

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 Chamera 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

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 exchequer 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



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

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.

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 Harri Singh Chib DCC President Jammu Rural, Shadi Lal Pandita Vice Chairman JKPPC KP Cell, Uday Bhanu Chib President JKPPC, 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.

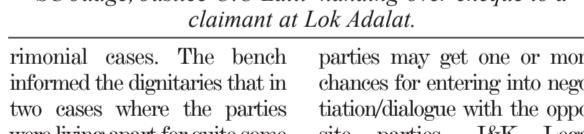
Justice Lalit visited the bench no. 1 dealing with MACT Cases and in his presence few cases were settled including the one injury case where the victim of the accident is in coma for the last five years due to head injury. With the cooperation of the counsel for the claimants and Shriram General Insurance Company headed by Legal Head Suneet 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 alongwith their kids for a fresh start of cordial matrimonial life.

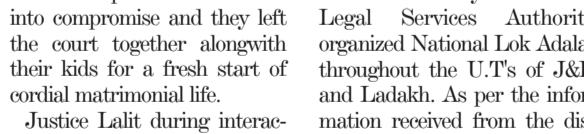
Justice Lalit during interaction with the participants complimented the role of Judicial Officers, Advocates, Insurance Companies and Banks for their pragmatic approach in settlement of cases through Lok Adalat. He further said that in order to have maximum response and settlements between the parties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



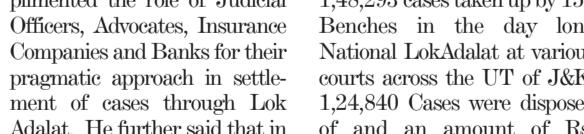
SC Judge, Justice U.U Lalit handing-over cheque to a claimant at Lok Adalat.



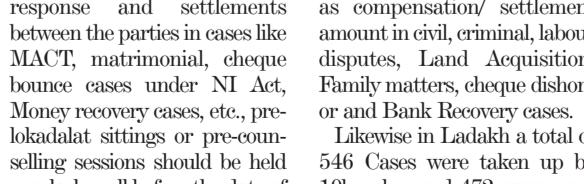
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Rs. 1,00,68,901 was awarded as compensation/settlement amount in civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills cases, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery cases.

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 Bourne (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.

National Lok Adalat 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

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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 Shivir 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.

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

Prashikshan Shivir

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



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta addressing Prashikshan Shivir.

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 Sehnath 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 Patta 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.

DSS delegation calls on Div Com, highlights several issues of public importance

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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.

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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.

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Speaking on the occasion, Charak reiterated that precious Mubarak Mandi archives need proper protection within com-

plex and should not be shifted outside, because that may lead to tampering and damage of the old historical record in transit and render state monument meaningless.

He appealed to the government through Div Com that Maharanji Charak palace should not be converted into hotel as it will cause irreparable loss to authenticity and heritage value of this oldest structure in 1710 AD.

Others issues highlighted on the occasion included faulty functioning of Laser Show (Light & Sound System) at Bagh-e-Bahu, declaring Ramgarh Canal a heritage and state protected monument, lack of irrigation water, strengthening and expansion of building infrastructure of Government Degree College Bishnah, deploy-

ment of more fire tenders at Arnia-Bishnah, removal of encroachments from Nallah between Railway Station, Govindgarh, Chak Ram Singh & along boundary wall of CTM Kathua, restoration of 75 traditional water ponds in Kathua, construction of Primary Health Centre at Pallanwala, inclusion of 118-year old DSS's office in Smart City project etc.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Col Ranbir Singh (Retd), Maj Gen Sunita Kapoor (Retd), Col Dr Virendra K Saha (Retd), Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, Chander Mohan Sharma, Amanat Ali Shah, Dharam Chand, Jaipal Singh, Tariq Hafiz, Shadi Lal, Ajay Kumar, Sat Paul, Jagdish Sathia, Romesh Banotra, Prem Singh and Romesh Singh Bishnah.

PoJK Visthapti Sewa Samiti seeks extension in registration date for Domicile certificates

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JAMMU: A meeting of executive members of PoJK Visthapti Sewa Samiti, Jammu and Kashmir was held on Saturday wherein Arun Chowdhary and Dr Deepak Kapoor submitted a memorandum of demands to Divisional Commissioner Jammu, requesting him to extend period of registration of bona fide migrants and displaced persons for issuance of Domicile certificates. Pertinent to mention here that J&K Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction issued an order in 2020 for registration of issuance of Domicile certificate for a period of one year, which was further extended upto May 15,

Due to COVID -19 pandemic, the process could not be initiated for issuance of Domicile certificates due to which only a handful number of families were able to initiate the process. Furthermore, PoJK Displaced persons are presently living in over 60 cities across 23 states and majority of them are unaware of the registration process. The members of PoJK Visthapti Sewa Samiti urged Divisional Commissioner Jammu to extend registration period till May 2023 in the interest of left-out aggrieved families of displaced persons living outside J&K, so that they can also avail benefits of Domicile certificates.

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 Kulbushan Khajuria as Working President, Adil Karim Wani, Balvinder Singh, Kishore Surjeet Singh, Anil Kumar & Shiekh Shoaib Mehra 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, Kulbushan Khajuria 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.