

FPS dealers of J&K UT demand resolution of long-pending issues

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Fair Price Shop (FPS) Dealers Association of Jammu and Kashmir UT has urged the Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) to address their long-pending demands, which have remained unresolved since 2019. Despite multiple reminders, the authorities have failed to take any concrete action, leading to growing frustration among

FPS dealers. The association alleged misappropriation of funds by the department, stating that despite the availability of funds in 2024-25, they are being misused for self-interest instead of clearing the long-overdue liabilities of FPS dealers. FPS dealers have been awaiting commission payments from the Centre Share and Mid-Day Meal Scheme since 2019. The delay has caused severe

financial hardships. The association has demanded immediate approval of handling losses (wastage) charges, which have been pending for years. FPS dealers demand a minimum fixed consolidated amount of Rs 50,000, equivalent to government salesmen working under the ration department. They argue that they perform the same duties and should receive equal compensation.

In their final request to the Minister of FCS&CA, J&K UT, the association has warned that if their demands are not met, they will be forced to take stern action to protect their rights and prevent further harassment by the department. Association President Ajay Gupta reaffirmed their commitment to fighting for justice and ensuring that FPS dealers receive their rightful dues.

FDP on Indian Knowledge System concluded at CUJ

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu, in collaboration with UGC-MMTTC, successfully organized an eight-day (online) Faculty Development Program (FDP). The program was organized under the visionary leadership of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CU Jammu. The main focus was on the capacity building of educators and research scholars of social work on the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). This initiative, probably the first in North India, aimed to concretize the foundations of Social Work from 'Bhartiya Gyan Parampara' and reinvent social work education.

western model with Indian values system, integrating Yogic Science in therapy, Gandhian perspective and the contribution of Nanaji Deshmukh and Lok Mata Ahilya Devi Holkar in community development. The discussions emphasized the importance of contextualizing social work education in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, addressing diversity, contemporary challenges, and the need for an indigenous, culturally rooted approach to the discipline. The valedictory session was graced by Dr. Mahesh Chougule, Thammasarat University, Bangkok, Thailand, as the chief guest. In his address, he underscored the significance of an interdisciplinary approach, merging IKS with contemporary knowledge systems and localizing curricula to reflect Indian traditions and culture, thereby positioning IKS on a global platform.

attendees from 17 states and union territories. Dr. Neelika Arora, Director, MMTTC appreciated the organizing team for smooth coordination and congratulated on the successful conduct of the program. Dr. Akshay Kumar, Asst. Director, MMTTC, was also present in the valedictory session. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Vinay Kumar, Faculty, Dept. of social work acknowledging the valuable guidance of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CU Jammu, Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, Prof. Aswini Kr. Nanda, Dean, Social Sciences and the contributions of resource persons, participants, organizing committee members, and research scholars for successful completion of the FDP.

The FDP brought together 16 distinguished experts from various social work institutes, who explored the shift from Eurocentric social work education to an Indianized approach. The sessions covered a diverse range of topics, including Upanishads, concept of Dharma to Seva, Sankhya Philosophy, Values and teachings of Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta, Spirituality as a method of social work, replacing the

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Former VC supports Teaching Association of BGSBU, condemns arbitrary suspension of its President

STATE TIMES NEWS
LEH: The UT of Ladakh State Association of the Bharat Scouts and Guides was formally launched with the presentation of the warrant of appointment and honour of patta and administration of Scout Guide Promise to the officer bearers by the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) in the presence of First Lady Neelam Mishra; Chief National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides (BSG), Dr KK Khandelwal and officials from UT Ladakh and BSG at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

Youth Services and Sports, Tahir Hussain. Speaking at the event, the LG expressed his happiness to be a part of the programme as the new chapter of Bharat Scouts and Guides is being opened in Ladakh. Calling Bharat Scouts and Guides an ideal organisation, the LG commended the organisation for promoting services before self and for promoting culture, cooperation and devotion towards the nation among others. Stating that scouting means intelligence collection in Army language, he mentioned that guiding means to help and reiterated the need to scout and provide help wherever required.

menace in society and asked if Bharat Scouts and Guides members can help in raising awareness to tackle the issue. The LG also assured to provide all possible assistance to promote the organisation as a movement and not merely as an organisation as it would help in the personality development of Ladakhi youth. He also thanked Bharat Scouts and Guides for opening its chapter in Ladakh. The LG also administered the Scout Guide Promise to the new officer bearers of UT of Ladakh Association of Bharat Scouts and Guides.

services. Dr KK Khandelwal expressed gratitude to the HLG for being the patron and president of UT of Ladakh State Association of the Bharat Scouts and Guides and hoped that the Ladakh chapter would thrive under his guidance. Dr KK Khandelwal presented State byelaws and Charter of Affiliation of UT Ladakh State Association of Bharat Scouts and Guides to the LG. National Commissioner (Spl Programme), BSG, Wing Commander MM Joshi gave the vote of thanks. A video on BSG Diamond Jubilee Jamboree activities was screened on the occasion.

The LG is the Chief Patron and President of UT of Ladakh State Association of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, with Chief Secretary, Dr Pawan Kotwal, IAS, as the Patron and Principal Secretary, Sanjiv Khirwar, IAS, as the Vice-Patron. The new officer bearers of UT of Ladakh State Association of Bharat Scouts and Guides are Principal Secretary, Sanjiv Khirwar, IAS; Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Vikram Singh Malik; Director, School Education, Tsering Paldan; Under Secretary, Education, Sumera Shafi, and Joint Director,

Chief National Commissioner, BSG, Dr KK Khandelwal, apprised the LG of BSG being one of the largest youth organisations in the world, with the highest number of girls members in the world. He informed the HLG about the celebration of the diamond jubilee of Bharat Scouts and Guides as the organisation came into being on 7th November 1950 after the merger of the Boy Scouts Association in India and the Hindustan Scout Association. He also informed that members are provided military and life skills and trained in community

Principal Secretary, Sanjiv Khirwar; Commissioner/Secretary to the LG, Dr L Franklin, IAS; Under Secretary, Education, Sumera Shafi, JKAS; Joint Director, YSS, Tahir Hussain, JKAS; Chief Education Officer, Leh, Sonam Angelhuk; OSD to Secretary YSS, Dr Stanzin Thakehos; District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Leh, Tsering Tashi; DYSSO Kargil, Abid Hussain and officials/members of Bharat Scouts and Guides were present in the meeting.

JKCCC demands immediate payment release in JJM & R&B

Raises concerns over R&B Department's functioning

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Contractors Coordination Committee (JKCCC) has strongly urged the administration to immediately release long-pending payments owed to contractors working under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and other government projects. The Committee highlighted the severe financial crisis faced by local contractors due to non-payment of funds for the past two years, despite their work being completed on time. In a statement issued to the press, JKCCC Chairman Ghulam Jeelani Purza expressed disappointment over the administration's failure to honor its commitments. "The government had announced an expenditure of Rs 10,000 crore under the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme in Jammu & Kashmir. Initially, tenders were floated, making it difficult for local contractors to qualify. However, at that time, the government called us for intervention and encouragement. We participated actively and completed the projects as per the given time. As of now, J&K contractors have executed work worth Rs 1,500 crore under JJM and have successfully completed 15 major projects. Unfortunately, despite assurances, our payments remain stuck, causing severe distress to contractors," he stated.

recruitment, existing officials are being given additional posts and responsibilities. This has resulted in a severe administrative backlog. Development projects across J&K are suffering due to this negligence. The lack of technical oversight is causing unnecessary project delays, and to date, no substantial progress has been made on several major works," he said. Raina urged the J&K Government, led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, who oversees the R&B Department, to take immediate corrective measures. "If urgent action is not taken to fill vacant posts and streamline pending payments, development in Jammu & Kashmir will continue to suffer," he said. The JKCCC has called on the authorities to address these critical issues without delay to ensure the seamless execution of developmental projects and to protect the interests of local contractors who have played a vital role in the region's progress.

On the occasion, the LG highlighted the issue of feral dog

Purza further lamented that over Rs 400 crore owed to J&K contractors remains unpaid. "This delay is unjustifiable and has put contractors in a financial crisis. With the holy month of Ramadan ongoing, our contractors are struggling due to a lack of funds. I appeal to the J&K Government, led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary Shaleen Kabra and all concerned authorities to ensure that these payments are released without any further delay," he added. The JKCCC Chairman also pointed out the alleged discrimination against Kashmir-based contractors compared to their counterparts in Jammu. "Before 2019, funds for these schemes were readily available. Now, despite the government's claims that financial allocations exist, payments worth Rs 250 crore for Kashmir-based contractors are still pending. Why is there discrimination? Jammu-based contractors have received their payments, with only Rs 17 crore still pending, whereas our bills are gathering dust," he questioned. JKCCC Senior Executive Member Anim Raina raised serious concerns about the functioning of the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department. He highlighted that the department is facing an acute shortage of technical staff and Superintending Engineers (SEs). "Several key positions remain vacant, and instead of fresh

Delegation of casual labourers/daily-rated workers of Sub-Transmission Division Kargil calls on LG Brig Mishra

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JAMMU:LEH: A delegation of casual labourers and daily-rated workers of the Sub-Transmission Division, Kargil called on the Lt Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd) at the Lt Governor's Secretariat to discuss matters concerning their remuneration. The delegation sought the HLG's intervention to enhance their wages. During the meeting, the delegation informed the LG that despite having Aadhaar-seeded accounts, they were not included in the list of 1900 casual labourers whose remunerations were enhanced. They highlighted their continuous service of over eight years and requested the LG to address their concerns and improve their remuneration. The LG assured the delegation that a committee would be formed to thoroughly examine their matter. He emphasised that the guidelines set forth by the Supreme Court of India regarding casual workers would be followed, and decisions would be made accordingly. The LG also reassured the delegation that their wages would not be decreased and that they would be paid minimum wages, as determined by the committee. Principal Secretary, Sankeet Khirwar; Commissioner/Secretary to the HLG Dr. L Franklin, IAS; Director Finance, Dr. Saffar Ali, and Superintending Engineer PDD, Tundup Spalzang were present during the meeting.

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CREMATION



Sh. Anil Kumar Sharma (AEE)

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of **Sh. Anil Kumar Sharma (AEE)** S/o Late Dr. Jagdish Kumar Sharma (Tarore Wale) R/o H.No.73, Sector-4, Channi Himmat, Jammu who left for her heavenly abode on 5th March, 2025.

Cremination shall take place on at **Channi Himmat Cremination Ground** at Thursday, 6th March, 2025 at 11:00 AM

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Anita Sharma - Wife
Sh. Anuj & Smt. Vasudha Sharma - Sons and Daughters-in-law
Sh. Aseem Sharma - Son
Brothers & Bhabis
Sh. Ashok Sharma & Smt. Vijay Lakshmi
Sh. Vijay Sharma & Smt. Santosh Sharma
Brig Ajay Sharma & Smt. Renu Sharma
Sister and Brother-in-law
Smt. Meena Sharma & Sh. Surinder Sharma
Contact No: 8803190015, 9873499445

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our dearest **Sh Roop Krishan Ganjoo (Retd AGM BSNL Jammu)** S/o Late Pream Nath Ganjoo erstwhile resident of Aghahamam Lane Habbakadal Srinagar Kashmir, presently at Saptagiri Sanghvi Hills Anand Nagar Ghodbunder Road Thane West-400615 (Mumbai) on 26-02-2025 early hour.

10th, 11th & 12th Day Kriya of the pious soul will be performed at Haridwar on 6th, 7th & 8th March 2025.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY SAMAST GANJOO & HAUSTU PARIVAR
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9819389020 (MONU)
9819003735 (DEEPU)



Sh Roop Krishan Ganjoo (Retd AGM BSNL Jammu)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we would like to inform sad passing away of our dearly beloved Mother **Smt Kishni Pandita** Wd/o Late Sh. Kashi Nath Pandita on 25th Feb 2025 at Jagti Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at TRT Nagrota on Thursday 6th march 2025.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Samast Pandita Parivar of Irkumoo Chand Ji Pandita- 9596648171- Son
Neharika Pandita - Daughter in Law
A.K Tickoo - Son in law
Pushpa Tickoo - Daughter
Lalita Pandita - Daughter, W/o Lt Sh. A.K Pandita
Grand Children: Neeraj Pandita, Archana, Agha, Deepak Pandita & Anmol Tickoo



Smt Kishni Pandita

10TH DAY/KRIYA

This is with heavy heart to inform **Smt. Sheela Ji Trakroo** W/o Lt. Sh. Shayam Sunder Lal Trakroo suddenly left for heavenly abode on 26-02-2025 at Jallandher residence originally from Gogji bagh Srinagar Kashmir

Om Shanti Om
Samast Trakroo Parivar
10th Day Kriya will be on 07-03-2025 at Beas River, Beas Jalandhar Amritsar Highway, Punjab Time: 11 am.
Daughter & Son-in-law
Geetanjali Warikoo - 9855961799
Ramesh Warikoo - 9814361799
Daughter-in-law & Son
Anita Trakroo - 9780933306
Rajiv Trakroo - 9882311094
Son - Sanjiv Trakroo - 9878431370



Smt. Sheela Ji Trakroo

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we would like to inform about the untimely demise of **Sh. Mohan Shah** S/o (Late) Sh. Prem Nath Shah of Martand, Mattan District Anantnag, Kashmir, at present House No. 5, Lane 1, Adarsh Nagar, Paloura, Jammu.

Tenth Day falls on 10-03-2025 and will be performed at Akhnour Ghat. Assembly will be held at residence at 11:30 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Suman Shah- Wife
Smt. Pyari and Mr. Maharaj Shah- Sister-In-Law and Brother
Mrs. Sheetal and Mr. Rohin Ji- Sister and Brother in Law
Mrs. Poonam and Ankit Chaturvedi - Sister and Brother in Law
Mrs Ruchi and Mr. Rakesh Thusoo- Sister and Brother in Law
Smt. Nisha and Sh. Amit Shah- Daughter in Law and Son
Contact: 9999361796, 9419279629, 9906730378



Sh. Mohan Shah

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we deeply regret to inform about the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Pyari (Shama Bhat)** W/o Lt. Sh. Makhan Lal Bhat originally resident of Fatehpura Anantnag (Kmr.) at present H.No. C/113, Sector-2 near M.Dass School Durga Nagar Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Akhnour Ghat on 09.03.2025 (Sunday) and the Mourning Assembly will be held at Muthi Ghat near Director School of Education at 10.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Dolly Bhat (Daughter-in-law)
Son & Daughter-in-law
Ravinder Bhat & Princy Bhat
Priyanka Bhat, Pranoy Bhat & Dewanshi Bhat (Grand children)
Contact No. 9419131406, 8717031596



Smt. Pyari (Shama Bhat)

ANTIM ARDAS

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you of the sad demise of our beloved **S. Pritam Singh Retired PWD Department**, R/O Mohalla Kama Khan, W.No.07, Poonch.

Aramb of Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 06-03-2025 at 9:00 AM at our residence.

Bogh of Shri Akhand Path on 08-03-2025.

Kirtan and Antim Ardass at Gurudwara Baithak Mahant Mohar Singh Ji, near District Hospital Poonch from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sdn. Kamla Kour (Wife)
Gurmeet Singh (Son)
Satwinderpal Singh (Son)
Media Reporter
Ranjeet Kour & Kamarjit Singh (Daughter and her Husband)
Surinder Kou & Parvinder Singh (Daughter & her Husband)
Mob: 9469090860, 9622264182, 9906206913



S. Pritam Singh Retired PWD Department

TENTH DAY KRIYA & PRAYER MEETING

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you that **Shri Awtar Krishan Malik**, formerly a resident of 10-Hazuri Bagh, Lane No-6, Bohri, Jammu, recently residing at E-406, Satisar Apartment, Plot No-6, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi, left for his heavenly abode on Wednesday, 26th Feb, 2025.

A **Prayer Meeting** will be held at the Community Centre, Satisar Apartment, Plot No-6, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi, on Friday, March 7, 2025, between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Ganga Canal, Muradnagar, Uttar Pradesh, on Friday, March 7, 2025, at 8:00 AM.

Samasth Malik Family, Near & Dear Ones.
Contact: 8878717000



Shri Awtar Krishan Malik

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Phoola Ji** W/o Sh. Hriday Nath Bhat of village Hawal Pulwama at present H.No. 168 Sector I near JKB ATM Durga Nagar on 26-02-2025.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed at Akhnour Ghat on 07-03-2025 and Assembly will be held at our residence H.No. 168, Sector I, Durga Nagar Jammu at 11.30 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sh. Hriday Nath Bhat- Husband
Smt. Sunita Mattoo & Sh. Ashok Mattoo - Daughter & Son-in-Law
Smt. Sujata & Sh. Sanjay Bhat- Son & Daughter-in-Law
Smt. Shanta Bhat W/o Late Justice M.L. Bhat
Smt. Shama Ji Kachroo W/o Late J.L. Kachroo
Smt. Santosh & Sh. G.L. Bhat
Smt. Tosha Ji W/o Late P.K. Bhat
Grand Children: Snehal Mattoo, Saitu Bhat, Kartike, Iyriah Mattoo



Smt. Phoola Ji

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Kishni Koul** W/o Lt. Narinder Nath Koul R/o House No - 160, Phase II, Victoria Estate, Defence Road, Near Partap World School, Pathankot, Punjab and originally from Chinkral Mohalla, Habba Kadal, Srinagar.

10th Day Kriya shall be performed at Barfani Mandir, National Highway, Near Nalwa Bridge, Pathankot, on Thursday, the 6th March at 10.00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Sister in Law
Smt. Subash Koul W/o Lt. J. L. Koul
Son and Daughter in law
Suman Koul & Sunita Koul
7889436974 , 9417249642
Daughter & Son in law
Rita Koul & Avtar K Koul
Anjali Kotru w/o Lt.Sushil Kotru
Surekha Raina & Sanjay Raina
Jyoti Pandita & Biloo Pandita



Smt. Kishni Koul

RASAM PAGRI

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt. Rano Devi** W/o Sh. Des Raj Khajuria R/o House No 144-B, Ram Vihar, Near Monalisa Showroom, Old Janipur Jammu on 23rd of February, 2025.

RASAM PAGRI/UTHALA will be performed on Friday, 7th March, 2025 at Prachin Shiv Mandir, Pandoka Colony (on Patoli-Paloura Road) from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-
Des Raj Khajuria (Retd Tehsildar) (Husband)
Daughters-in-laws & Sons
Veenu & Vijay Khajuria (LIC of India)
Rohini (Govt. Teacher) & Ashwani Khajuria, JKAS (Director Hospitality & Protocol, J&K)
Daughters & Son-in-laws
Darshana Sharma & Late Sh Ashok Sharma
Sureshtha Sharma & Sh Madan Lal Sharma (Ashoka Dry fruits Railway Station Jammu)
Sunita Khajuria (Govt. Teacher) & Sh Agninder Bakshi, (Executive Engineer, SIDCO J&K)
Grand Children:- Marvi, Astitva, Aanvi & Danish, Aryansh, Rahul & Rubey, Aana & Rahul, Preeti & Puneet, Sukriti & Kanav, Abhishek, Abhey, Neha Bakshi
Mob.9419804945, 9419154693, 9419170818, 9419133864



Smt. Rano Devi

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