

Hotel KC City Centre brings Taj Hotels to Jammu

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JAMMU: The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL) announced the signing of a Vivanta in Jammu with Hotel KC City Centre.

Located in Jammu—the base camp for the holy pilgrimage of Vaishno Devi, the hotel is located 5 kilometres from the Jammu airport and is beautifully located overlooking River Tawi, Bahu Fort and all the highlights of Jammu city in the heart of Jammu.

Speaking on the signing, Puneet Chhatwal, CEO and MD of Taj Hotels, Resorts and Palaces at The Indian Hotels Company Limited said,

"We are pleased to partner with Hotel KC City Centre in bringing the Vivanta brand to Jammu. The KC Group is an 80 year old group and is the oldest group of Jammu with footprints in Education, Automobile dealerships, Malls, Multiplexes, Industrial Units and just as IHCL which is a part of the Tata conglomerate and is the best and the strongest hotel brand in the world, KC led by Raju Chowdhary is the most reputed group in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. This announcement is aligned with our strategy of expanding our footprint and driving growth across popular pilgrimage and tourist



Puneet Chhatwal, CEO and MD of Taj Hotels, Resorts and Palaces and Raju Chowdhary, Chairman KC Group after signing MoU.

destinations."

The signing ceremony was held at the IHCL Office at Express Towers, Nariman Point in Mumbai.

Chhatwal was accompanied by his team comprising of Suma Venkatesh, Executive Vice President, Real Estate and Development, IHCL, Archana Ram, Vice President at Taj Group of Hotels and IHCL.

Raju Chowdhary, Chairman KC Group was accompanied by Managing Director Siddhant Chowdhary along with Arjun Chowdhary and Arti Chowdhary, Directors of Hotel KC City Centre.

Chhatwal especially lauded the efforts of Siddhant Chowdhary,

Managing Director KC City Centre and his IHCL team member Archana Ram in negotiating and concluding the agreement.

Vivanta Jammu, an 88-room hotel is strategically located in the heart of the city, a comfortable driving distance from the airport, railway station as well as important business complexes.

The hotel's dining options will include an all-day dining restaurant, a rooftop restaurant, a bar and a specialty restaurant.

The recreational facilities will be an All weather heated rooftop swimming pool, fitness center, spa and 4 Banquet halls and meeting rooms for social and business gatherings.

Hotel KC City Centre previously a Ramada is slated to complete renovations in 2022.

Commenting on the partnership, Raju Chowdhary, Chairman at KC Group said, "We are delighted to partner with The Indian Hotels Company Limited. We look forward to working with them to bring their unique Vivanta brand and legendary experience to visitors to the city of temples Jammu."

He added that due to tireless efforts of the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, for the past one year to attract investment,

national and international players have developed the confidence of investing in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The present tie up with world renowned Tata group and sons of the soil KC group is a step in that direction," he added.

Hotel KC City Centre which was earlier a Ramada will further be refurbished to bring the hotel to Vivanta brand standards.

Taj Vivanta Jammu will be the first IHCL branded hotel in Jammu, strengthening the company's presence in the Union Territory.

PHDCCI J&K denounces proposed hike in power tariff, demands immediate rollback

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JAMMU: The PHDCCI J&K, in a joint statement has demanded immediate rollback of proposal for average 12.46 per cent & 17.74 per cent power tariff hike in domestic, industrial, Commercial, agriculture categories. Rahul Sahai said the power tariff hike will be an unbearable burden on common people. He further added that even after enhancing tariff, the department would neither be able to meet revenue deficit nor net revenue requirement of FY 2022-23.

Rahul Sahai Chairman PHDCCI Jammu and Baldev Singh Raina Chairman PHDCCI Kashmir, stated that the proposed power tariff hike would

impact domestic, industrial as well as commercial consumers. "We therefore request Electricity Regulatory Commission, to thoroughly examine proposals of JPDCL and KPDCL and spare poor and middle-class domestic and existing Industrial and service sector consumers from this unnecessary power hike as all economic sectors are already saddled with uncertainty. We request UT administration not to increase the electricity tariff for financial year 2022-23. The tariff applicable for all categories of consumers should be kept same level as the previous year. The elec-



tricity commission and KPDCL & JPDCL should consider it prudent not to hike the power rate because of problems faced by people of J&K due to COVID-19, lockdowns and other issues," the members added. Baldev Singh Raina urged UT administration to earmark budget and additional funds as subsidy for electricity consumption by domestic and agricultural consumers to neutralize effect of increase in tariff. Moreover, there should be announcement for free electricity for domestic consumers having monthly consumption upto 150 units, he added.

No convincing argument with CEC to justify delimitation: JKPCC

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JAMMU: JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma has rebutted the claim of Chief Election Commissioner that everything is fine with the delimitation report and said his assertions lack any convincing arguments, in view of unreasonable dissections of several constituencies, large variations in Inter population and totally against the geographical situations etc.

Reacting to the interview of CEC justifying the final report, JKPCC Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said that it amounts to adding insult to the injury.

The vast majority of people irrespective of political affiliations, caste, creed, colour, religion and region were raising voice against several anomalies, hoping some modifications to rectify the blunders but the one sided draft report was finalized.

The CEC should know how the existing segments were unreasonably split and readjusted in such manner that no settled norms appear to have been kept in mind, be it contiguity, connectivity, population, geographical situation and



public convenience, in most cases.

There are class examples of large variations and deviations from norms within district, district to districts, regions and there is no uniformity in population, area, topography.

Congress has always impressed upon adhering to the delimitation norms, in letter and spirit and justice to all areas, however same was not done in this case. The Rajouri Poonch is neither having proper connectivity or topographical/ geographical contiguity rather kishtwar, Banihal had better parameters of contiguity, geographical, topographical situation and connected with highway or other routes but why Rajouri Poonch was clubbed with Anantnag, he wanted to know.

The earlier delimitation report was put before state legislature in 1987 and following objections by representatives, it was referred to review commission.

This is the right approach in a democracy and party shall continue to raise its voice individually and collectively, against the injustice with most areas, putting public to inconvenience and disadvantage, he added.

Kazmi urges Govt not to increase electricity charges in J&K

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JAMMU: Apni Party Trade Union President, Ajaz Kazmi on Tuesday appealed to the Govt not to hike the electricity rates in Jammu and Kashmir as it would put the people in general to unnecessary financial crises.

In a statement in reaction to the electricity increase, he said that the Govt should not increase the price of the electricity.

"The PDD has not been able to provide adequate power supply in Jammu amid the soaring heat yet the decision to increase the electricity charges will create an unbearable situation for the people of Jammu as well as Kashmir," he said.

He said that the auto drivers, rehri walas, small shopkeepers, daily wagers, house boat own-

ers, shikara owners, hoteliers, restaurant/dhaba owners and others whose income is very less would be forced to face situation which can be averted with mature decision of no increasing it in J&K.

He said that PDD should have enhanced its capability of supplying electricity to each and every household across Jammu and Kashmir even in remote areas round the clock but it has failed and now the decision to increase the tariff will add further problems.

Prominent among those who were present in the meeting include provincial president, Raj Sharma, provincial vice president, Sheikh Abdul Latif, district president urban, Anirudh Vasist, provincial secretary, Mohd Ashraf and District Secretary Mudassir Shah.

IIM Jammu to offer scholarships to students from EWS



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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu with a motto to provide cross-cultural exposure and a global perspective to the students has developed an extensive International Students Exchange Programme (SEP) and Academic International Events every year.

The Exchange Programme has become increasingly

popular with the students. The Institute is to offer 20 scholarships of Rs. 1.5 lakh each for meritorious students from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) to participate in the Students Exchange Programme (SEP) and Academic International Events every year.

Speaking on the occasion,

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