

# Future of energy belongs to renewable sources: Independent Director NHPC Ltd

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JAMMU: Prof. (Dr.) Amit Kansal, Independent Director NHPC Ltd, visited Jammu on a 4-day visit of UT of J&K. He had joined Board of Directors of NHPC Ltd as an Independent Director on September 21, 2022.

He was given a warm welcome by the Executive Director, NHPC Regional Office, Jammu along with senior officers on his arrival at Jammu.

Dr. Amit Kansal is coming directly from Chamara and Sewa Power Stations. He had also visited Subansiri H E Project for which he stated that the work is undergoing in full swing and shall meet the assigned targets within given time frame. Talking to media persons here on Saturday, Dr. Kansal said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated two ambitious projects Kvar (540 MW) and Ratle (850 MW) of NHPC Ltd



Prof. (Dr.) Amit Kansal, Independent Director NHPC Ltd talking to media persons.

at Kishtwar District which shall be a major step in making UT of J&K a power surplus region." He stated that NHPC Ltd has risen to the expectations of the Ministry every time it has been called for.

He appreciated the work being done by NHPC not only for the development of the hydropower, but also the social activities for the development of J&K and the nation overall.

"NHPC Ltd provides 12 per cent free power to the state and apart from that water cess also is remitted to the state check-

uer annually," he disclosed. NHPC Ltd has recently provided under CSR a Modern Life Saving Equipment loaded ambulance to Sewa Bharti, he said adding that during pandemic situation this corporation played vital role in providing cold chain equipments to the Govt of UT of J&K for preserving the Covid Vaccines.

The Digital Medical Health Check Up undertaken in Kathua and Doda District was appreciated by the locals as well as the Govt, he said adding that NHPC Ltd had also provided

Medical equipments including Cardiac Monitor, Defibrillator, Nebulizers, Oxygen Concentrators, BP Apparatus, X Ray and Dental materials etc. to Kishtwar Govt Hospital.

NHPC Ltd has also undertaken a lead role in CSR when it comes to Education, Multi Skilling and Women empowerment. Dr. Kansal is of the view that the future of the energy belongs to the renewable sources. He had all the praises for accomplishments of NHPC Ltd under the inspiring leadership of AK Singh, CMD. He said that NHPC is attaining new heights under his leadership. During his 04 days programme at J&K, Prof. Amit Kansal visited NHPC Salal Power Station and the Power House, Dam site and other sites of Power Station.

He was apprised about the CSR works being done by NHPC around the power station and appreciated it.

# Nationalist BJP never believed in vote bank politics, appeasement: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Looking into the constitutive policies adopted by the BJP in its tread till date without going in for vote bank politics or appeasing sections of society or for that matter discriminating with any one, it can be said that this nationalist party's only goal is to ascertain welfare of the country.

This was said by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta while addressing a three days Parishikshan Shivar here at City Palace on Saturday.

The senior BJP leader said that since its inception, BJP has maintained highest standards of political ethics and never made a compromise as far as party's principles are concerned.

## Prashikshan Shivir



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta addressing Prashikshan Shivir.

He said that Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas in inherent to party and every single worker of the party firmly believes in this objective of the party.

While inspiring the party cadre, Kavinder said that BJP's booths are its real strength and the booth level workers its hope.

Kavinder said that party leadership's success

depends on the dedication of booth level workers and it is responsibility of every constituent of the party to ensure that party remains vibrant at the booth level as it acts as bridge between the party and the people, who are the real power of BJP as their staunch support has helped the party to attain the status of largest party across the world.

Kavinder said that every member of party should have complete knowledge of the plans and policies of BJP and he/she should be readily available for disseminating this information among the masses as the same is imperative for party's success in upcoming political contests in the UT including Assembly polls and that of Lok Sabha in 2024.

# Jandial biradari congregation on May 16

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JAMMU: The bi-annual congregation of Jandial Biradari will be held at the Devasthan of Baba Sehej Nath ji, Gole Pulli, Talab Tillo, Jammu on May 16 on the occasion of Budha Purnima.

All arrangements for congregation including beautification of the temple complex have been made for occasion.

According to the President, All Jandial Sabha, Raman Gupta & the Secretary, Rakesh Jandial, the congregation will start with Hawan at 7:00 AM followed by Dewaj Arohan at 9:00 AM.

The Pattal Puja will be performed at 9:30 AM. The Langar will open at 10:00 AM for the devotees.

A large number of members of the Biradari are expected to participate as officially such congregations are allowed after two years due to COVID pandemic.

# GMC Jammu organises awareness event on 'Importance of Gender Equality'

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JAMMU: To create awareness about gender equality in the society, an awareness event was organised in GMC Jammu on 'Importance of Gender Equality: Challenges and Solutions'.

The event was convened under the aegis of 'Gender equality and Gender harmony committee' headed by Dr Rakesh Bahl, Professor, Department of Community Medicine who introduced the theme of the event to the audience comprising of Senior Faculty and MBBS students.

The session began with an impassioned speech by Pragati Sharma who highlighted the unquestionable need for gender equality to be established and maintained in the society both at home & workplace.

The main item of the event was a satirical street



A dignitary speaking at an event.

play by students of First and Final Profs that highlighted several sensitive issues regarding gender inequality prevalent in the society like objectification, victim blaming, cyber safety and male harassment etc. This was followed by an insightful discussion by Rupambir Singh and Lavanya on imperative roles of professional educational institutions in actively promoting gender equality as a part of solution & personality development.

Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma, Principal & Dean who was the chief guest on the occasion said that there is no room for any kind of gender inequality in the modern civilised society & it is the responsibility of everyone to practice and ensure gender equality in all spheres of life.

She further said that such events should be held regularly to not only to create awareness about importance of gender equality but also to spread awareness about the mechanisms available to address any issue related to gender inequality.

She exhorted the Students to take an oath to practice & preach gender equality in their whole lives. HoDs & administrative Staff also attended the event. Farheen Khalid and Aanandi Magotra and the concluding remarks were presented by Japleen Kour.

## Ganotra, Degyal Brahmin Biradari bi-Annual Congregation on May 16

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JAMMU: Bi-Annual congregation of Ganotra and Degyal Brahmin Biradari will be held on May 16, 2022 (Monday) at Devasthan Kharha Madana in Purmandal.

As per release issued here, the Biradari will organize religious function including Hawan. Bhandara will take place in the afternoon.

All the Biradari members are requested to participate in this religious function and seek blessings of Bua Dadi.

# POWERGRID acquires Khetri Narela Transmission Ltd through TBCB

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GURUGRAM: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a 'Maharatna' Company under Ministry of Power, has acquired the Project Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) - Khetri Narela Transmission Limited after emerging successful in the Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) conducted as per the Guidelines notified by Government of India.

The Transmission project which is being established under Build, Own, Operate and Maintain basis would help in evacuation of Renewable power from 8.1 GW Phase-II Solar energy zones in Rajasthan to Delhi, Northern Region of the Country. The project includes 765 kV Gas Insulated Substation (GIS) in Delhi and establishment of 765 kV D/C Transmission lines passing through the states of Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi with each line having a capacity to transfer about 4000 MW of power.

The project will benefit industries, households and businesses, boosting the economic development of the country in totality. It will augment the transmission infrastructure to evacuate Green energy thereby reducing dependency on fossil fuels, in line with Government of India's vision of achieving 500 GW capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030.

Charging of this important transmission project will enhance ease of living as well as provide GatiShakti to infrastructure development activities, through supply of quality & reliable green power across the country.

POWERGRID presently has 265 Substations and more than 172,557 ckm and 476,772 MVA of transformation capacity. With the adoption of latest technological tools and techniques, enhanced use of automation and digital solutions, POWERGRID has been able to maintain average transmission system availability >99%.

# Running with India but supporting Pakistan won't do: Y V Sharma

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JAMMU: During the last couple of weeks, politicians of Union Territory (UT) of Jammu & Kashmir have been rather busy. We had delimitation report for J&K, electricity crisis for a while & then very unbecoming outbursts by some disgruntled politicians against India, which is on verge of becoming a world power.

On Thursday, Rahul Bhat was martyred in his office by terrorists in broad daylight at Chadoora, Kashmir. It was nothing else but another episode of systematic ethnic cleansing by terrorists in the

Valley for whom innocence & innocents have no meaning. "Kashmir & Jammu have both suffered a lot during last four decades on account of terrorism & it is high time that the civil society in both the provinces shows the will to stand up against this hydra-headed monster & uproots it. Otherwise, the future generations of J&K will curse all of us for not doing enough to weed out the menace." BJP spokesperson said. We can't blame Pakistan all the time without weeding out the supporters & sympathisers of rogue nation, however minuscule, in our own UT & country,

Sharma stressed.

While commending the security forces for hunting down the culprits, he exhorted them to re-seize the initiative of locating terrorists through combing operations as had been done in Punjab, when terrorism had peaked there. It is important for providing a sense of security to public in general and KPs in particular.

It must be pointed out that these are the same people who adopted a policy of 'running with India ostensibly but are actually supporting Pakistan' for last seven decades. They have caused immense bloodshed & hardships to the, otherwise, peace-loving & simple people of J&K while amassing wealth & enjoying, both, pelf & power, he said.

# Senior Congress leaders visit family of martyr Rahul Bhat

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JAMMU: Senior Congress leaders led by Raman Bhalla, Working President, Ravinder Sharma Chief Spokesperson, Yogesh Sawhney General Secretary PCC I/C District President Jammu Urban, Th Hari Singh Chib DCC President Jammu Rural, Shadi Lal Pandita Vice Chairman JKPC KP Cell, Uday Bhanu Chib President JKPYC, Gajan Singh, Rajveer Singh, Hoshiar Singh, Deepanshu Bhat and Vasu Chib visited the residence of Rahul Bhat who was martyred by the terrorists in Chadoora tehsil office in Budgam, Thursday afternoon. The Congress leaders shared the grief and shock of the family and expressed heartfelt sympathies with the family members on behalf of the entire leadership, rank and file of the party. They told them that the entire party and society is shell shocked over such cowardly and inhuman targeted killings of unarmed innocents especially minorities and outside residents in Kashmir valley.

The party solidly stands in solidarity with the family and entire KP community and others being targeted by terrorists, which highly condemnable and calls for effective strategy by the Centre government and UT administration to ensure their Safety and defeat the nefarious designs of Pakistan and terrorists, they said and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

# Justice Lalit inaugurates National Lok Adalat at Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Justice U. U. Lalit, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman, NALSA, who was in Srinagar in connection with the foundation stone laying of the New High Court building, inaugurated the National Lok Adalat in District Court Complex Srinagar on Saturday in presence of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority.

Justice Lalit visited the bench no. 1 dealing with MACT Cases and in his presence few cases were settled including the one injury case where the victim of the accident is in coma for the last five years due to head injury. With the cooperation of the counsel for the claimants and Shriram General Insurance Company headed by Zonal Head Sumeet Bajaj, Legal Head Sumeet Bajaj, Zonal Legal Manager Praveen Kumar Chippa, Sr. Legal Executive Param Veer, Legal Executive Kulbushan Sharma and team and with the intervention of the bench an amount of Rs. 1.2 Crore was settled as compensation and the cheques were disbursed to the claimants on spot. Justice Lalit also visited the bench dealing with matrimonial cases. The bench informed the dignitaries that in two cases where the parties were living apart for quite some time were persuaded to enter into compromise and they left the court together along with their kids for a fresh start of cordial matrimonial life.



SC Judge, Justice U.U Lalit handing-over cheque to a claimant at Lok Adalat.

Justice Lalit during interaction with the participants complimented the role of Judicial Officers, Advocates, Insurance Companies and Banks for their pragmatic approach in settlement of cases through Lok Adalat. He further said that in order to have maximum response and settlements between the parties in cases like MACT, matrimonial, cheque bounce cases under NI Act, Money recovery cases, etc., pre-lokadalat sittings or pre-counselling sessions should be held regularly well before the date of National LokAdalat so that

parties may get one or more chances for entering into negotiation/dialogue with the opposite parties. J&K Legal Services Authority and Ladakh Legal Services Authority organized National Lok Adalat throughout the U.T's of J&K and Ladakh. As per the information received from the districts, out of a total number of 1,48,293 cases taken up by 155 Benches in the day long National LokAdalat at various courts across the UT of J&K, 1,24,840 Cases were disposed of and an amount of Rs. 2,06,64,19,877 was awarded as compensation/ settlement amount in civil, criminal, labour disputes, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery cases.

Likewise in Ladakh a total of 546 Cases were taken up by 10 benches and 472 cases were disposed of and an amount of

Rs. 1,00,68,901 was awarded as compensation/settlement amount in civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills cases, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery cases.

Member Secretary, J&K and Ladakh Legal Services Authorities, M.K.Sharma, thanked all the participants.

National Lok Adalat was held under the Chairmanship of Yash Paul Bourney (Pr. District & Sessions Judge Udhampur) and under the overall Supervision of Sub Judge Rajni Sharma Secretary District Legal Services Authority Udhampur regarding different kinds of cases in the Court complex Udhampur.



Judges listening to proceedings of cases during National Lok Adalat at Udhampur.

Five benches were constituted in the District, Bench No. 1 comprised of Yash Paul Bourney (Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Udhampur), Suresh Chander Katal (Addl.

District & Sessions Judge, Udhampur) and Advocate PK Jandial; Bench No. 2 comprised of B.A Munshi (CJM Udhampur), Shafeeq Ahmed (District Judicial Mobile Magistrate), Udhampur; J.D Slatia Bar President; Bench no. 3 Comprised of Preet Simran Kour ( Sub Judge Special Mobile Magistrate, Udhampur), Maleeka Sharma ( Munsiff JMJC), Vijay Lakshmi Advocate, Bench no. 4 comprised of Sub Judge Smriti Sharma Chairman TLSC Ramnagar; Sudesh Kumar Gupta (Lawyer) TLSC Ramnagar; Bench no.5 Comprised of Madhu Sharma (Munsiff JMJC Majalta), Davinder Kumar. The total

number of 1248 cases pertaining to different nature was taken up, Out of which 1010 cases were settled. The total Amount recovered is Rs. 10291749.

# J&K Dairy Farmers Association announces office bearers



Newly elected office-bearers of J&K Dairy Farmers Association.

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Dairy Farmers Association announced its office bearers in Jammu on Saturday during a press conference. While addressing media, Chairman of the association, Jeet Ram Choudhary announced office bearers of the union with Working President, Surjeet Singh, Kishore

Kumar & Shiekh Shoaib Mehraj as Vice Presidents, Sukh Dev Raj Chowdhary, Surjeet Singh Jeeta and Sat Pal Chowdhary as Cashiers, Tarun Sharma & Sukhdev Choudhary (Sukha) as General Secretaries, Suresh Choudhary, Kehar Singh Choudhary (Kaka), Rakesh Choudhary, Rajinder Singh, Adil Karim Wani, Balvinder Singh, Lalit Raina, Anil

Manhas & Dalip Singh (Deepa) as Secretary, Baljeet Singh as Office Secretary & Balbir Kumar as Media Secretary. Speaking on the occasion, Kulbushan Khajuria lauded efforts of the administration for launching several new schemes thereby helping interested youth in establishing new dairy farms. He further said that earlier J&K dairy farmers were dependent on Punjab and Haryana for dry fodder, but due to ban on export of dry fodder by these states, J&K farmers are suffering. He urged J&K administration to take up matter with these states failing which price of dry fodder will increase upto Rs 2000 per quintal in coming 3 to 4 months. The members also demanded end of monopoly of JKMPCL, as it is paying very low price for milk.