

Advisor Bhatnagar chairs 52nd, 53rd AGMs; 68th BoDs meet of JKAIDCL

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JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, on Tuesday chaired the 52nd and 53rd Annual General Meetings (AGMs) as well as 68th Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of J&K Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited (JKAIDCL) at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department Atal Dullo; Secretary Planning, Development and Monitoring department, DG Codes, Director Agriculture Jammu/Kashmir, Director Horticulture Jammu/Kashmir, Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir and other concerned officers both in person and through video conferencing.

During the AGMs, the Directors of Board led by Chairman Advisor Bhatnagar reviewed various critical matters concerning the organiza-



Advisor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar chairing meeting of JKAIDCL.

tion's operations, including the annual reports and financial statements. They also held robust discussion on the corporation's business activities and strategies and also discussed the future plan for the Corporation to make it profit centric.

During the AGMs, the BoDs adopted the Director Report, Annual Accounts and CAG comments for the Financial Year 2019-20 and 2020-21. The Board also asked the management of the Corporation to complete the Audit of FY 2022-23 timely for its onward submission to

CAG. The Board also appreciated the Corporation for its timely updation of Annual Accounts and Audits.

Meanwhile, Advisor Bhatnagar also chaired the 68th Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of JKAIDCL.

During the meeting, the Board took some significant decisions for improving the overall health of the Corporation and make it a viable entity.

Addressing the participants during the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar emphasized upon the management of Corporation that their is a dire

need for sustainable development in agriculture and allied industries across J&K and JKAIDCL has a major role to play for achieving that goal. He encouraged the Corporation to continue its efforts towards improving the livelihoods of farmers and promoting the growth of the agro-based economy in Jammu and Kashmir.

Advisor also urged upon the management of Corporation to explore new opportunities for growth and diversification to further strengthen the agro-based economy of Jammu and Kashmir.

During the BoDs meet, the Board approved several projects under CAPEX and NABARD schemes for Corporation like 5145 Metric Tons (MTs) multi chambered

modern cold storage and ripening project for storing fresh fruits and vegetables at Talab Tillo Jammu, construction of common facility centre and additional cold rooms for market development of horticulture produce from J&K at Delhi, establishment of Aloe-Vera plant cultivation with value addition processing unit at Samba and establishment of Lavender oil and processing unit at Bhaderwah.

The Board also directed the officers to come up with Human Resource Policy for the Corporation so that the intended objectives of entity are met. The directors of board also asked them for optimal utilisation of all the assets of Corporation so that the sustainable revenue is generated.

The Board also asked the management to make a concrete plan for marketability of products of Corporation so that they are made available on all e-commerce platforms.

During the meeting, Managing Director J&K AIDCL, Dr. Arun Manhas, gave a detailed presentation on overall physical and financial progress of the Corporation.



Mining Deptt will develop a lithium ecosystem to create new business, employment for local population: Amit



Secretary, Mining and Geology, J&K Amit Sharma speaking during a conclave.

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NEW DELHI: Secretary, Mining and Geology, Amit Sharma and Chairperson PHDCCI Jammu, Rahul Sahai attended conclave on 'The Discovery of Lithium Reserves in J&K: A Game Changer for India' at PHD House, New Delhi organised by PHDCCI Renewable Energy Committee and Jammu Kashmir Chapter.

The Chief Guest, Amit Sharma, Secretary Mining and Geology, Government of J&K, informed that his government will move at a very fast pace and in systematic way in starting sustainable Lithium mining activities in Jammu.

He welcomed foreign as well as domestic investments and assured that his department will do it's best to develop a lithium ecosystem to create new business and employment opportunities for local population.

Guest of Honour; Sudhendu J Sinha, IRTS, Adviser; NITI Aayog, informed that this discovery will indeed be a game changer for India and will facilitate EV adoption in India.

He told that the PLI scheme

for Advanced Chemistry Cells has been a huge success.

The Government is bringing policies to make India a global manufacturing hub of EVs, laptops and batteries, he added.

Saket Dalmia, President PHDCCI, delivered the presidential remarks and emphasised on sustainability and told that members should come forward to explore new investment opportunities coming up in Lithium mining.

Devansh Jain, Chairman, RE Committee, in his welcome address informed that the discovery of Lithium in Jammu Region will help in India becoming Atmanirbhar in getting supplies of Lithium which is essential for EVs and RE sector. Rahul Sahai, Chairman, Jammu Chapter, said that the discovery of Lithium will help in boosting the local economy and creating new jobs in Jammu Region. Sahai said discovery of lithium has added more glory to Jammu also said that related industries should promoted at the most with maximum of local employment.

Tarun Sharma of Feedback Infra and also the Knowledge Partner, in his presentation

explained the international scenario of Lithium availability and threw light on its mining process

Shreyas Nitin, Head - Manufacturing, Triton EV India, spoke about the innovations done by his company in USA and India. His company is soon going to launch EV trucks in India and in some time Hydrogen Trucks as well.

A Panel Discussion, moderated by Shamsheer Devan, Sr VP ICRA, was also organised which had Neeraj Singal, Director, SEMCO Group, Rajiv Rao, Business Head GFCL EV Products, Maj Gen Dr Shri Pal, Founder, Bunkerman and Rohit Pathania of OMI Foundation as panelists.

Col Saurabh Sanyal, CEO & SG, in his Opening Remarks spoke about the significance of the discovery of Lithium in Jammu for India.

The Conclave was sponsored by INOXGFL Group and Triton EV India with Feedback Infra as the Knowledge Partner; 120 delegates from RE and EV sector; diplomats, investors participated in the Conclave physically and virtually.

Tourism Deptt organises Chaitra Navratra Festival in Jammu



Mayor Jammu, Rajinder Sharma, Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Mehta and other dignitaries during a programme.

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JAMMU: Directorate of Tourism in Jammu organised Chaitra Navratra Festival at Bahu Fort on Tuesday. The festival was inaugurated by Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation, Rajinder Sharma in the presence of Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta; Deputy Director Tourism Jammu, Umesh Shan and Deputy Director Tourism Publicity Jammu, Abdul Jabbar.

The event featured cultural performances including devotional songs from artists of the Jammu and

Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages.

During the inaugural ceremony, Mayor Rajinder Sharma shared his greetings with the local community on the occasion of Chaitra Navratras. He congratulated the Department for celebrating Navratras with enthusiasm and devotion. For the first time, the entire region of Jammu and Katra witnessed a series of events from Bhakti Sandhya to daily screening of devotional movies and from Durga Puja to enthralling devotional performances showcasing the

rich culture of the region during Chaitra Navratras.

Joint Director Tourism Jammu said that celebrating fairs and festivals is part of their cultural heritage. She added that the Department of Tourism will soon popularise pilgrim-age circuits across Jammu region like the Shiv Shakti Circuit and Rudra Pilgrimage Circuit. Special emphasis will be laid on various pilgrimage destinations so that tourists visiting Maa Vaishno Devi Shrine can plan their itinerary in advance.

President of Jammu Chamber of Commerce, Arun Gupta was also present along with his team.

To make Chaitra Navratras vibrant, a daily devotional movie was screened at Open Air Cinema Aquaplex Musical Water Fountain in Bagh-e-Bahu. In Jammu, Bahu Mela is celebrated on the auspicious occasion of Durga Ashtami and Ramnavmi at Bahu Fort.

Save Sharda Committee Head; Balwant Thakur call on LG

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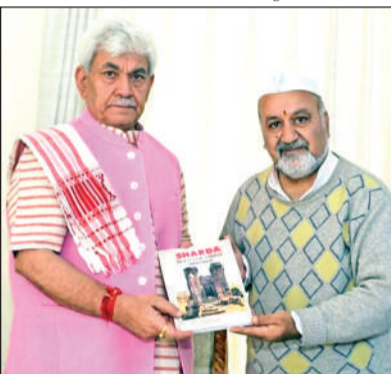
JAMMU: Ravinder Pandita, Head & Founder of Save Sharda Committee called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here on Tuesday.

Pandita apprised the Lt Governor on various matters pertaining to the promotion of religious heritage of the UT of J&K and other concerning issues of Sharda Peeth.

The Lt Governor assured Pandita of due consideration of all genuine issues put forth by him during the interaction.

Later, Padma Shri Balwant Thakur, Eminent Theatre personality and former Cultural Diplomat of India to Mauritius also called on the Lt Governor and discussed the vision for the preservation, promotion and protection of culture of Jammu Kashmir.

Balwant Thakur also presented the Lt Governor, a monograph on his accomplishments as Playwright, Theatre Director & Cultural Administrator.



Ravinder Pandita, Head Save Sharda Committee, presenting a book to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha.

Congress will continue fight to safeguard interests of common man: Ajay Maken



Senior Congress leader Ajay Maken addressing a press conference in Jammu on Tuesday.

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JAMMU: The Congress' campaign following Rahul Gandhi's "hasty disqualification" from the Lok Sabha is meant to safeguard democracy in the country, senior leader Ajay Maken said on Tuesday.

The former Union minister also reiterated the party's demand for setting up a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to probe into the allegations against the Adani Group.

"Our fight is not for Rahul (Gandhi) but it is meant to safeguard democracy in the country. We will continue our protest to safeguard the interests of the common citizens, who are

becoming victims," Maken told reporters at the Congress' headquarters here.

Flanked by senior party leaders, including Pradesh Congress Committee chief Vikar Rasool Wani, working president Raman Bhalla and chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Maken said Gandhi is not fighting to gain control of power but to defend the country's democratic institutions and its people.

Pressing for a JPC probe into the Adani issue, Maken said the government should respect the joint demand of the opposition as JPCs were set up twice in the past by previous regimes to make things clear.

MP Gulam Ali raises issue of accidents & preventive measures in J&K

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NEW DELHI: Minister of Roads, Transport and Highways Nitin Jairam Gadkari, while replying to an unstarred question of Bharatiya Janata Party MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali regarding accidents and preventive measures taken in hilly areas of J&K, stated that total number of road accidents and fatalities in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir during the year 2021 were 5452 and 774 respectively. Er. Gulam Ali sought the reply to his questions including whether there is any law for limiting the number of driving hours a for commercial drivers, if so, whether any technology is used so that commercial vehicle doesn't move after specified hours? number of accidents occurred in the hilly districts of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and number lives lost? the preventive measures taken for avoiding such accidents? length of roads in U.T. of J&K provided with protective fencing/barriers especially in hilly districts? and

the number of length of roads which has no protective barrier?

In reply, Nitin Jairam Gadkari stated that Section 25 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions, Code 2020 (37 of 2020) passed by the Parliament provides hours of work including hours of work of motor transport workers.

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways analyses road accident data based on the information received from the Police Department of all States/UTs. As per the information, total number of road accidents and fatalities in Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir during the year 2021 were 5452 and 774 respectively. The Ministry does not collect and compile district wise information on road accidents. Ministry has formulated a multi-pronged strategy to address the issue of road safety based on Education, Engineering (both of roads and vehicles), Enforcement and Emergency Care. Accordingly, various initiatives have been taken by the Ministry, he said.

Launch of 'Chalo India World'- link to Incredible India

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MANIPAL: India, with its myriad of sights and sounds, spread across numerous destinations, awaits tourists from around the world. The almost endless attractions of this great country with its rich heritage and culture, deserves to be discovered and celebrated not just in India, but worldwide.

The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, appreciated the vast scope of a renewed 'Discover India' campaign in this age of social media and One World.

Towards this end, on May 3, 2022, he addressed the



Indian diaspora in Copenhagen, Denmark, requested to convince at least five of their non-Indian friends to visit India and discover this great country.

Inspired by the Prime Minister's vision, the Ad syndicate Team took the initia-

tive to promote tourism in India and thereby, boost the economy of the country. Beginning around the second week of May, 2022, within a period of eight months of elaborate surveys and comprehensive research, the Team published a Coffee Table Book covering the

numerous tourist destinations with their specific points of attraction. Subsequently, based on the Coffee Table Book, a detailed website has been designed and developed.

The CHALO Concept: CHALO is a conceptualised acronym for Culture, Heritage, Art, Leisure, and Opulence-the hallmark of this great land. Both the Chalo India Coffee Table Book and the Chalo India World website capture the timeless beauty by delightfully showcasing India in all its glory. Along with the splendour of various festivals, the book captures the euphoria of the many adventures this country has to offer. All destinations with their attractions have

been sorted according to the best season to visit each of them. Additional information includes suggestions on visiting nearby places, things to buy locally, and a list of activities and local delicacies to indulge in.

The Chalo India World website, though a work in progress, has received an overwhelming response of over seven lakh visits. The Adsyndicate Team hopes to expand on this notable initiative by covering more than three hundred destinations across India and promoting new attractions like local handicraft and more.

Come, join us on this journey of 'Rediscovering India' through the Chalo India World website.

Order granting relief under Domestic Violence Act must have reasons: Court

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DODA: Court of Addl Sessions Judge, Doda, Amarjeet Singh Langeh, turned down an order in an appeal passed under Section 23 of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act by Trial Magistrate vide which appellant/husband was directed to pay maintenance relief of Rs 5000 to his wife without considering objections. Holding that the impugned order sans reasons, the Court observed, "It needs no emphasis that judicial orders passed in a matter must explicitly delineate the reasons on which conclusion is arrived at. All that the concluding part of order impugned contains is that the respondent herein established prima

facie case, therefore, appellant was directed to pay a sum of Rs 5000/- to her as maintenance," adding, "What led the court below to arrive at conclusion that respondent had prima facie case, is not spelt out even by insinuation in the order impugned. The conclusion arrived at by the court below is thus, sans any basis and therefore, is contrary to law." With these observations, the appeal was allowed and Trial Magistrate was directed to decide application afresh and expeditiously while parties were directed to appear before Trial Court on date fixed. Adv Aleem Wani appeared for appellants while respondent was represented by Adv S U Hashmi.