

# Banking services partially impacted as employees go on strike

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JAMMU: Banking services were partially impacted on Monday as a section of bank employees did not report for duty in support of the two-day nationwide general strike called by central trade unions.

All India Bank Employees Association have called for an all-India bank strike today and tomorrow, to protest against the government's plan to privatise public sector banks.

A massive demonstration of bank employees was held in front of Punjab National Bank, Circle Office, Rail Head Complex, Jammu, under the banners of All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA) and All India Bank Officers' Association (AIBOA) against anti-labour policies of Govt of India.

**Shiv Sena holds protest, seeks restoration of rail ticket concession for senior citizens**  
Submits memorandum to DTM for Railway Minister



Shiv Sena workers raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena Jammu and Kashmir unit today launched a scathing attack on the Union Railway Ministry for not restoring rail fare concession for senior citizens which was suspended during the pandemic period.

In this context, Shiv Sena activists led by its President Manish Sahni assembled in front of the office of DTM at Jammu Tawi Railway Station and staged strong protest against the Railway Ministry for not restoring rail fare concession for senior citizens.

Talking to reporters, Sahni said that under the guise of corona pandemic, the Modi government had stopped the concession in rail fare to the senior citizens of the country. "Even after the passage of three stages of pandemic,

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JAMMU: Pradeep Dutta, a journalist from Jammu & Kashmir, became the first and only turbaned scribe in the world to cover war from Ukraine-the most dangerous frontiers of the world.



Pradeep Dutta, one of India's best known broadcast journalists, with over 20 years of experience in covering counter insurgency and counter terror operations is in Ukraine for the last one and a half month covering various aspects of Russia-Ukraine war from ground zero. He is known for his aggressive and hard hitting reporting.

"At many a places because of my turban, people come and click selfies with me. Best thing is that because of my turban they immediately get to know that I am an Indian," recalled Pradeep on phone from Kyiv. Born in an apple town of Baramulla, Pradeep, started his career as reporter in The Indian Express and later he shifted to electronic media. Presently he is working as senior editor in Times Now TV Channel.

"Thankful to my editors for giving me this opportunity to report from frontlines," said Pradeep.

Pradeep Dutta, is one of the most animated and passionate journalists of India. Has several years of experience in covering issues related to traditional and non-traditional security. Whether it is direct reporting from encounter site in Pathankot or terror strike in any part of Jammu and Kashmir, or trekking nonstop 16 hours to reach the post at the LoC, which is at a height of 13,000 feet or spending a night at a forward post on the

frontline. He is the first and only turbaned scribe in the world to cover war from Ukraine-the most dangerous frontiers of the world.

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All legal disputes are subject to exclusive jurisdiction of Jammu Courts only.



Bank employees raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

Arun Gupta, General Secretary Jammu Province Bank Employees Federation asked government to redress the demands of Public Sector Banks on priority. They demanded stop privatization of Banks and Banking reforms, ensure recovery of bad loans, take stringent action of defaulters, do not harass customers with penal charges & increase in service charges, increase interest

rate on deposits, stop attacks on jobs and job security, adequate recruitments in all Banks and restore old pension scheme.

Instead of further strengthening public sector banking, the present policies are aimed to weaken PSBs, by starving them of the required capital, human resources, allowing private hands through disinvestment and proposed privatization moves, Gupta said.

"Weakening our public sector banks is unwarranted, unjustified and is a regressive step," he added.

Com. Ashwani Pradhan, General Secretary, AIBOA (J&K) and Comrade Tara Singh, President JPB EF, Yogesh Kumar, A.B Khajuria, Harminder Singh, Jatinder Kumar, V.K Dutta, V.K. Pandita, Ganesh Kumar, Kewal Kumar, Avinash Sharma, Sahil Gupta and R.K Bhat also spoke on the occasion.

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# National seminar in botany concludes at JU

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JAMMU: The two-day UGC-SAP (DRS-II) National Seminar on "Plants and Fungi-Polyphasic Characterization and Bioprospection" concluded at the Department of Botany, University of Jammu.

Prof. A.K. Koul, founder member of the erstwhile Department of Biosciences was the Chief Guest of the valedictory function.

During the valedictory function Prof. Veenu Kaul, Head of the Department welcomed Prof. A.K. Koul-Chief Guest, Prof. Seema Langer, Guest of Honor and Prof. T.N. Lakhampal, Special Invitee.

Prof. Yash Pal Sharma, Coordinator, UGC-SAP (DRS-II) apprised the participants about the various research accomplishments under different thrust areas of research achieved under the SAP funding over the last 4 years.

The report of the two-day national seminar was presented by Dr. Sikander Pal, organizing secretary.

Invited lectures were deliv-



Prof. A.K. Koul, Founder Member of erstwhile Department of Biosciences presenting certificate to a winner student.

ered by academicians and scientists of National and International repute including, Prof. Felix Bast, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Dr. Sidhi K. Jalmi, Goa University, Dr. Anzar Ahmad Khuroo, University of Kashmir, Dr. Gitanjali Yadav, Senior Scientist, NIPGR, New Delhi, Prof. P.K. Pati, Department of Biotechnology, Guru Nanak Dev University and Prof. T.N. Lakhampal, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla in the offline mode.

Invited lectures were by Prof. Geeta Sumbali, Former Dean Life Sciences, Dr. Amit Chawla, Principal Scientist, IITB, Palampur and Dr. Skarma Nonzom, co-organizing secretary.

Rajouri chaired the sessions in online mode.

Prof. Seema Langer shared her experiences about the history of the erstwhile Department of Biosciences and the establishment of one of its offshoots, i.e. Department of Botany since 1998.

Certificate and awards distribution ceremony was organized in which three best oral and poster presentations in offline and online mode each were awarded to the research scholars.

Prof. A.K. Koul deliberated on the need of rejuvenating botany as a subject in the present testing times.

The sessions of the invited lectures were chaired by Prof. R.N. Gohil, Prof. Anima Langer, Prof. Namrata Sharma, Prof. Susheel Verma, Dr. Geeta, Dr. Harish Dutt, Dr. Skarma Nonzom, Dr. Madhu Raina and Dr. Harpreet Bhatia in the offline mode.

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## NMDC Director (Finance) honoured at FE CFO Awards 2022



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NMDC Director (Finance) Amitava Mukherjee receiving 'FE CFO of the Year Award'.

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HYDERABAD: The Director (Finance) of the largest iron ore

producer of India, Amitava Mukherjee, was awarded the 'FE CFO of the Year Award' by Financial Express for the year 2022 in the Large Industry-Manufacturing Category, at the recently held FE CFO Awards 2022. NMDC was the only Public Sector Enterprise awarded this year with this prestigious honour.

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal was the Chief Guest for the event. He congratulated the brightest Chief Financial Officers of India for their exceptional contribution in building the financial strength of their companies and the national economy.

Amitava said, "Continued focus on enhancing efficiency, productivity, and safety has built an iron-strong financial management system for NMDC over the years.

Undaunted by the headwinds of Covid-19, we registered a record financial performance in 2021. Going forward, our capex outlay and funding ambitious projects is

in line with the Government of India's Economic strategy of enhanced investment and infrastructure development to provide growth and accomplish the vision of #Atmanirbharbharat."

## BJP not only a political party: Munish

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JAMMU: BJP senior leader & All Morcha Incharge, Munish Sharma, while addressing a public meeting in Ward No. 12, Krishna Nagar area of Jammu West Assembly segment, stressed upon the people to avail the benefits of various welfare schemes launched by Narendra Modi govt during the last over seven years.

Munish Sharma said that every scheme of the Union government has been formulated keeping in mind the needs of the people across different sections of the society.

He said that be it youth, farmer, ex-serviceman, senior citizen, women, border people, every one among them, has something for his or her socio-economic upliftment.

Munish said that crores of people have availed benefits of PM Awas Yojna, Aushman Gold Health Card is benefitting a large percentage of the Indians, particularly those who are poor and cannot afford medical treatment. He said that the people should not only think of their own interests but also share various schemes with others, so that more and more deserving ones are covered.

The BJP leader said that BJP is not only a political party to seek votes of people and then forget them. It is BJP which considers service of the people as its mission.

Sadhotra welcomed the new entrants and hoped that with their joining the National Conference will be further strengthened at the grass roots level.

Those who joined the NC included Ankush Jamwal, Sonu Choudhary, Akash Jamwal, Ayush Sharma, Ajay Jamwal, Arun Jamwal, Arjun Singh, Vishal Singh Thakur and Rahul Dev.

## DGP, others attend last rites ADGP MS Salaria

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JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP)

J&K Dilbag Singh and all ranks of Jammu and Kashmir Police have condoled and expressed grief over the sad & untimely demise of ADGP M Sulaiman Salaria (retired). In his condolence message the DGP has expressed his grief over the loss of an intellect and professionally resourceful officer. He said that the officer was a very dear colleague and his services and contributions to the organization will always be remembered.

DGP conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and relatives of the deceased officer on behalf of the Jammu and Kashmir Police Pariwar and prayed for the departed soul. DGP, J&K, Dilbag Singh, Ex DGP, J&K, Dr S.P. Vaid, Spl. DG Crime J&K A.K Choudhary, ADsGP Mukesh Singh, M.K. Sinha, Danesh Rana, IGP Kashmire Zone Vijay Kumar and other top serving and retired Police officers of J&K Police attended the last rites of the deceased officer at Gujjar Nagar Jammu. M Sulaiman Salaria a 1984 batch KPS officer was inducted to IPS in the year 2001 has contributed to the J&K Police in various capacities which includes DIG CID

teachers, employees and officers appointed after January 1, 2010. An MP or MLA who wins and serves for five years gets an old pension his whole life, while we who served for more than 40 years are denied an old pension after retirement," Singh said.

UT Convenor, Tirth Singh

Balwal appealed LG of UT

J&K to consider the genuine

demand of NPS employees and

restore old pension scheme.

Meanwhile J&K unit AIPRUF

/JKTA also announced district

level peaceful protest at all dis-

trict headquarters on 25th of

April 2022 in favour of

restoration of OPS and after

protest on 25th April at all dis-

trict headquarters memorandum

will be submitted to

deputy commissioners. Others

who were present includes

Akhtar Abbas Naik, Ishaq

Rashid (Senior Leader JKTF)

, Sarfraz Malik (Founder

Chairman employees United

employees union), Joginder

Dingra, Farooq Ahmed Daing,

Pardeep Choudhary, Pawan

Verma, Shoket Ali, Irfan

Bajran, Uttam Singh,

Joginder Singh, Mehbob

Alam, Kuldeep katoch, Sanjeev

Guleria, Kuldeep Singh,

Sudesh Kumar, Kapoor

Chand, Saqinder Lal, Sajad

Malik, Vikram Katoach, Sakib

Runyal, Ray Raj Singh,

Ganesh Thakur , Hussain

Soail, Wasim ul Hassan,

Dhruv Singh, Mohd Maroof,

Surjeet Singh, Rayees Bali,

Sadiq Poswal, Ishaq Khial,

Sunil Bhardwaj, Mani Ram

,Sabash Lal, Sheetal Thakur;

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