohibition on Conversion of land and Alienation of Orchards Act 1975 and Alienation of Orchard Act 1975, and transfer by way of sale was not permissible, and word

Bagh had been attempted to be obliterated, just by showing only Nehri in Fard Intekhab and even then FIR was not been registered.

After hearing both the sides, the court observed that after perusal of application, status report submitted by SSP ACB Jammu and copy of a report dated 03-03-2021 submitted by Additional DC (DVO) Jammu, the Court is of the opinion that sale for the aforementioned land was not permissible at that time and concerned Patwari, Naib Tehsildar and Tehsildar Jammu, facilitated the sale of land meant for orchard, between two families, to obviate due procedure of law. "Report by revenue officer Additional DC ex-officio DVO Jammu, prime facie discloses abuse and misuse of power by the concerned revenue officers, and so, a cognizable offence under section 156 (3) of CrPC. Accordingly, SHO Police Station ACB (Jammu) is directed to lodge FIR in the case and conduct the investigation under law," the Court directed.

CISF personnel save man attempting to commit suicide at Delhi airport

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NEW DELHI: A passenger who allegedly tried to end his life by jumping off an elevated bridge at the Delhi airport was stopped from taking the extreme step by CISF personnel, a senior officer said on Wednesday.

The incident was reported at around 8:20 am on Monday.

Constables Anurodh Kumar Manjhi and Agneera Thirupathi Nayak of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Quick Reaction Team noticed that the man was attempting to jump off the bridge in the departure area of terminal-3 at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport,

the officer said.

The personnel acted swiftly and prevented the passenger from jumping, he added.

The man, who was supposed to board a Vistara flight to Kochi, was apprehended. Subsequently, his family members took him with them from the airport, the officer said.

MD J&K Bank inaugurates e-ticketing facility for JKCCC



J&K Bank MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash inaugurating e-ticketing facility.

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Srinagar: J&K Bank MD & CEO, Baldev Prakash on Wednesday inaugurated the e-ticketing facility jointly with Managing Director JK Cable Car Corporation (JKCCC), Mohammad Akbar Wani at the Gondola site in Gulmarg - the most popular destination for tourists and skiing lovers of the world. Both the MDs booked their first tickets online from the J&K Bank-facilitated portal of JKCCC at the inaugural function that was attended by Bank's Executive President Sumit Gupta, President Ashutosh Sareen, Zonal Head North Arshid Hussain, Manager Gulmarg Gondola Project Suhail Rashid, IT Incharge JK Cable Car Corporation Syed Jameel Kaiser besides officials from PayU. Speaking on the occasion, MD & CEO said, "From digitalization of services we are moving fast towards a future which will be completely digital and we believe, quality of services and solutions would be the key determinants of success in the world of banking and finance that we all see getting shaped up today. And that is where our major strategic focus will be in times to come."

"In such a context, the e-ticketing platform for JK Cable Car Corporation, I believe, will go a

long way in providing convenience to the visitors across the globe who can now book tickets for the ride in advance. And we will keep improving this platform as this is just a beginning of a new chapter of our growing collaboration with the stakeholders of the J&K's tourist economy", he added.

Complimenting J&K Bank for providing such a payment platform at such a short notice, MD JKCCC Mohammad Akbar said, "We were in search of a good payment solutions and we received some proposals from many private banks but those didn't meet our requirements sufficiently. Then we approached J&K bank and the support we got from the Bank has really won our hearts." He further added, "In terms of providing easy and hassle-free service to people, it's a mile stone achieved both for the Bank and the JK Cable Car Corporation. Let's further strengthen this relationship in coming times".

Notably, on visiting the portal one can book the ticket from anywhere on the globe using debit/credit card or e-banking generating a QR code that can be kept in one's phone. Once at Gondola site, one only needs to get the QR Code scanned and enjoy the hassle-free and refreshing cable ride.

Over Rs 150 Cr to be spent next year on Higher Education infrastructure: Kansal

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JAMMU: Over Rs. 150 crores have been planned to be spent on various infrastructural activities in higher education in the coming year. These activities include not just upgradation of physical infrastructure but other activities also such as faculty development, research centres and innovation hubs. This was revealed at a meeting at Civil Secretariat chaired on Wednesday by Principal Secretary Higher Education, Rohit Kansal to review the status of various components under Rashtriya Uchchaitar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) Scheme.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chancellor Jammu University, Prof Manoj Kumar Dhar, Mission Director RUSA, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar, Managing Director J&K Projects and Construction Corporation, Rajesh Kumar Shavan, Director Planning HED, GM



Principal Secretary Higher Education, Rohit Kansal chairing a meeting.

Ganai, and other concerned officials.

A detailed discussion was held regarding the different projects undertaken under RUSA Scheme which include various projects in Jammu University, Govt College of engineering & Technology (GCET) Safapora and GCET Janglot Kathua.

While reviewing the physical and financial status of projects of Jammu University under RUSA Scheme, the Principal Secretary asked the varsity to furnish all the details of work done as well as

fresh proposals under Rs 100 Crore grants, besides directing them to submit the latest physical and financial activities to MD RUSA for further submitting it to Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Regarding the status of works at GCET Safapora, he directed MD JKPC to submit a proposal of pending works or additional works for timely completion of the vital project in Higher Education map of J&K. Similarly, with regard to GCET Janglot, Kansal asked the concerned

to pace up all the pending works at earliest for subsequent hand over of the project by April ending this year.

Further, he impressed upon the concerned to be proactive in completion of projects and to further expedite submission of the utilization certificates. He also directed MD RUSA to review all works under the domain of the scheme and remove all bottlenecks for early completion of the projects within given timelines. The meeting also reviewed the physical and financial status of pending works under RUSA I and other civil works under different components of the scheme.

During the meeting, Kansal sanctioned Rs 10 Crore for Research Tower at Jammu University, of which Rs 5 crore would be granted under CAPEX Budget during next financial year. He also reaffirmed Government's commitment in research infra-

structure support for higher education institutions in Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier during the meeting, MD RUSA Dr Sehrish informed the chair that during RUSA phase-I out of approved outlay of Rs 269 Crore, Rs 260 Crore were released and of which Rs 95 Crore has been expended with UCs submitted for Rs 229 crore. Similarly, under RUSA phase-II, she informed that of Rs 284 Crore outlay, Rs 129 crore has been released and of which Rs 101 crore has been spent already with UCs submitted for Rs 57 crore works.

While discussing the RUSA phase-III, the Principal Secretary asked MD RUSA to prepare a draft list of projects so that that proposals could be subsequently prepared according to the need of the higher education institutions and colleges and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

Dharmarth Trust celebrates 91st birthday of Dr Karan Singh

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JAMMU: J&K Dharmarth Trust on Wednesday celebrated 91st birthday of Dr Karan Singh, former Member Parliament and Chairman Trustee of the Dharmarth Trust with great enthusiasm.

In this connection, a function was organised by the Trust in which highly Sanskrit learned priests of the Trust performed Hawan and arranged special prayers for the long and healthy life of Dr. Karan Singh in the premises of Shree Raghunathji Temple.

On the occasion, Advocate Ajay Gandotra, President of the Trust; Dr Gopal Parthasarathi Sharma, Secretary; Dr Shiv Prasad Raina, Chairman of J&K



Dharmarth Trust members performing Hawan.

Dharmarth Trust Advisory Committee, participated in the Pooja and offered Aahutis in the Hawan. Later, Prasad was distributed among the participants.

Earlier, President Ajay Gandotra along with Dr Shiv Prasad Raina and Dr Gopal Parthasarathi Sharma paid

Dr Shiv Prasad Raina said that it is really a blessing for the people of J&K that a philanthropic personality like Dr Karan Singh is leading over 100 years old Dharmarth Trust with ultimate dynamism and vibrancy.

Advocate Ajay Gandotra also prayed for the longevity of scion of the Royal Family of erstwhile Kingdom of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that under the realms of Dr Karan Singh, Dharmarth Trust has been flourishing as never before. He asserted that his vast experience as a seasoned politician, elite scholar and dexterous ambassador is an asset for the people of J&K and even the country and being the Chairman Trustee of

the Dharmarth Trust, his valuable suggestions always inspire the institution to act meaningfully in serving the interests of the people socially, financially and of course spiritually.

The Trust's President also appealed to the staff and Pujaris of Shree Raghunathji Temple to upkeep the temple in exemplary manner so that good message goes to the people of the country through pilgrims visiting the Raghunathji Temple.

Meanwhile, Ranvijay Singh, Trustee J&K Dharmarth Trust complemented Advocate Ajay Gandotra and Dr Gopal Parthasarathi Sharma for getting extension of another term by sharing sweets with them.