

# 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



CCI members presenting portrait of Mata vaishno Devi to Bal Krishan Rathore, CEO of Century Financial.

Jammu, which not only takes care of business interests of the people but also leads the society in various social and economic issues which had a significant impact on the people.

Being greatly influenced by the specific information on the activities taken by the CCI Jammu, he appreciated the helmsmen of Chamber and divulged the aim of his visit to J&K

which largely was in connection with inviting investors to the UT to boost and synergise the local economy as government has taken out of the box measures to bring investments to the tune of thousands of crores for changing the contours of development in J&K.

He said that the response given by the government to the visiting delega-

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.

## JTC seeks detailed probe in persecution, exodus of KPs from Valley

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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 brining 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.

## 3-member World Bank team meets CS

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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. It was informed that the Oxygen Plant at Charar-e-Sharief will directly benefit the population of around 1 lakh souls in various areas of remote Charier-e-Sharief tehsil in Budgam district.

During the visit of the World Bank team, a delegation of local community based organization called on them and thanked the World Bank for funding the construction of a much needed

needed facility of storm water drainage.

The team also visited pumping station at Lalnandi being constructed as part of Rs 103 crore up gradation of the 49 pumping stations in Srinagar.

The World Bank team also visited the JLN, Hospital at Rainawari and was shown various latest critical medical care equipments which have been provided under the JTFR project at a cost of Rs 270 crore to all the District Hospitals across J&K.

Medical Superintendent, JLN Hospital, said that the equipments provided under the World Bank funded project have brought a key change in providing best quality healthcare services to people in J&K.

She added that the latest hi-tech equipment's like Anaesthesia work station, Dithermy vessel sealing machines, high flow oxygen devices, Dialysis machines, Hydraulic OT beds etc have turned the hospital into the state of art health care facility.

AbhasJha expressed satisfaction and gratitude that the critical care medical equipments provided to different hospitals across the UT under World Bank funded projects have considerably upgraded the health infrastructure in the UT.

## J&K doctor joins International Cancer Specialist Dr Deepak Abrol selected as Asstt Editor of APJCC

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JAMMU: Dr Deepak Abrol, noted Cancer Specialist from Jammu and Kashmir entered Editorial Board of an international journal Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Care (APJCC).

It was communicated to Dr Abrol by Editor-in-Chief of the Journal Dr Abhishek Shankar Associate Professor Radiation Oncology at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna. APJCC encourages comprehensive

cancer care across Asian and Pacific region and Internationally.

Dr Abrol is from J&K Health Services presently on Deputation at GMC Kathua.

He is also Editorial Board Member of Indian Journal of Social Preventive and Rehabilitative Oncology, International Journal of Oncology Research and Surgery and Founder Editor of The Integrated Indian Journal of Cancer Sciences.

Having Keen interest in translational Research, Dr Abrol is presently working on concept of Predictive Oncology.

## Kejriwal mocking 'The Kashmir Files' unfortunate: Y V Sharma

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JAMMU: 'The Kashmir Files' continues to rake minds of common people and politicians alike. The only difference is that unbiased people of country are seeing the truth about upheavals in the Valley during 1989-90 for the first time on the silver screen. However, some politicians are trying to wriggle out of situation, of their own making, by lying through their teeth.

In a press statement issued here, Y V Sharma, Spokesman J&K BJP, took strong exception to politicians from Kashmir-based People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) group, led by Dr Farooq Abdullah, & also those with diehard leftist orientation across country who doesn't want to face the truth of ethnic cleansing of Kashmiri Hindus in 1989-90 in Kashmir.

Y V Sharma also took strong exception to theatrics of Arvind Kejriwal, the Chief Minister of Delhi, in the state legislature the other day. "It doesn't behoove of a serving Chief Minister to comment on human tragedy about which he knows nothing. Unfortunately, he doesn't even want to know about it. At end of speech, Kejriwal dubbed 'The Kashmir Files' as 'Jhoothi' (false) film," said Sharma, advising Kejriwal to appraise himself about tragic events of Kashmir in 1989-90. Y V Sharma forewarned the people of J&K to be careful about designs of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) which is trying to spread its wings into J&K too, after its victory in Punjab.



## Chhoona Hai Aasman season-6 concludes Ridima, Divya, Shubham emerge winners in different categories

## Artists are ambassadors of peace & love: DGP



Winners posing with DGP Dilbag Singh and other police officers.

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JAMMU: "Chhoona Hai Aasman season-6" a musical Talent Hunt Programme organized by Jammu and Kashmir Police under its Civic Action Programme concluded with a grand finale at Police auditorium Gulshan Ground here this evening.

Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Dilbag Singh was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Vishwajeet music Director, Prakesh Bharadwaj, Bollywood acting coach and Sonali Dogra a noted singer were the jury members.

Spl DGsP, R.R Swain, A. K. Choudhary, H. K. Lohia, ADGsP S. J. M. Gillani, Dr. S. D. Singh Jamwal, Mukesh Singh, M. K Sinha, Danesh Rana, IGP CID, M.N Tiwari, Dr Rubinder Kaur, Chairperson, Police Wives Welfare Association (PWWA), PWWA members, SSP Jammu, SSP PCR, AISG of PHQ, Commandants of Jammu based battalions and other senior officers, retired police officers besides huge gathering of music lovers attended the grand finale of the event.

Director General of Police while speaking on the occasion appreciated ADGP

Armed and his team for successful conduct of 6th edition of mega musical event Chhoona Hai Aasman. He congratulated the winner and runner up artists and wished them good luck for the future.

He praised the contestants for their exemplary skills and talent and said that J&K Police would provide all possible support and assistance to them as and when required.

He said that this event is a successful initiative of J&K Police for many years but we could not organize it during the last two years of the pandemic because of the obvious reasons.

Singh said that this is the power of music that not only contestants but a big number of music lovers from across the Jammu and Kashmir attended this event. He said that all artists performed exceptionally well like the trained singers and added that they all are winners. He then announced cash prizes for all the participants of the finale. He informed that another national level programme is being conducted on 28th of March in which the winners of this event will be sharing the stage with the renowned

Bollywood singer. He said that these performers are ambassadors of peace and love. He thanked all who attended the event and said that their presence and support encourages the participants.

The DGP also praised the performance of the police band and said that they are contributing at every important occasion of J&K Police.

On the occasion the Jammu and Kashmir Police Band performed the Jammu Kashmir police song.

In his address, ADGP Armed threw light on the aim of organizing the Talent Hunt. He said that the programme has been JKP's attempt to provide a platform to the youth of J&K to showcase their talent.

In 5-12 Category, Ridhima Bajpai emerged winner and Samridhi and Moin-U-Din Kaboo achieved 2nd and third position respectively. In 13-18 category, Divya Bharti emerged and Sahil Kumar and Raghujee Singh bagged 2nd and third position respectively. Similarly in 19 to 25 category, Shubham Banerjee emerged winner and Junaid Ahmad, Touqir Ali achieved 2nd and third positions respectively.

## Jugal chairs SLCC meeting of FCI J&K



Member of Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma chairing SLCC meeting of FCI J&K.

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JAMMU: State Level Consultative Committee (SLCC) meeting was held in Jammu under the chairmanship of Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha. While addressing a meeting MP emphasized that Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has worked hard to provide free ration to the people in Covid times by way of launching the premier scheme Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). He appreciated the role of FCI and FCS&CA for implementation of scheme by way of providing the timely ration to the needy people. He said that both the Departments are working hard collectively to serve the people and to improve upon this, meeting of the State Level Consultative Committee has been called for so that the distribution system can be monitored and suggestions for smooth functioning can be sought so that every beneficiary should get timely ration with good food quality.

MP further said that quality of food grains should be maintained so that every poor standing in the last of the queue should be provided best quality ration in proper time. He added that it is our responsibility to improve nutrition quality of every citizen of India and also Jammu and Kashmir.

MP minutely took the suggestions and the

points highlighted by the members presents in the meeting and directed General Manager FCI and both the Directors of FCS&CA from Jammu and Kashmir and the staff to work on them immediately so that the supply chain system can be improved upon and timely ration can be provided to the people. MP also put an emphasis on creation of smaller storage capacities in far flung areas so that no scarcity of ration should happen because of road blockages and other issues. MP further examined procurement operations being carried out in the state and impressed upon to improve the system so that no distress sale should happen in the UT of J&K. In last, General Manager FCI put vote of thanks to MP and the members of SLCC for sparing their valuable time and giving their valuable suggestions for improvement of the system. The meeting was attended by Asha Nand Khajuria (Member SLCC), Ramesh Kumar Sharma (Member SLCC), Manjeet Singh Razdan (Member SLCC), Sheikh Abdul Rashid (Member SLCC), Mudasir Ahmed Wani (Member SLCC), Mohd. Rafiq Wani (Member SLCC), H.S. Dhaliwal General Manager FCI, Naseem Choudhary Director(FCS&CA) Jammu, Abdul Salam Director(FCS&CA) Kashmir, Amit Kesar, Asstt. General Manager FCI, Praveen Kumar Gautam Divisional Manager FCI Jammu.

## 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-

ing demand for white meat. Another engineering student Mamoon Khan said, "These chickens contain about 27 per cent more protein than normal chickens, due to which it is costly and even good for cardiac patients. Many veterinarians visit poultry farm established by these two engineering students. Pertinent to mention here that Ayam Cemani is a black-bird. Moreover, unlike common chicken which eat any type of feed, these chicken eat only high-quality feed. Each egg (black) costs Rs 25 to Rs 50 in market, they said. In Indonesian, Ayam means Chicken and Cemani means a village or solid black in Sanskrit. According to common people, it is really encouraging that engineering students have decided to open Kadaknath chicken poultry farm.

## 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.