

# Prpl Secy Horti visits Chamber House, discusses issues related to traders community

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JAMMU: The Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu urged Navin Kumar Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture Production and Farmer's Welfare, to extend the lease deeds of shopkeepers at Fruit Market Narwal here at Chamber House on Tuesday.

President CCI Arun Gupta along held extensive discussion with Navin on various issues confronting trader community of Jammu region.

On the occasion, the welcome address was presented by Gaurav Gupta, General Secretary CCI Jammu.

The Chamber President apprised the Principal Secretary that nearly 40 years ago in the year 1980-81, the Sabzimandi Parade and Fruit Market at Jewel were shifted to Narwal. "The traders were allotted land there on lease hold rights to carry on their business. The land was developed with the help of concerned traders by JDA and later by the Horticulture Planning and Marketing Department. The traders constructed their shops/offices on the allotted land for which they had taken loans and obtained bank limits



Principal Secretary, AP&FW Deptt, Navin Choudhary during a meeting with CCI members.

to carry on their business against lease hold properties. Now the lease period of most of shops has expired in the year 2021 and the lease period of remaining shops is expiring by the end of March 2022.

The banks are refusing to extend their bank limits etc and the insurance companies are not providing insurance facilities to these traders in absence of extension in the lease periods", Gupta said.

Arun Gupta maintained that upto year 2015 the department had provided the facility of transferring the leasehold rights but after 2015 the process was stopped due to reasons best known to concerned helmsmen. He said that due to financial crises, division of families, old age, illness or loss in the business, the original allot-

tees have executed "Power of Attorney" to carry on their businesses. "At present almost 50 per cent shop sites are occupied by the attorney holders. The banks/financial institutions are not providing financial help to these traders due to non-transfer of shops etc, in their favour", he said and appealed to the Principal Secretary to give due attention to this genuine issue.

Besides, he also appealed to Navneen K Choudhary to stop the export of raw paddy which is going outside from Jammu and Kashmir to ensure sustenance of the existing rice units.

Arun Gupta said that J&K UT has been declared as procurement zone for the past few years.

"Last year J&K has procured 2.40 lakh quintals of wheat but here the consumption is 7 to 8 lakh quintals per

month. This clearly means that UT of J&K is a consumption state and not the procurement state. FCI has stopped the sale of wheat in the procurement states therefore it is requested to convert UT of J&K into non-procurement zone so that FCI floats fresh tenders for the sale of wheat", he said and urged Navneen K Choudhary to take immediate steps with regard to aforesaid issues to bail out people of the UT from the grave crisis.

Those who were present in the function Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President CCI, Rajesh Gupta, Secretary CCI Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer CCI Rajesh Gupta, Working President VHP, Sham Langer, Om Shah, Suresh Gupta, Ravinder Sawhney, Deepak Gupta, President Trader Federation Warehouse, Surinder Singh Kala, Mohan Lal, Jagdish Langer, Rakesh Gupta, Sh. Anil Gupta, Narinder Gupta and others.

## Court rejects plea of former Chairman JK Bank seeking release of passport

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Srinagar: Special Judge Anti-Corruption Srinagar C L Bavaria has rejected plea of Parvez Ahmad Nengroo, former Chairman Jammu & Kashmir Bank releasing release of passport which was surrendered by him before ACB as condition of bail. The release of passport was sought on grounds projected in the application that above titled case is pending disposal before the court. The applicant's passport was retained by the court while admitting him to bail. The applicant has strictly adhered to terms and conditions of the bail order in letter & spirit and shall continue to do so. The children of applicant are at crucial stages of their educational career and passport of parents is an important document for children to demonstrate before concerned authorities during pursuing any educational or professional career and in absence of passport, they are facing a lot of hardships, discomfort and displeasure and its continuous retention is going to detrimentally effect education career of his children. The applicant undertakes to produce passport if released, as and when directed and required in matter during trial and also undertakes not to leave country without prior permission of this court. Special Judge Anticorruption Srinagar C L Bavaria after hearing both the sides observed that applicant is one of the main accused in FIR No. 10/2019 for offence under sections 5(2) of P. C. Act, case pending disposal before this court, fixed on April 9, 2022 for arguments on charge/discharge of the accused. Court further observed that applicant has sought release of the passport on sole ground that the children of the applicant are at the crucial stage of their education career and they require the passport details of his father during pursuing their educational or professional career. The ground pleaded is evasive and not specific. Such a ground is not convincing in absence of any specific pleading to disclose as to when and where the passport of the applicant is required by the children of the applicant. Merely saying so, the release of the passport in favor of the applicant/accused is not proper, particularly when the retained passport is of the accused and not of his children. Nothing has been on record to suggest which children of the applicant are studying and by whom the passport of the applicant is demanded by which authority or office. In said circumstances, there find force in the argument of the Special PP wherein he submitted that grounds projected by the applicant in his application does not hold good for releasing of the passport. The judgments relied upon the learned counsel for the applicant are not applicable to the present case as the facts of the case law aforementioned are different to the ground taken by the applicant, hence are of no help to the case projected by the applicant. In view of above, Court found no merit in the application and dismissed it.

Various dignitaries who delivered lectures during the event included Sudarshan Kumar, Director J&K Skill Development; Naresh Sharma, Vice-Principal ITI Jammu and Dr Sachin Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration, Mohanlal Sukhadia University.

## Youth & FDP culminates at Central Sanskrit University



Participants posing with dignitaries during closing ceremony of FDP.

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JAMMU: The 3-day Youth and Faculty Development Programme (FDP) going on from March 14, 2022 under aegis of Department of Modern Subjects of Central Sanskrit University Shri Ranvir campus concluded here on Wednesday. Yogendra Dixit, Coordinator said that theme of program was 'Skill Development, Startup Environment and Entrepreneurship among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir'.

Padma Shri Prof R K Sinha, Vice Chancellor of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra was the Chief Guest on the occasion while Deputy Director, Youth Services & Sports

Department, was the Saraswat guest. Zorawar Singh Jamwal, General Secretary, Press Club Jammu was Special Guest and Dr Udhandas Sharma, SDM Jammu North attended the event as Guest of Honour. The program was presided over by Prof Madan Mohan Jha, Director of the campus. In Faculty Development Programme, youth coming from different regions of Jammu and Kashmir were given training on topics related to skill development.

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Sharma, Vice-Principal ITI Jammu and Dr Sachin Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration, Mohanlal Sukhadia University.

## Darakshan first woman to head J&K Wakf Board

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JAMMU: Dr Darakshan Andrabi was on Wednesday unanimously elected as the first woman chairperson of the Wakf Board in a maiden meeting held by the newly appointed members here at Haj House.

On the occasion Dr Andrabi said that the responsibility she has been given is pivotal. She maintained that it is not only construction and maintenance of religious places that would be her focus but creation of assets like schools, universities and hospitals as that of Narayana Hospital and SMVDU are also worth emulating.

Terming her work as worship she maintained that the utilities created by the Board would be beneficial to all irrespective of colour, creed or religion. She declared that the protection of Wakf property and its best use is their priority.

She said that the actions of new body are going to be louder than the words. She stated

that people are going to feel the difference in the working of the board after its working for some time.

Andrabi thanked Members of the Board for reposing their trust in her and electing her as the Chairperson of the Board.

It was given out that Wakf has been entrusted with looking after of some 32000 properties including shrines and mosques. It was further said that out of these 25000 have been geo-tagged in the last year by the active efforts of concerned Deputy Commissioners and other basic revenue workers. It was also stated that the rest of the properties would be demarcated and geo-tagged soon by the support of the district administrations.

Pertinent to mention here that it was the first meeting of newly nominated J&K Waqf body recently appointed by Ministry of Minority Affairs, GoI. Its term is going to last for five years.

## G.P Fund office concludes 'Grievance Redressal-Cum-Awareness Week'

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JAMMU: Grievance redressal-cum-awareness week organised by G.P. Fund Moving Civil Secretariat to redress the Grievances of the G.P. Fund subscribers/Ex-subscribers and SLI insurers and to sensitize the subscribers about the various e-services provided by the J&K Funds organization, concluded here the other day.

Director General J&K Funds organization, Pervaiz Sajid issued directions for redressing the grievances of the Subscribers during the week and Publicizing the event through print and electronic media.

During the Grievance redressal-cum-awareness week, the Subscribers/Ex-sub-

scribers of Civil Secretariat, J&K and other Moving offices registered their Grievances by personally visiting the office of Accounts officer, G.P. Fund Civil secretariat, J&K. The subscribers/SLI Insurants also registered their Grievances on the official e-mail Id provided for the Purpose. A dedicated cell of the officials of G.P. Fund Civil Secretariat, J&K also attended to the phone calls on a daily basis for registration of Grievances of the subscribers through dedicated Mobile Numbers provided for the purpose.

All the Grievances received during the week were disposed of on the same day/next day.

Further, the Grievances regarding the transfer of G.P.

Fund Balance prior to 03/2021 of the in-operative subscribers of G.P. Fund Moving Civil Secretariat J&K, the subscribers were informed that more than 700 T.E.s conditionally in shape of Ledger cards have been prepared and are being forwarded to the concerned Fund offices where the subscribers are currently active.

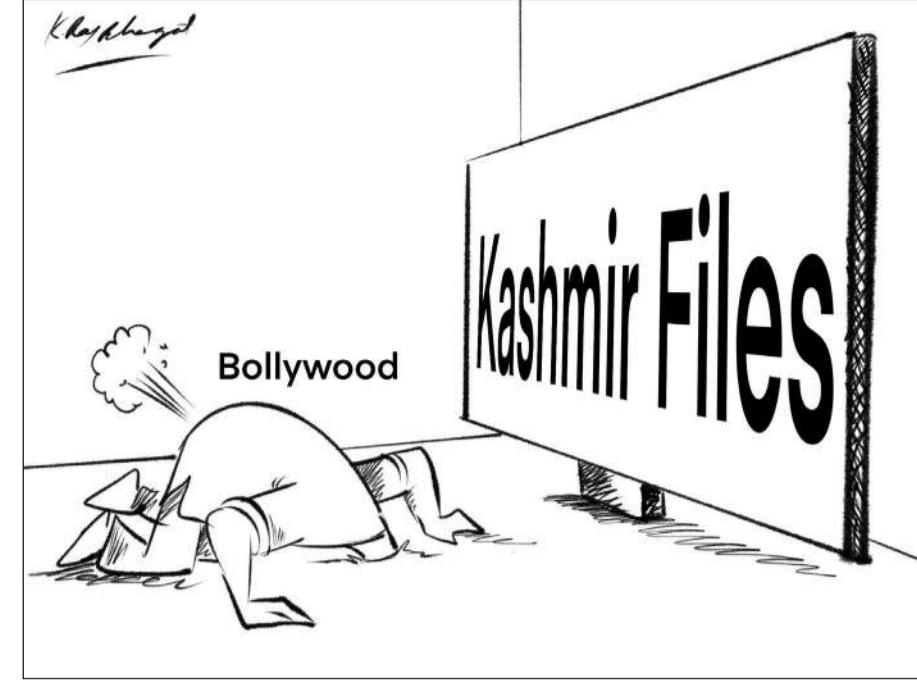
pecial Focus was laid on the deposit linked Insurance Scheme for legal heirs/ registered nominees of the deceased Subscribers. The Subscribers of G.P. Fund Moving Civil Secretariat J&K actively participated and appreciated the unique initiative taken by the J&K funds Organization for redressing the Grievances of the Subscribers/Insurants.

During the Grievance redressal-cum-awareness week, the Subscribers/Ex-sub-

siders and necessary action shall be taken as per the extant norms including extension of lease deeds, transfer of rights and building permissions for shops in the Mandis.

The Principal Secretary also asked CCI members to avail benefits of different schemes launched by the government in agriculture and other sectors for better business performance. Vishesh Mahajan, Director Horticulture Planning & Marketing also accompanied the Principal Secretary.

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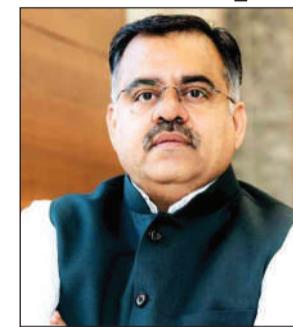


## Resumption of flights from Srinagar to Sharjah a welcome step: Tarun Chugh

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Srinagar/ Jammu: BJP National General Secretary and in charge of Jammu and Kashmir, Tarun Chugh has welcomed resumption of flights from Srinagar-Sharjah from today.

In a statement, issued to Jammu Kashmir Press, Chugh said that it is



indeed a welcome step as it will further boost the economy of Jammu and Kashmir.

Notably, KCC&I president, Sheikh Ashiq had said that direct flights from Srinagar to Sharjah will resume from today.

He had said that from today onwards flights will then operate twice a week.

## Advisor Bhatnagar launches COVID vaccination drive for 12-14-yr age-group

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JAMMU: On the occasion of National Vaccination day on Wednesday, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar formally launched the COVID-19 vaccination drive Phase VI (CorBexav) for 12-14 years age group at Gandhi Nagar Hospital here.

Speaking after the launch of drive, Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted that as the world was gripped by a deadly pandemic this year, vaccination day holds an important significance this year. He added that Covid-19 has made everyone understand the importance of vaccines and their benefits in our lives.

While highlighting about the significance this day, Advisor Bhatnagar said that this day is primarily celebrated with an aim to create awareness regarding effectiveness of vaccinations to prevent deadly diseases. He added that to dispel the myths regarding covid vaccine, this year's theme vaccination day "vaccine works for all" has been framed.

After the launch of vaccination drive, the Advisor also held an interactive session with the beneficiaries and staff.

On the first day of this vaccination



Advisor, R.R Bhatnagar launching COVID-19 vaccination drive Phase-VI at Jammu.

in all critical care wards are properly used to monitor patient care and services.

The Advisor also directed the Medical Superintendent to ensure that regular feedback is obtained from admitted patients regarding patient care to public there.

During the visit, the Advisor inspected the dialysis unit, Emergency room, palliative ward and other facilities of the hospital. He also there he interacted with the patients and enquired from them about services given at the hospital.

While assessing patient care services in the hospital, Advisor Bhatnagar directed the officials to utilise the all the advanced equipments of the hospital for the better management of patients. He also asked them to ensure that the installed CCTV cameras

## 'The Kashmir Files': A remarkable film that brings out gory truth about Hindu genocide in Valley

### ■ MALU SHARMA

*The Kashmir Files*, released on Friday, tells the fictional story of a university student who discovers his Kashmiri Hindu parents were killed by Islamist terrorists and not in an accident as his grandfather told him. It received middling reviews from mainstream critics - more than one called it "exploitative" - but the film soon set off a heated debate on social media. Supporters said it shines light on a neglected, bloody part of Kashmir's history but critics say it's careless with facts and Islamophobic.



Suchitra Bhan, a Kashmiri Pandit said, "You might have seen numerous videos of Kashmiri Pandits breaking down in the theatres after watching #TheKashmirFiles.

The emotion is real. It shows how long we kept our pain and tragedy repressed

as a community. We didn't have any shoulder to cry on and no ear to hear our pleas.

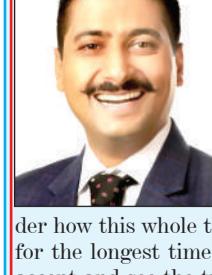
It's a "brave attempt" to show the truth of Kashmiri Pandits. I believe Anupam Kher and director Vivek Agnihotri have done brave work in this movie."



Ragini Sharma, a student shared, "Vivek has done commendable job in this movie and has shown the truth. The film is based on the testimonies of the people scarred for generations by the insurgency in the State, and presents the tragic exodus as a full-scale genocide, that was deliberately kept away from the rest of India by the media, the 'intellectual' lobby and the government of the day because of their vested interests. Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri has managed to do what others couldn't do in past 32 years. His loud and clear vision got him praises."



Arun Kandoo, an advocate shared, "Kashmir Files tells the true story of brutal sufferings endured by Kashmiri Pandits in 1990, during the Kashmiri insurgency. It is a true story, based on video interviews of the first generation victims of The Kashmiri Genocide of Kashmiri Pandit Community. It's a heart-wrenching narrative of the pain, suffering, struggle and trauma of Kashmiri Pandits and questions eye-opening facts about democracy, religion and humanity."



Gourav Gupta, business entrepreneur shared, "Hats off to Director Vivek Agnihotri for this courage. From the very first scene one feels like being a part of the story. It appears as if you are witnessing it in real life, as if you are a character experiencing everything happening in front of you. The film brings you face to face with uncomfortable incidents and compels you to find out more about the dreadful period and events leading to what eventually happened in Kashmir in 1990. The more you find out about it, the more it upsets you. A thousand thoughts, tens of hundreds of emotions get triggered. It makes you wonder how this whole thing has been presented to the public in a very different narrative for the longest time. Why, even after 30 years, are we yet to conclusively and firmly accept and see the truth for what it is?"



Saket Singh Rathore, shared, "My salute to the filmmaker not just for his choice of the subject, but equally also for having the courage to go against the flow and presenting a version of events that compel you to look deeper into the subject and history. The story of Kashmir needs to be told, it needs to be confronted, we need to come to terms with; not to relive the horror, not to instill insecurity or hatred, but to make sure that such an episode is never repeated again. One must watch the movie only if you are ready to face the harsh truths and ask yourself the uncomfortable questions."