

# Sunil Sethi enumerates benefits of budget for Kashmiri Pandits

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAGTI: Allocation of four hundred crore rupees in budget 2023-2024 for Kashmiri Pandits will prove to be game changer in the confidence building measures, stated Adv. Sunil Sethi.

Bharatiya Janata Party Kashmir Displaced District organized a "Budget par Charcha" programme at Tika Lal Taploo Mandal at Jagti.

On this occasion Sunil Sethi, Senior Advocate & Chief Spokesperson BJP J&K UT was the Chief Guest, Hira Lal Bhat (Seh Prabari KDD) was the Guest of Honour, while Chand Ji Bhat, District President KDD Presided over the function.

Parey Lal Pandita Mandal President, Tika Lal Taploo Mandal welcomed the Chief Guest and other dignitaries.

Kuldeep Razdan, Mandal General Secretary, conducted the programme proceedings.

Sunil Sethi reminded the history of Kashmiri Hindus and described the displaced Kashmiri Hindu community bravest of brave because they and their ancestors have braved

all kinds of atrocities & cruelties in Kashmir in past for hundreds of years but did not succumb to forced conversion and kept the flag of Sanatan Dharma and Rashtarvadya flying a top.

He said that it is unfortunate that Kashmiri Pandit community had to become internally displaced persons in their own country due to appeasement policy of past governments, but now the time has changed and the nation is in the Strong hands of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Sethi said that allocation of Rs. 400 cr has been allocated for the construction of transit accommodations for PM Package Employees & others working in Kashmir Valley, is a welcome measure but a lot has yet been done to ameliorate miseries of the displaced community and pave a way for their respectful & dignified return to Kashmir.

He said that 60000 cr Industrial investment is being done in J&K which will generate 250000 employment avenues and displaced community youth will certainly get their share out

of it. He further said that allocations in Budget have been made for tourism sector and the displaced being well educated, good at oratory can take advantage of tourism schemes and become successful tourism entrepreneurs and can also take the benefit of lucrative tourist guide services.

He further said achieving 10% growth target will definitely bring huge change in living of the people and the Modi govt is committed to achieve the target. He assured the displaced community that the BJP and its Karikartas are always with displaced community and he himself being a B-JP Karikarta is always available for their help.

Hira Lal Bhat (Seh Prabari KDD) thanked the Chief Guest for his informative, encouraging and soul touching address and exhorted the Karikartas to take the message to every Kashmiri Hindu household that every one of us must enroll our vote in our respective assembly constituency in Kashmir as a participant of holy yagna and cast their vote in favour of BJP at the

time of elections as a token of sacred offerings in the Maha Yagna to strengthen the hands of Narendra Modi, our Prime Minister.

Other leaders who attended the program were Moti Lal Bhat (District General Secretary KDD), Anil Dhar (Vice president), Sweety Koul (Vice president), Sanjay Bhat (Vice president), Rajeev Pandita (Vice President) Rakesh Sadhu (Vice President) Rohit Ganjoo (Yuva Morcha President KDD) Dolly (Mahila Morcha President), Roop Krishan Raina (Secretary KDD), P.K.Bhat (Treasure KDD), Chaman Lal Pandita (Secretary KDD), Anjali Raina, Pooja Bhat (both Secretaries KDD), J.L. Pandit (Spokesperson KDD) Vatsal (Gen.Secretary Yuva Morcha), K.K.KOUL (Mandal President Pt.Prem Nath Bhat Mandal), Chaman Lal, Maharaj Krishan Raina, Surinder Shama, booth Presidents, other Mandal & booth level Office bearers and large number of KDD, Mahila Morcha, Yuva Morcha Karikartas and common citizens of Jagti colony.

# Seminar on 'Cooperatives Development' organised by LEAD



Comm/Secy, Cooperatives Deptt J&K, Yasha Mudgal and other dignitaries after signing pledge.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue (LEAD) in association with Sahakar Bharati and J&K Dairy Cooperative Federation Limited, on Sunday organised a seminar to highlight various aspects of the cooperative movement in J&K.

The seminar on Cooperative Development in Jammu and Kashmir, organised at Kargil Bhawan, here, provided a platform for key stakeholders to come together and deliberate on strategies to promote and propel the cooperative movement in the region. CA Rajeev Gupta (Board Member & Secretary

of the newly formed J&K Dairy Cooperative Federation.

The federation aims to extend dairy cooperatives moment in all districts of J&K and provide a level playing field to milk producers of J&K by providing benefits under the various schemes of the Government of India.

Yasha Mudgal spoke on the mandate of the government for the development of the cooperative sector. She also spoke on various initiatives taken by her department for the revival of essential institutes for cooperative development, including cooperative banks and cooperative training institutes. In a short duration of 18 months, J&K has witnessed formation of more than 1500 cooperatives.

A pledge for mutual cooperation aimed at developing and promoting the cooperative sector in J&K UT was signed by the three organisations in the presence of Commissioner/Secretary of the Department of Cooperatives.

Bikram Singh concluded the event by thanking the cooperative fraternity and other members present in the conference.

# PRSI J&K Chapter organises 'Pride of Jammu' event at PCJ



Former Dy CM, Kavinder Gupta felicitating photo journalist Inderjeet Singh.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Public Relation Society of India, Jammu and Kashmir chapter organised the 'Pride of Jammu' event at the Press Club Jammu (PCJ) to felicitate the profoundly talented people of Jammu. The chief guest of the ceremony was former Deputy Chief Minister, J&K, Kavinder Gupta and special guest of the event was Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Boards of School Education, Dr Parikshit Singh Manhas.

The event commenced with an introductory address by Vishal Bharti, Executive Member, Press Club, Jammu, and Dinesh Manhotra, Secretary General, Press Club, Jammu, in Dogri. This was followed by an address by Rakhee Bakshi, Communication Advisor of Indian Institute of Public Administration. She said coming to Jammu is like coming home. She hailed the launch of J&K chapter of PRSI as a positive and significant development.

Duggar Pradesh ki Shaan' Dr Jitendra Udhamपुरi, Padma Shri awardee, Prof. Shiv Nirmohi, Padma Shri awardee, KB Jandial, retd bureaucrat, Seema Sehgal, famous singer, Ravinder Jamwal, celebrated sculptor, Abhilasha Bahuguna were honoured for their humongous contribution. Further, members of PRSI J&K chapter, namely, Opinder Sharma, Harry Walia, Yashwant, Dr. Monisa Qadri, Dr. Archana Kumari, Dr. Pardeep Singh Bali, Dr. Ravia Gupta, Inderjeet Raina and the volunteering students for the launch event from Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Jammu, and University of Jammu were felicitated for their hard work and immense contribution. The event concluded with melodious and devotional performances by Seema Sehgal, and students of IIMC Jammu.

# Special camp on online services held at Ashok Nagar



Revenue officials providing on-the spot services to applicants at Satwari, Jammu.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Acting on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa, a special camp on online services was held at Ashok Nagar, Satwari under supervision of Tehsildar Jammu South, Harjeet Singh. During the camp, which was attended by a large number of people from Satwari and other adjoining areas, the participants availed services for verification of Ration Cards, for pension purpose and other service like domicile certificate, income certificate etc. A team of official including Naib Tehsildar Satwari Anayat Ali, Patwari Shahid Malik and Patwari Sunil Kumar provided on-the spot services to applicants. A number of officials from Social Welfare, Medical and CA&PD Departments were also present during the camp for providing necessary guidance and support to participants. Councilor Nai Basti Pawan Singh and his team were also present during the camp for providing necessary assistance to people.

# Rahul should apologise for comments against India: MP Khatana

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: MP Rajya Sabha Gulam Ali Khatana on Sunday criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for launching a vilification campaign against our country in a foreign land. He said that a dynast who is not even president of his party is remote controlling the party and launching a tirade against Indian nation while visiting abroad. Rahul Gandhi should apologise for vilifying India, he said.



MP Gulam Ali Khatana addressing a gathering.

He said that Rahul Gandhi is creating a hoax of having travelled 7000 kilometers on foot and listening to the problems of the people.

Out of power Cong and its allies are just trying to create a false narrative against the present government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in India and abroad," said MP Ghulam Ali, adding "people are the best judge and they love Narendra Modi and his development and progress oriented policies."

Er. Khatana said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government has ensured peace of the borders and in the country too.

He said that development and peace are the main priorities of the Modi led government and people are coming forward to take this mission forward.

He said that traditional parties exploited the poor and backward for their vote

bank politics and promoted dynasties only.

"It is for the first time in the history of India that the government is working for the poorest of the poor," he said adding that COVID pandemic affected the pace of progress during past two years but the developmental progress is back on rails now and in the coming days employment would also increase.

Former Minister Sham Choudhary, Sunil Dutt Shastri, BJP District president Jammu Border, Sarpanch Liyakat Ali, Ex-MLA & DDC Gharu Ram Bhagat, Ravi Mehra, OBC Morcha, Barqat Ali, ST Morcha were also present.

Locals projected the demand of a KV School, Hostel for border dwellers, elevation of Middle School to High School.

# Dr Jitendra attends medicos meet 'Celebrating the Multi-Faceted'

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Sunday said, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the COVID adversity turned into an opportunity in India when world's first DNA vaccine and Nasal vaccine for COVID was indigenously developed in India which has not only strengthened AtmaNirbhar Bharat but also bolstered India's status as a worldwide vaccine development and manufacturing centre.

Dr. Jitendra said this while attending as chief guest at Medicos Meet 'Celebrating the Multi-faceted' at Jammu.

On the occasion, the latest 2023 edition of the RSSDI Text Book of Diabetes Mellitus for postgraduate students was released. The book has the Foreword and an exclusive chapter by Dr Jitendra Singh

who is also a nationally known Diabetologist and Professor of Diabetes & Medicine.

During his address, Dr. Jitendra said, the path breaking decisions by PM Modi led government will be written in the golden words in history not done from the last seventy years, be that the done away with the attestation by a gazetted officer, no interviews for the non-gazetted posts, greater relaxation in the pensionary rules like pension for the divorce daughter, pension for the missing government employees, digital life certificate for the pensioners etc.

Dr. Singh also releases a book on Diabetes Mellitus along with Dr. Yuvir, Dr. H L Goswami, Dr. Vijay Gupta, Dr. Rajinder Singh, Dr. R P Kudiyal, Dr. Shashi Sudan and Dr. Pawan Malhotra.

# Sr NC leader, DDC Chairman Anantnag joins DPAP



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad and other leaders welcoming newly joined members.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ANANTNAG: DDC chairman Anantnag and senior NC leader Mohammad Yousuf Gorsori on Sunday joined the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) in presence of party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad and various other senior leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, Gorsori said that the prevailing political situa-

tion of Jammu Kashmir needs a dynamic and visionary leader to take it out of morass. He, however, said that he has seen the same hope in Ghulam Nabi Azad who is fearless and pro people.

"I joined DPAP only because I believe Ghulam Nabi Azad can take Jammu Kashmir out of the present situation. He is fearless and transparent leader who carries vision and mission for his people," he said.

Gorsori said that when all political parties were silent over the forcible eviction of people from the land, it was DPAP led by Azad sb who took to the streets and forced government to stop eviction drive. Speaking on the occasion, the party chairman said that he is hopeful to see Gorsori's presence will help party to grow further and reach every person of the UT with party's pro people agenda.

Among others who were present on the occasion were G.M.Saroori Vice Chairman, Haji Abdul Rashid Gen Secretary, Peer Shahbaz DDC, Mir Altaf and others.

# LFO-BHF organises stationery distribution drive



LFO-BHF members with students from slum areas after distributing stationery items.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation (LFO-BHF) collaborated with Helping Hands Jammu and along with the support of Talla Jewellers distributed stationery items and eatables to the slum kids enrolled under the initiative "Mission Make" - Make All Kids Educated at Jullakha Moholla, Circular Road, under the guidance of Vivek Parihar, Director & CEO LFO-BHF (NGO).

Stuti General Secretary (Jammu Province) of LFO-BHF said, "Our NGO is committed for education for underprivileged children who are under difficult circumstances, such as child labour, children of poor parents, street and runaway children, children with rare disabilities, disaster struck children and slum children. Special emphasis is given on girl education and women education, so that they and their families get empowered".

Jyoti, Media Incharge of LFO-BHF said, "Our vision is to work as a catalyst in bringing sustainable change in the lives of underprivileged children with a life-cycle approach to development".

Other members present were Stuti, Shruti, Kamakshi, Vishal and Abhishek.



Maharaja Agrasen University, Himachal Pradesh conferring Lifetime Achievement Award to Professor Keshav Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, ICAFI University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh.



Principal of GDC Akhnor Romila Malla along with other faculty and students of GDC Akhnor attending two-day International seminar on Kashmir Shaiva Darshan in Sanskrit Department, University of Jammu.

# 'BJP dared to abrogate Art 370 & ensured equal rights to deprived including Gorkhas'

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader has asserted that by daring to abrogate Article 370 and 35A, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has done what no other Govt could dare to do so as a result of which today every sections of the society including the Gorkhas have been bestowed equal rights while as for over seven decades they were deprived of their rights. He said that the hollow policies of successive regimes headed by National Conference and Congress were responsible for the blatant injustice met to these communities for over seventy years.

The former Deputy Chief Minister expressed this while addressing a gathering of people while conducting a tour of Ward No: 48, Gorkha Nagar here today.

# CAT quashes appointment of Dr Narinder Singh as Supdt GMC-J

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal has quashed appointment of Dr Narinder Singh Bhutyal as Medical Superintendent, Govt Medical College Jammu. The Bench comprising Suresh Kumar Monga, Member (J) and A K Dubey, Member (A) after hearing Sr Abhinav Sharma, assisted by Adv Abhimanyu Sharma for petitioner Dr Rakesh Kumar Sharma whereas AAG for respondent, observed, "High Court has categorically directed that the State Government shall take steps for filling up the posts of Medical Superintendent existing in Government Medical College Hospital, Jammu and its associated teaching hospitals by following the procedure envisaged by Rule 7 of 1979 Rules, in case there is no eligible per-

son available in the cadre of Deputy Medical Superintendents for being promoted to the post of Medical Superintendent. Substantively, it may seek the recommendation of J&K Public Service Commission of a person to be posted as Medical Superintendent who otherwise must be eligible under Rules and in the opinion of the Commission possesses exceptional merit as well as professional experience of high order in his speciality and after obtaining the views of Medical Council of India."

"Temporary arrangement made vide order dated 31.10.2022, whereby charge of post of Medical Superintendent, GMC Jammu has been assigned to Dr Narinder Kumar Bhutiyal is not in accordance with the rules of 1979 as well as not in consonance with the ratio of judgment dated 06.06.2005 passed by

High Court", the CAT observed, adding, "respondent is not having post graduation qualification in Surgery/ Gynecology/ or Medicine and other clinical subjects/ Hospital Administration as stipulated in Schedule-III of Rules".

The order was challenged by Dr Rakesh Kumar Sharma, who sought quashment of the order on the ground that respondent, who is substantively holding the post of Medical Officer and being a member of Jammu and Kashmir Medical (Gazetted) Service constituted under J&K Medical (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 1970 has been posted as Medical Superintendent in Govt Medical College, Jammu in sheer violation of J&K Medical Education (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 1979. It was further alleged that respondent neither is eligi-

ble to hold the post of Medical Superintendent nor could have been transferred from the post of Medical Officer to the post of Medical Superintendent.

CAT further observed that on perusal of the order dated November 18, 2022 passed on applicant's representation, "It has been found that the relevant factors have been totally ignored and not taken into consideration by respondent. The relevant factors which ought to have been considered by respondent was the recommendation made by the Principal, Medical College, Jammu with regard to applicant's eligibility; the experience earned by him during September 11, 2017 to September 27, 2018; the experience earned by him while managing the dedicated COVID-19 Hospital and the principles laid down by the High Court of Jammu &

Kashmir in Dr Vinod Gupta's case.

However, no such consideration has taken place which in our considered opinion which renders the order dated October 31, 2022 as honest and same is liable to be ignored. In the conspectus of discussions made herein above, the Original Application deserves to be allowed. Accordingly, the Original Application is allowed and order dated October 31, 2022 is hereby quashed."

The CAT further directed to reconsider applicant's representation dated July 20, 2022 while taking into consideration the observations and principles laid down by the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir in Dr Vinod Gupta's case. A reasoned and speaking order be passed within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order, the Bench added.