

CEO Century Financial Dubai meets CCI team; discusses possibilities, business prospects

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JAMMU: Son of the soil, Bal Krishan Rathore, CEO of Century Financial, a Dubai based financial consultancy firm visited Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) Jammu head office and discussed various possibilities and business prospects with CCI President Arun Gupta and other office bearers.

It is pertinent to mention that Bal Krishan is the man instrumental in bringing the 34-member business delegation to J&K aiming at showcasing the investment opportunities in J&K with a focus on entrepreneurship, and the tourism and hospitality sectors.

Bal Krishan, born in the Doda region of J&K, had moved to the UAE in 1993 for a job and started working as a helper in a hotel in Dubai's Deira neighbourhood.

On his visit to Chamber House Jammu, he was briefed by the President CCI Arun Gupta about the activities undertaken by the apex body of traders and industrialists in

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JAMMU: Expressing resentment against BHP Government for not fulfilling various long pending demands of the Kashmiri Pandit community, President, Jagti Tenement Committee (JTC)/ Soan Kashmir Front (SKF) J&K, Shadi Lal Pandita has sought necessary measures for resolving all issues of KP community at the earliest. While speaking during a joint meeting of JTC/SKF, Pandita said that BJP has only been politicising Kashmiri Pandits from last 32 years besides spreading a propaganda in name of KP martyrs just for vote-bank politics.

"Prime Minister and Home Minister have said that they were unaware that Kashmiri Pandits were persecuted in 1990 despite fact that the then collation Government at Centre was led by Janta Dal United Front and BJP. The Government should handed over the matter to investigating agencies for bringing truth to the fore," said Pandita, urging administration to fulfill all demands of KP community at the earliest. Major demands highlighted on the occasion included enhancing cash relief, announcing 20,000 government jobs for KP youth, ex-gratia for property loss and damages, interest-free loans for over-aged youth and others.

After huge success in Jammu, 'Kadaknath' enters Valley

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: In Kashmir valley, various job-oriented courses and avenues are being created by local youth for tackling unemployment effectively. Recently two engineering students started poultry farm for Indonesian black-breed chicken called Ayam Cemani or Kadaknath in Srinagar. One of the students, Numair Rasheed, said, "We are all friends and wanted to start a joint venture together. We are dealing with Indonesian breed of chicken and we call our farm The Royal Feathers. One of the reasons for starting this business was to provide employment opportunities to many local youth of area."

According to Numair, "We ordered chickens from Ambala. Poultry farm is one of the best ways to curb unemployment and meeting rais-

Asia Education Award-2022

KIIT India's Best University for Placement & Campus

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BHUBANESWAR: In yet another significant achievement, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Deemed to be University was conferred Asia Education Award for 2022 by Asia Today Research & Media in Bengaluru on March 25, 2022.

In the absence of Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS, Sasmita Rout received the award on behalf of KIIT from Thawar Chand Gehlot, Governor of Karnataka.

KIIT earned the award in the category of "Best University with Excellent Placement & Campus in India".

KIIT has carved a niche for itself in the country for its outstanding contribution to the field of education. Since



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its inception, KIIT has been emphasizing value-based education in ensuring congenial learning ambience and excellent placement to students. By virtue of these aspects, KIIT bagged this coveted award for its aesthetically appealing campus and best possible placement.

Every year, Asia Today Research & Media presents the award to institutions contributing immensely to the field of multifarious research and analysis services.

Dr. Achyuta Samanta thanked Asia Today for selecting KIIT for the award.

It became possible on part of KIIT to get such an award due to the earnest effort and goodwill of the guardians, faculties and staff, he said.

Among others, Basavaraj Horatti, Chairman of Karnataka Legislative Council, and Dr. Mrugesh Rudrappa Nirani, Minister of Large and Medium Industries, Govt. of Karnataka were present.

tion was extraordinary and surely things will take a pleasant turn in the coming times with opportunities knocking the doors of business class in UT of J&K.

While sharing his experience about the UAE delegation's visit to J&K, Bal Krishan had all praises for J&K LG Manoj Sinha and Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Ranjan Parkash Thakur to open the doors for investors.

He added this is only possible due to the positive initiative of J&K Govt. Before departing, the visiting CEO invited the CCI members to Dubai for attaining experience and exploring the business opportunities.

It is pertinent to mention that in January, at a special event in Dubai, Bal Krishan signed a memorandum of understanding with the UT administration announcing a \$100 million investment in J&K.

The MoU was signed on the heels of three other landmark agreements between the UT government and UAE-based companies.

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SRINAGAR: The 3 member team of World Bank led by Abhas Jha, Practice Manager, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, South Asia Region with Deepak Singh, Lead Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank and Hemang Karelia, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist of World Bank as members on Saturday had a meeting with Chief Secretary J&K, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta regarding the World Bank funded projects being implemented in the Jammu and Kashmir.

The World Bank team lauded the efforts of J&K government in streamlining implementation of the World Bank funded Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) during the past two years.

Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Chief Executive Officer, J&K ERA was present in the meeting.

Chief Secretary had a detailed discussion with the visiting team about the progress of the World Bank funded JTFRP in the UT. He emphasized the need for exploring more possibilities for capacity building of engineers in the sphere of seismic proof construction. He expressed hope that World Bank would continue to sup-



3-member team of World Bank visiting Oxygen Plant at SDH Charar-e-Sharief.

port J&K in the areas of climate change, sustainable development, environmental sustainability and other significant sectors.

Later, the World Bank team visited 500 LPM Manifold Oxygen Plant at SDH Charar-e-Sharief at Budgam, one of the Manifold Oxygen Plants constructed by J&KERA under the World Bank funded JTFRP.

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