

JKSAC seeks revocation of ban imposed on sale, purchase of State lands allotted to DP

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SUNDERBANI: Jammu Kashmir Sharnarhi Action Committee (JKSAC) held a meeting at Radha Krishan Mandir, Sunderbani wherein large number of DPs participated to seek revocation of ban imposed by govt. on sale and purchase of State lands allotted to DPs of 1947 from POJK even after being granted proprietary rights vide govt. order no 254-C of 1965. Besides the representatives of various villages across tehsil Sunderbani, Beripatan and Nowshera some prominent DP leader namely Col. K.L. Khajuria, Dr. Deep Kumar, Vetern Master Roshan Lal, Sh. Om Parkash Sarpanch, Dr. Naresh Kumar, Dev Saroop Contractor also participated. While addressing the meeting the prominent leaders strongly condemned the govt. for imposing such a ban on sale and purchase of state land allotted to DPs, who have been granted proprietary rights long back and demanded immediate revocation of ban, having no logic. They also condemned both the member of parliament from Jammu and Kathua



A speaker addressing gathering at Sunderbani.

constituencies for completely ignoring the DP issues and not projecting the same with the center govt. even in presence of such glorious recommendation made by JPC on Home Affairs in its Report No 183 the only viable road-map to the resolve the DPs issue.

They further said that DPs have been supporting both the MP and BJP since 2024 Lok Sabha elections in the hope that they would project and pursue the DPs issues with the central govt. for their adequate and early redressal. They said that it is unfortunate that DPs faith and hopes has not been reciprocated by both the MPs despite of getting many such opportunities during their 10

years tenure. They said that DPs have been betrayed by both the national parties from the last many decades and have pinned their hopes in BJP govt. particularly after the abrogation of article 370 that their long pending resettlement issues would be resolved, but nothing happened as such. They asked the DPs not to be swayed away by the sentiments and false promises of these people and while exercising their franchise in the coming Lok Sabha election they should keep in mind their sufferings and future of their coming generations.

Gurdev Singh President also addressed the participants and said that the govt. has no substance in imposing

the ban on sale and purchase of state lands under govt. order no 254-C of 1965. He said that JKSAC was receiving complaints over an extended period from the DPs that the registering authorities are refusing the transfer of state land after its sale and purchase arguing that the land allotted to DPs was meant for cultivation only. He apprised the participants that due to non-availability of Evacuee land, state lands was also allotted to DPs as per govt. prescribed skill and were granted proprietary rights under govt. order no 254-C of 1965. He said that with the passage of time the DPs families increased many folds and land divided accordingly. So one can imagine that how can a family survive by simply cultivating a marginal pieces of such land.

He further apprised the audience that JKSAC took up the issue at all concerned levels of the govt. particularly with the IGR and Secretary Revenue. After thorough examination of the said order a clarification was issued by Secretary Revenue stating that there is no such

restriction in the order. The matter was further referred to Law Deptt. and Advocate General who intern advised the Revenue Deptt. to take the decision. The Revenue Authorities again clarified the issue and sent it to the Revenue Board for taking early decision. It is pertinent to mention here that Section-4 of the Agrarian Reform Act 1976 in clear term provides that sub-section (I) of the Act does not apply to the lands mentioned in Schedule - II of the Agrarian Reform Act i.e. State lands as well as Evacuee land allotted to DPs. So the question of self cultivation does not arise and after being granted proprietary rights the option lies with the DPs to use their small pieces of land as per their needs.

He appealed to Lt. Governor Manoj K. Sinha to intervene in the matter by issuing advisory to Shaleen Kabra, Chairman Revenue Board to convene the meeting of members of the board to take decision as per the spirit of the said order to save the DPs from further harassment and humiliation.

BJP lives in blood of people: Raina

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REASI: Stating that the BJP lives in the blood of the people of Reasi, BJP President Ravinder Raina asked the party activists to ensure that every single vote from 3 Assembly constituencies under Reasi District should be polled in favour of the Modi government.

Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir chaired a Booth Sammelan of Reasi Assembly constituency and workers meeting of Reasi District at Swastik Resort in Reasi.

Former Minister Ajay Nanda, Prabhari Reasi District Arvind Gupta, President District Reasi Rohit Dubey, senior leader Kuldeep Dubey, former MLA Baldev, Sheel Magotra, Sudesh Puri, Shashi Gupta, Romel Singh, Sukhdev Sing, Kabla Singh, Pawan Dev Singh, Shiv Kumar and other party leaders were also present on the occasion.

While addressing the prominent party workers of Reasi District, Ravinder Raina said that this belt



BJP J&K Chief Ravinder Raina addressing public gathering.

has always held the flag of BJP in high esteem. He remembered the works of great leaders like Rishi Kumar Kaushal and others who have contributed lot for the organizational growth, for the betterment of the people and the development in the area. He said that the BJP, while going into the Parliament election of 2024, is working on the vision of "Bharat of 2047".

"BJP lives in the blood of the people of Reasi. The people here have seen that how the BJP activists have fought for the rights of the people. The people here have lived the times of great struggle and know the sacrifices made by the party stalwarts in the service to

the nation, J&K and Reasi. Now, the party leaders and ground-level activists must ensure that every single vote from 3 Assembly constituencies under Reasi District should be polled in favour of the Modi government to elect it for the 3rd time in series and ensure a better future for the youth and continue with the unprecedented spree of development.

Ravinder Raina, in the meeting, also took review of the ongoing organizational works with respect to the Parliament election in Reasi Assembly constituency, Gulabgarh Assembly constituency and Shree Mata Vaishno Devi constituency falling under Reasi District.

Army organises interactive workshop with VDC

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RAJOURI: An interactive workshop with Village Defence Committee (VDC) members was organised at Siyal-Sui, Rajouri. A total of 115 VDC members and trainer were present during the workshop. During the workshop, the members displayed their training prowess and skill in weapon handling. All the members of VDC were assisted towards further improving their self defence capabilities and emphasis was laid on the role of Village Defence Committee. A lecture cum demonstration on Weapon Handling, Cleaning, Musketry and Minor Repairs of Weapons was conducted as part of the workshop. The event was also utilized to exchange views on The role of VDC including motivating youngsters for joining defence services & stay away from Narcotics.

GDC Mahanpur organises Best Out of Waste activity



College faculty members and students during the event.

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MAHANPUR: NSS Unit of GDC Mahanpur in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education and Department of Urdu organized a "Best Out of Waste" activity in Rehaila Village on the fifth day i.e. on 18th of March, 2024 of One Week NSS Winter Camp. Best out of waste ideas for nss volunteers can encourage creativity and innovation, as volunteers are challenged to come up with creative ways to turn the waste materials into something useful.

It was organised by Prof. Rupalee Jasrotia, (NSS

Programme Officer) in collaboration with Dr. J.S Soodan (HOD Department of Physical Education) and Dr. Sudesh (HOD Department of Urdu) under the supervision and able guidance of Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, Principal of the College. NSS volunteers organised an exhibition of their products in the Rehaila Village. The faculty members present on the occasion were Dr. J.S. Soodan, Dr. Mohinder, Dr. Sudesh, Dr. Sapna, Nisha, Dr. Hilal, Dr. Ajay, Dr. Anil, Dr. Suman and Dr. Sardar Bhatti. Refreshment was given to all the NSS Volunteers.

Private School Association highlights demands

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SAMBA: An impressive function was organized by the Private Schools of District Samba under banner of the J & K Private Schools Association in which was Kamal Gupta was the Chairman.

This function was organized by Krishen Singh Newly elected District President of Samba. More than 150 delegates from boarder, urban, semi urban, rural and Pahari area of District participated and discuss their teething problems.

While speaking members highlighted their problems which included irresponsible attitude of JKBOSE and Education department toward the private schools in granting Recognition /Affiliation. Most of the departments which are authorized by the government for the issuance of NOCs to the private schools needed for the recognition / affiliation usually harass the innocent private schools owners on one pretext or another. Till date Government of JKUT has not created any policy for the disposal of all files with regard to recognition / affiliation of Private schools in time bound manner. Entire system has



Members of Association after the meeting at Samba.

now been monopolized by the officials sitting at the helm and none of the official has been made accountable by the government for the non disposable of the cases in the time bound manner; they added.

President of the J & K Private Schools Association Ajay Gupta while addressing the august gathering said that although matter to establish single window clearance system to facilitate the private schools was brought in the notice of government but government is hell-bent to discourage and degrade especially the owners of the small private schools. Delay in granting recogni-

tion/ affiliation by the authorities, tagging of the students of private schools which are constructed on owned land with the government schools due to the non availability of recognition/ affiliation has become a proxy war for the small private schools by the government to increase the enrollment in government schools and in the CBSE schools, he added. All efforts which we had made to make teaching-learning effective has now crippled in current scenario. Although we had appealed to the Lieutenant Governor of the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha number of

Kishtwar Police organizes awareness programme on New Criminal Laws



Police officials along students during the programme.

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KISHTWAR: In order to spread awareness, District Police Kishtwar organized an awareness programme on new criminal laws at Govt. Degree College Kishtwar. The program was organized by Dy. SP Hqrs Dr. Ishan Gupta alongwith by SHO PS Kishtwar Insp Firdous Ahmed, under the guidance

of Sr. Superintendent of Police Kishtwar, Abdul Qayoom.

The event witnessed significant participation from renowned educationists, prominent individuals, and students of GDC Kishtwar & NSS Unit of GDC Kishtwar. They were made aware of the new criminal laws, namely "Bharatiya

Nyaya Sanhita" (BNS), "Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita" (BNSS), and "Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam" (BSA), which replace the colonial-era Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), and the Indian Evidence Act. The new laws include provisions that ensure justice for crime victims and society at large, emphasizing the modernization of the investigation process through the use of technology and setting timelines for trials. The participants appreciated the role of the Police in organizing the program and urged for more such initiatives to spread awareness among the general public about the implementation of new criminal laws.

DEO Udhampur chairs bankers meeting on MCC for LS Election

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UDHAMPUR: District Election Officer, Udhampur, Saloni Rai, presided over a crucial meeting concerning the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and the pivotal role of bankers in ensuring the smooth conduct of Lok Sabha election 2024 in the district.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Deputy DEO, Dr. Anirudh Rai, AROs, LDM, BMs and others stakeholders attended the meeting.

Detailed discussions were held on various aspects which includes facilitation in opening bank accounts by candidates and issuing cheque books, for sending suspicious transaction

report exceeding Rs.10 lakh, for explaining the procedure to be followed for ATM vans as per guideline of Ministry of Finance, ensure compliance of provisions related to defacement of property.

During the meeting, bankers were also briefed on the utilization of the eVIGIL portal and the standard operating procedures (SOP) to be followed for the seizure of any unidentified cash during the MCC period. Additionally, detailed discussions were held on the procedure for cash remittance between banks, with a mandate for reporting any cash withdrawals exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs to the Election Commission of India (ECI).

DEO Reasi chairs meeting with nodal officers on election preparedness



DEO Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan chairing a meeting.

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REASI: The District Election Officer Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, chaired a meeting with all nodal officers to discuss and review the preparedness for the upcoming elections. Key points addressed included the establishment of a control room, maintenance of law and order, coordination for the movement of polling parties, provision of parking facilities, EVM training, and transport management systems.

DEO Vishesh Mahajan emphasized the significance of these aspects in ensuring the smooth conduct of the electoral process. He emphasized that each polling station should be decorated, clean, well-equipped with electricity, water supply, and proper toilet facilities to ensure the convenience of voters and polling staff. DEO Reasi urged all nodal officers to continue their concerted efforts to uphold

the integrity and transparency of the electoral process in Reasi district.

ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal, ADC Kulbhushan Khajuria Nodal officer for MCC, PO Poshan Mohd Anwar Bandy Nodal officer for training, ACD Pardeep Kumar Nodal officers for logistics, Dy. DEO Rakesh Kumar, DIO Nasir Ahmed Nodal officer for SVEEP and other Nodal officers were present in the meeting.

Five-day course on new criminal laws commences

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POONCH: Five days course on New Criminal Laws commenced today at DPL Poonch. In the third batch of 05 days course (52) officers/officials of the rank of Constable to Sub Inspector of J&K police are participating.

The primary objective of the course is to understand the theme behind



Resource person delivering lecture.

the New Criminal Laws with an emphasis on significant changes. The necessary knowledge and understanding of these new laws, ensuring they are well-prepared to address contemporary challenges in law enforcement. In addition, the participants were made aware by the chairing officers about the comparisons of

old and new laws. Officers/officials had the opportunity to engage in interactive discussions, enhancing their comprehension and application of the new laws.

This initiative underscores the commitment of Police to provide comprehensive and relevant training to its personnel, ensuring they remain at the

forefront of law enforcement practices.

The course was formally inaugurated by DySP Pankaj Soodan, DAR DPL Poonch who in his inaugural address, briefed the participating officers/officials and emphasized upon them to gain knowledge of all the three new Criminal Laws viz. Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita-2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam-2023 for their proper use on ground after implementation of these Laws. This initiative underscores the commitment to providing comprehensive and relevant training to its personnel, ensuring they remain at the forefront of law enforcement practices.

SMVDU organises trekking to Devi Pindi Mata Mandir

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KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University embarked on a journey towards holistic student development with an exhilarating trekking event to Devi Pindi Mata Mandir near Panthal (Katra). Organized by Dr. Varun Dutta, Assistant Professor, SMVDU, Dr. Rajiv Kumar, NSS Coordinator and Mr. Gourav Jamwal, the event aimed at fostering personal growth and enhancing the overall personality of the students. The event received an enthusiastic response from the student body, with participants gearing up for an adventurous expedition amidst the picturesque landscapes of this route.

Flagging off the event, Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean of Academic Affairs, extended his heartfelt wishes to the participating students. He emphasized the significance of



Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean of Academic Affairs SMVDU flagging off trekkers.

such initiatives in nurturing a well-rounded development for the student community. Prof. Singh highlighted the importance of outdoor activities in instilling resilience, teamwork, and leadership skills among the students. During the trekking event, students had the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich local culture surrounding this trek route. From interacting with villagers to experie-

ning their culture, the students gained invaluable insights into the vibrant cultural tapestry of the region. This experiential learning not only deepened their understanding of the local heritage but also fostered a sense of appreciation and respect for diverse cultures. Through such interactions, students not only expanded their horizons but also forged meaningful connections with the communities they encoun-

tered along the way, contributing to their holistic development and cultural awareness. Vice Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar expressed heartfelt appreciation for the dedicated efforts put in by the organizing team in orchestrating such a remarkable event. He lauded their commitment to providing students with enriching experiences beyond the confines of the classroom, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives in fostering holistic development. With the successful culmination of the trekking event, SMVD University reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing the holistic development of its students. Such initiatives not only enhance academic learning but also cultivate essential life skills that are crucial for success in the ever-evolving global landscape.

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