

CCI Jammu raises JDA Bus Stand shopkeepers' issues with CS

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JAMMU: The Office bearers of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) comprising of Anil Gupta, Senior Vice President, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President, Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer on Monday visited the Bus Stand to assess the problems being faced by the Shopkeepers of JDA General Bus Stand area.

The Chief Secretary, Arun Kumar Mehta accompanied by Principal Secretary Housing and Urban Development Department Dheeraj Gupta, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Raghav Langer, VC JDA Pankaj Magotra and Commissioner JMC Madam Arni Lawsa also visited the Bus Stand area to take on



CCI members presenting bouquet to Chief Secretary, Arun Kumar Mehta during his visit to Bus Stand Jammu.

spot assessment of the development works.

The CCI office bearers in presence of shopkeepers of Bus Stand interacted with the Chief Secretary and raised the problems being faced by the shopkeepers of JDA bus stand area.

During the interaction the chief Secretary assured the Chamber team that the issues raised today will be solved at the earliest.

The Shopkeepers of the Bus Stand headed by Ramesh Tak, Madhu Sharma, Rajan Gupta and Rajesh Dewan thanked the Chamber team for raising their issues with the Chief Secretary and the other officers.



GMC Kathua celebrates induction ceremony for MBBS batch 2021-22

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KATHUA: Induction Day 2022 was held in GMC Kathua for newly admitted students to pursue MBBS Course 2022.

Dr. Anjali Nadir Bhat, Principal, GMC & Hospital was the Chief Guest.

The Induction Ceremony was marked by White Coat ceremony conducted by Dr Sujata Gupta, Assistant Professor Department of Preventive and Social Medicine, Stethoscope adorning ceremony was performed by Dr Mrinal Gupta Assistant Professor Dept of Biochemistry followed by the



A dignitary lighting a ceremonial lamp.

Charak Shapath recited by Dr Meenakshi, Assistant Professor Dept of Physiology and cadaveric oath was administered to students by Dr Tarsem Kumar;

Assistant Professor Dept of Anatomy. It was organized under supervision and guidance of by Dr Sabita Yogrj Co-ordinator of the MEU and

managed by Dr Shomalla Jan Demonstrator Dept of anatomy. Dr Sabita Yogrj, while welcoming the new students, apprised them of the new curriculum and advised them to adhere to the norms governing the implementation of curriculum as well as the examination. While addressing the students, she laid stress on clinical exposure and small group teaching as the key factor in the new changed curriculum.

The function ended with a vote of thanks by Dr Sabita Yogrj Prof. & Head physiology and MEU Coordinator.

Vidyut Jammwal visits birthplace in Jammu

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JAMMU: Bollywood actor Vidyut Jammwal on Monday visited his birthplace on the outskirts of Jammu and promised to give local talent a chance through the films he produces.

Hundreds of the actor's fans turned up to meet Jammwal, who said he chose the picturesque Jammu and Kashmir over Switzerland for his production debut "IB 71", backed by Action Hero Films.

Jammwal, who is in Jammu and Kashmir for a month-long schedule of the film, also spoke about his



Bollywood actor Vidyut Jammwal receiving warm welcome in Jammu.

fondness for the region.

"I am visiting Jammu after a long time to reconnect with my relatives and friends. My father, who was an Army offi-

cer, was from this place and I know Dogri (language)...

"I have launched my production house and my doors are open for the talented local youth who want to work in the film industry," the 41-year-old actor, known for action films like "Force" and the "Commando" series, said. "I got an offer to shoot 'IB

71' in Switzerland but I preferred Jammu and Kashmir. I am interested in giving a role to some of the local actors as well," he added.

The actor urged the people of the region to participate in the auditions for his films.

"You have to appear for the audition and those who have talent will be entertained," he said, encouraging the youth to work hard to achieve their goals.

Calling social media a "great medium" to connect with the people and relatives, Jammwal said, "I am getting a lot of messages."

The actor also offered prayers at his family temple in Kot Bhalwal.

Apart from "IB 71", Jammwal will be seen in "Khuda Haafiz Chapter II" and "Agni Pariksha".

International Women's Day: Valley women still struggling for basic rights

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: When world is celebrating Women's Day, the womenfolk in J&K are still deprived of avenues to get justice and other basic rights. Jammu & Kashmir State Commission for Protection of Women and Child Rights was scrapped soon after the Centre abrogated Article 370 on August 5, 2019. Despite passage of over 31-months, there is no such platform for women in J&K, which they can approach for highlighting their grievances. Moreover, domestic violence against women in Kashmir is on rise for past several years, especially in rural areas of Kashmir where many incidents of violence against women were

reported. In 2021, many young women were tortured by in-laws and lost their lives. The further unfortunate thing is that real cause of death was concealed by relatives of deceased. "I don't know whom I should approach. It is not possible to go to court due to financial constraints. The world is celebrating Women's Day on March 8, but Kashmiri women don't even have recourse to approach any government agency for their basic rights," said a domestic violence victim. Aarifa Mir (name changed), a 40-year-old woman from Srinagar, was married with a resident of Kulgam in November 2015 and gave birth to a baby girl in August 2016. Soon after birth of girl, things started becoming

uncomfortable for her as she was tortured mentally as well as physically by her husband and in-laws. She came to her parents' house several times. "My husband easily loses his temper and often beat me for no reason. He and his younger sisters accuse me of not taking care of family and cooking tasteless food," she narrated in a broken voice. "My mother asked me to bear all this for sake of my child. I remained at my parents' house for some time and after a year and a half, a compromise was made after which I returned to my husband's house. After sometime, my husband asked me to go back to my parents' house for a week as he was going out of Kashmir for some official work, but even

after several months, he did not return. Soon, I found that was pregnant but my husband didn't care for me. Later, I gave birth to my second child who is a boy and now 3+ years old. Both my children often ask me about Baba (father) but I have no answer to give them. My parents did a lot to solve my problems, but my husband never stood by his words," she told STATE TIMES, adding that we also went to Court but nothing was achieved as my father is a retired employee and can't bear all such expenses. According to NFHS survey report released in 2020, in Jammu & Kashmir 9.6 per cent of women in age group 18-49 years experienced domestic violence in 2019-20.

National Lok Adalat across J&K UT on March 12

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JAMMU: For amicable settlement of disputes, J&K Legal Services Authority is organizing National Lok Adalat across the UT of Jammu & Kashmir on Saturday, March 12, 2022. The Persons/Institutions desirous of settling their matters through Lok Adalat are informed to approach the nearest Legal Services Institution for referring their pending or pre-litigation cases to the Lok Adalat for settlement.

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