

VC JU emphasises for e-governance, congenial work environment; transparency in office functioning

Pays maiden visit to Administrative, Academic & Examination Wings



VC JU, Prof Umesh Rai interacting with faculty and officials during visit to the Administrative, Academic and Examination Wings of JU.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In an endeavour to interact and assess the working environment of the faculty, Officers and Non-teaching staff, Vice-Chancellor of the Jammu

University, Prof Umesh Rai on Wednesday paid his maiden visit to the Administrative, Academic and Examination Wings of the Varsity. Vice-Chancellor empha-

sized on providing a better working environment with well-equipped infrastructure. Prof Rai gave on spot necessary directions to the concerned officers to start

the process of introducing Modular Work Stations/State of the art Office infrastructure for the employees in a phased manner as per the contemporary requirements. Vice-Chancellor exuded that University must gear up for the introduction of e-Governance to improve transparency and objectivity in the overall functioning of the University. During the visit, Prof

Rai said that we must realise the paramount importance of basic facilities like adequate availability of drinking water, electricity and clean washrooms etc for staff and students.

Vice-Chancellor also observed that there is a need for the augmentation of the Central Storage facility in the University and in that regard on spot directions was passed on to the Executive Engineer.

Vice-Chancellor also interacted with the staff of various Sections and enquired about their work processes and related needs.

Vice-Chancellor was flanked by Prof Naresh Padha, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof Rajni Kant, Director, CDC, Prof Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof Jasbir Singh, COE, Prof Parkash Antahal, DSW besides other Senior Officials of the University.

Congress leaders visit temple in Sidhra

Bhalla, Sawhney demand strict action against accused involved in vandalism of idols



Working President JKPC Raman Bhalla, former Minister Yogesh Sawhney and others during visit to temple at Sidhra.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Senior Congress leaders Working President JKPC Raman Bhalla and Former Minister Yogesh Sawhney General Secretary PCC InCharge District President Jammu Urban along with other Congress leaders on Wednesday visited Village Bagein in Sidhra where idols of deities at a temple were damaged by unidentified people. In the incident, an attempt was made to harm the idols that were kept in the temple by unknown persons. Devotees living in the nearby region discovered the damaged idols and

expressed deep disappointment over the incident. Working President PCC Raman Bhalla speaking on the incident condemned the action of the people respond and called it an attempt to vitiate the atmosphere in the village. He said that the people should be vigilant and keep the atmosphere calm. Such incidents are not acceptable and the police will do the necessary to ensure that they do not repeat. The government too must keep a check on security arrangements in all localities, and places of worship. People's sentiments are

attached with the temple and such an incident should not be taken lightly to prevent future re-occurrences.

Former Minister Yogesh Sawhney also stated that the act is strongly condemnable and it hurts the sentiments of the devotees and all residents of the village who come here to offer their prayers.

It might be possible that the miscreants attempted to destroy the idols intentionally to incite tensions in the village. Sawhney further added that while such acts of vandalism mustn't be tolerated in society, people must be advised to maintain peace and harmony nonetheless. The authorities will do their job and catch the culprits who are responsible for this incident. On the other hand, this also raises concerns on security arrangements which should be taken up by the authorities as a serious issue, he said.

Along with Raman Bhalla and Yogesh Sawhney, senior leaders visited the temple including Pawan Dev Singh, Atul Sharma, Chander Sheikhar Sharma, Jatin Vashisht, Latish Sharma, Hoshair Singh Chib, Rakesh Sharma, Sunil Kumar, Mr. Chadda and others.

Dwivedi chairs meet regarding commemoration of Maharaja Hari Singh's birthday

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: The second meeting of Committee constituted to consider different aspects for commemoration of birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh and its observance in general under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, was held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi.

Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Dr. Raghav Langer, Additional Secretary, General Administration Department, Rohit Sharma and representative of Culture department participated in the meeting. The Committee had threadbare discussion on views recorded by prominent historians and academicians regarding contribution of Maharaja Hari Singh. It decided that other related aspects and information with regard to contribution of Maharaja Hari Singh requires further deliberation comparing similar provisions for eminent persons with similar background in other states and Union Territories as well as abolition and declaration of holidays in Jammu and Kashmir in the recent past.

It was decided that as soon as the requisite information is compiled, the Committee shall finalize recommendations after deliberating upon all these aspects and submit the report before the government for final decision in the matter.

Sadhotra terms empowerment as game-changer for women upliftment

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Former minister and senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhokra on Wednesday called for effective measures to encourage substantive equality and opportunity for all to grow at all levels, saying women's economic empowerment in particular could prove a game changer for their upliftment.

Interacting with women folk at Lower Muthi in Jammu, Sadhokra also stressed the need for addressing the gender gaps in jobs, entrepreneurship and other economic activities.

The former minister said that during different spells of National Conference government there has been significant headway in this regard and yet more is required to be done, especially in rural and semi urban areas.

For realizing the goal of women emancipation and empowerment, he said focussed attention is imperative for meeting the needs of girls and women in terms of education, health care and career advancement.

He said economic emancipation is equally important for their overall growth and expressed happiness over their growing involvement in decision making. He said this process has to be redoubled to end gender bias, as also to ensure their larger participation in societal development in a big way.

Sadhokra said history stands



Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhokra interacting with womenfolk at Lower Muthi.

testimony to efforts made by National Conference in promoting female literacy and ensuring their economic empowerment even when education of girl child was a taboo in many states of the countries.

In this context, he referred to tireless efforts of Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah and particularly Mad-e-Meharban Begum Abdullah, who devoted herself to the cause of girl child.

As a result of their concerted efforts, a huge transformation has taken place in the status of women in Jammu and Kashmir.

Subsequently also, the party continued to work for their right place in the society, he said and referred to 50 per cent female reservation in the medical colleges during the tenure of Dr Farooq Abdullah as Chief Minister.

This was a path breaking initiative and a pioneering step towards women empowerment,

he added.

The women, he said, have greatly contributed in various fields, be it administration, academics or health care. Given opportunity, they have proven to be second to none. In academics, it is heartening that the girl students are maintaining edge and continuing to outshine, rekindling hope of a great future for them. Female education is all the more important for the healthy evolution of the society, he said while referring to the adage that if a woman is educated the entire family is educated.

Sadhokra exhorted women to play their destined and designated role in emancipation of the society as responsible mothers. Upon them lies the responsibility of a healthy and progressive society, he added.

Others who spoke on the occasion are Ghar Singh Chib Corporator, Satya Jamwal, Sreshtha Manhas, Asha Mehra and Gurnam Singh.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Chairman Team Jammu Zorawar Singh Jamwal, who is also the Vice-President of Press Club of Jammu, released a Dogri DJ song "Paabhi Jandi Pekde", sung by noted singer Bishan Sayal, in an impressive ceremony here on Wednesday.

Senior journalist Dinesh Mahajan, who is also the Executive Member of Jammu Press Club was the Guest of Honour while Director of album K K Malhotra and Amit Mahajan, Chairman PCI Folk Music were special guests on the occasion.

The song has been pictured in Jammu at various locations and depicts the love and affection between a Bhabhi (sister-in-law) and Devar (brother-in-law).

Speaking on the occasion, Zorawar Singh Jamwal expressed happiness over the growing love of the artists and the people for Dogri language and wished good luck to entire team for their future endeavours. He said there has been growing popu-

Dogri album 'Paabhi Jandi Pekde' released

Budding artists giving Dogri language national recognition: Zorawar



Chairman Team Jammu Zorawar Singh Jamwal and others releasing a Dogri DJ song "Paabhi Jandi Pekde".

larity of Dogri language among the masses in J&K and across the country.

"Dogri language is not limited to the boundaries of Jammu and Kashmir only. It is getting fast recognition at national and international level due to the hard work and extraordinary talent of our budding artists. Like Punjabi language, Dogri has now broken the barriers of regional boundaries and it is now fast growing language among the people," highlighted Zorawar Singh Jamwal.

Team Jammu chief also appreciated the talent of young and budding singers

singing songs in Dogri language, and favoured earnest efforts from all stakeholders for further promotion of Dogri language and culture. Jamwal also extended whole-hearted support to young artists and singers for promoting Dogri language and culture.

In his address, Sr. Journalist Dinesh Mahajan congratulated the entire team of Dogri DJ song 'Paabhi Jandi Pekde' and wished them good luck for all their future endeavours.

Dinesh Mahajan said that youth of Jammu region are full of talent and the only

need is to channelize their positive energies in different fields. He hoped that the Dogri album would not just stand in J&K and but in the entire country.

K K Malhotra, in his address, gave a brief overview of Dogri album and hoped that the people would shower their love on them by sharing and liking the song.

The music of song has been given by Ashh K while Danish Mir is the Assistant Director. The song was choreographed by Prerna. The song features Laxmi Thappa, Miksha, Nazia Malik and Vikrant.

Advisor Bhatnagar reviews progress on implementation of JJM across J&K

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar on Wednesday impressed upon the engineers of Jal Shakti Department to come up with tangible results regarding implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Advisor was speaking in a meeting called to discuss the progress achieved under the Mission till date.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary Jal Shakti Department, M Raju; MD, JJM, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah; Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers of the department besides other officers and officials associated with the Mission.

Out station based officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing from their respective districts.

While reviewing the tendering and allotment of works under the Mission, Advisor Bhatnagar urged upon the Executing agencies to take up all the remaining works in

hand in this working season only. He enjoined upon them to complete the mission target before the onset of winter season along with integration of all the components. He urged them to prioritize the works so that best outcomes are achieved in this working season.

Advisor Bhatnagar also took note of the tendering process of all the works to be done under this national mission. He stressed on the fact that no reservation would be acceptable of any sort for not meeting the renewed deadline fixed today. He maintained that every sort of liberation has been extended to the executing agencies for meeting the targets and now it is time to start delivering as there is no scope of any laxity.

The Advisor further exhorted upon the officers to maintain the quality of all the works and certify at the end about proper working of each connection provided to the households. He underscored that the PM Office is itself keenly monitoring this aspect of the mission and it has to be seriously taken care of. He also asked them to look into

incentivizing works that are completed earlier.

The Commissioner Jal Shakti Department gave the overall scenario of the Mission throughout J&K. He revealed that all the guidelines and directions from time to time have been implemented. He informed the chair that his office is acting as a facilitator in every sense for successful culmination of this prestigious mission. He provided the timeline of different activities taken up under this mission till date.

The MD, JJM informed the Advisor that there are few grey areas that needs attention. He revealed that besides augmentation of the manpower in the JJM Cells at both Srinagar and Jammu, the process of evaluation of bids needs to be accelerated. He assured that once the works are allotted the same would be ensured to be completed within their specific deadlines.

The Advisor asked the concerned Chief Engineers to hire staff through outsourcing if necessary as there is no dearth of funds under the mission.

He reminded them that it is

a rare opportunity for all of them to write their names in golden letters. He asked them to own this mission and its objectives as it is a one off opportunity for all of them to provide the safe drinking water to whole population, something that could only be dreamed of few years ago. The Advisor was informed that under the mission 485680 tap water connections have been provided to households till date and more 774044 connections are being provided to cover whole population. It was said that each school, health and Anganwadi centre has already been provided a tap water connection under this mission.

It was further revealed that

in order to achieve the targets of this mission some 1156 bore wells/ tube wells, 509 over head tanks, 1595 filtration plants, 7946 service reservoirs, and 86017 kms length of pipes besides other infrastructure is proposed under this mission. It was also revealed that this mission is a transformational one with abundant funding provided to the J&K.

Pertinent to mention here that the mission aims at providing safe drinking water connection to each of the rural household. J&K proposed to complete around 3053 water supply schemes under this mission with a whopping cost of around Rs 11000 crores under Jal Jeevan Mission in the UT.

AB-PMJAY SEHAT: Signature campaign cum awareness programme held at Purmandal

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: A signature cum awareness programme was on Wednesday organised at Block Development Office, Purmandal to speed up registration and apprise people about the benefits of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) SEHAT scheme.

The programme was organized by Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Department in consultation with district administration and concerned Block Medical Officer (BMO).

Chairman Municipal Committee Bari Brahmana, Sarpanch, Panch and Radio Jockey participated in the campaign.

The signature campaign witnessed huge participation of people, who have already registered for (AB PM-JAY) SEHAT and possessed golden cards. The participants shared their experience and asked others to avail cash less medical treatment.

Speaking on the occasion, BMO, Dr Shamim Choudhary said that the purpose of the initiative was

to speed up the registration for SEHAT scheme and to mobilise the left out population so that they are entitled to the benefits of Golden Card.

He added that special registration drive is going on at all BDO offices across Samba district.

"People need to carry their Ration card and Aadhar card to obtain their Golden card. People with Ayushman Bharat Golden card can get free treatment of up to Rs 5 Lakh at all government and empanelled private hospitals across India," he said.

The AB-PMJAY scheme is the world's largest health insurance scheme fully financed by the government. This scheme provides a cover of Rs 500,000 per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation. This ambitious health insurance scheme enables all residents of Jammu and Kashmir including employees and pensioners as well as their families to avail cashless quality health care services across public and private empanelled hospitals across India.

Panchayat Secretariats established across Bishnah block

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: As a part of month-long Gram Swaraj Abhiyan, multifarious activities were conducted on Wednesday at various Panchayats of Block Bishnah by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj in collaboration with the locals and

the PRI members. Massive Plantation drives were conducted by the RDD department in collaboration with the locals and the PRIs in all the Panchayats of the block.

Similarly, a series of other activities including awareness regarding Swachh Bharat Abhiyan,


Cleaning Water Bodies were held, besides Panchayat secretariats were set up at the designated places in each Panchayat with the aim to extend all the public services to the people at their doorstep through common platform.

The Government has launched a 100-point pro-

gramme for saturation of activities under Gram Swaraj Month and establishment of Panchayat Secretariat is one of the key points of this 100-point program.

These Panchayat Secretariats have been set up for the benefit of the general public as officials from line departments will

sit in the Panchayat Secretariat and listen to the grievances of the general public. Various support activities, cleanliness drive, plantation drive as well as awareness programme were also conducted by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj along PRI members.



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General Public is hereby informed that Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India proposes to amend Sections/Sub-Sections 20(4), 20(5), 36(2)(f) and 36(2)(g) of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014. Accordingly, features of the draft Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Amendment Bill, 2022 have been prepared and placed on the website of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (<https://mohua.gov.in/>) for inviting suggestions/ comments/inputs of the General Public/ Stake Holders. Suggestions/ comments/inputs may be submitted in the prescribed format, via e-mail, as given on the Ministry's website within 30 days from the date of publishing of this Notice.

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