

# LG visits Rahul Bhat's family in Jammu

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday visited the family of Rahul Bhat, who was killed by terrorists in Budgam on May 12, and expressed his condolences.

The Lt Governor said the administration stand shoulder to shoulder with the bereaved family in this hour of grief and assured the family members of all the support from the UT government. The education of the daughter of Rahul Bhat is now the responsibility of the government, he added.

Government has already formed an SIT to probe into all aspects of Rahul Bhat's killing. All the griev-



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha interacting with family of Rahul Bhat at Jammu.

ances of PM package employees are also being addressed on priority," Lt Governor said.

A special cell within LG Secretariat is handling the grievances of PM package employees. A Nodal officer has been deputed who is looking after the issues on a daily basis. Jammu Kashmir Police has also been directed to ensure fool-proof security for the PM package employees.

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Mukesh Singh ADGP Jammu and Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu accompanied the Lt Governor.

## Govt institutions be named after martyrs, social reformists: Kavinder

**Demands for changing name of SKUAST, SKPA, 3rd Tawi Bridge Slams Mehbooba for her remarks against Gujarat Model of development**



Senior BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta being welcomed in Mumbai.

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MUMBAI: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Tuesday welcomed the decision taken by J&K government to replace Sher-i-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah embossed on one side of Jammu and Kashmir Police Medal Scheme with the National Emblem of Government of India and demanded that all the government institutions should be named after martyrs and social reformers. Speaking on the sidelines of a programme in Mumbai, Kavinder said that there is no rationale behind naming Agriculture University and Police Academy in the name of Sheikh Abdullah as

these institutions should be named after those valiant personalities who had sacrificed their lives for the nation by giving supreme sacrifices. The former Deputy Chief Minister said that already J&K government has started a campaign under which government schools are named after those personalities who have dedicated their lives for the national interest. He demanded that third Tawi Bridge in Gujjar Nagar, Sher-e-Kashmir Agriculture University and Sher-e-Kashmir Police Academy Udhampur should be given names of the martyrs or social reformers. The senior BJP functionary also condemned Mehbooba Mufti for her remark against

the Gujarat Model of development. He said that PDP leader should first go through the details of the Gujarat Model which has garnered praise from different quarters in India and abroad. Kavinder said that there are no takers of Mehbooba's propaganda against BJP but still she is indulging in the same and unfounded criticism of Gujarat Model is part of the same series of PDP leader's abhorrent campaign against BJP. He said that PDP leader is toying a communal line to satiate her vested political interests which is not done and she should shun this kind of politics as the same can prove to be detrimental for the people of J&K. Kavinder asked Mehbooba and her ilk to stop thinking that the Mughals were their ancestors as Aurangzeb has converted the people of Kashmir into Muslims otherwise there is no connection of people of Kashmir with the invaders. He advised Mehbooba to change her anti-India stance and stop instigating people in Kashmir because this will do no good to the people as well as her party.

## HC upholds PSA of J&K Bank employee involved in terrorist activities

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JAMMU: Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Srinagar Wing upheld the detention under Public Safety Act (PSA) of Farooq Ahmad Misgar, who was working as an Assistant Cashier in J&K Bank Shalimar Branch, Srinagar and was affiliated with The Resistance Front (TRF), a terrorist organization. Justice Dhiraj Singh observed that according to the grounds of detention, which on perusal, reflected that petitioner was working as an Assistant Cashier in the J&K Bank Shalimar Branch, Srinagar and that the petitioner was affiliated with The Resistance Front (TRF). It was further stated that technical inputs clearly suggested that the petitioner was in touch with Pakistan-based terrorist leaders and have been taking instructions through a variety of new communication technologies which were encrypted and very difficult to decipher.

Justice Dhiraj Singh further observed that the petitioner was working as a Cashier in the J&K Bank and, therefore, cannot claim that he is either illiterate or unable to understand the language in which order of detention and the grounds of detention were couched obviating the necessity of furnishing a translated version of the said documents in any other language. "Insofar as the legal obligation to read over the detention order and the grounds of detention to the detenu is concerned, has been fully satisfied," the Court observed and dismissed petition thereby upholding the order passed by the District Magistrate, Srinagar, who, in purported exercise of its powers vested in it under Section 8 of the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act, 1978 (for short, Act of 1978), has ordered detention of the petitioner with a view to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance and security of the State.



## RAMBAN TUNNEL COLLAPSE: Families of 2 local deceased workers entitled to pension: EPFO

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JAMMU: In continuation to its endeavours to provide social security to the members and their dependents in times of hardships, Rizwan Uddin, Regional PF Commissioner - I, EPFO RO Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh took cognizance of the recent tragic death of two local workers due to collapse of under construction tunnel at Khooni-Naalah in Ramban and reached out to the family members for providing assistance to them in claiming their eligible Provident Fund, insurance and Pension benefits under the EPF & MP Act, 1952 and the schemes framed there-under. The RPFPC-I along with his team today visited NHAI's Project Implementation Unit-Ramban office to facilitate the families of deceased employees. The P F Commissioner visited the spot and met with families of workers who lost their lives in the project (Construction of twin tube tunnels from Digdole to Panthiyal). He ensured to help them in every possible way in availing their eligible PF, Pension and Insurance benefits. A Composite Claim Form and Form 10-D (pension form) was provided to the families of deceased employees (Ishrat and Mohammad Muzaffar). Alongside, the PF Commissioner directed the representatives of NHAI Shubham Yadav, Dy. Manager and M/s. Sarla Projects Works Private Ltd. B. S. Raju, Project Manager to submit the duly filled Forms along with requisite documents to Regional Office in Hyderabad as the establishment where the workers were employed was registered under the EPFO Regional Office, Hyderabad.



Regional F Commissioner-I, EPFO RO Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, Rizwan Uddin visiting family of a deceased.

The PF Commissioner along with Devender Singh, site incharge and representative of NHAI, Abdul Zabbar, retired tehsildar and Govind, representative of M/s. Sarla Projects Works Pvt. Ltd. also visited village Panthiyal, Ramban by walking over two kilometres through the tough terrains to facilitate submission of composite form for pension, Insurance and PF. The nominee/widow and children of the two members prima facie appears to be entitled to Pension as the members wages as stated by the family members fell within the eligibility limit. Besides that, the nominee will get Insurance and PF accumulations with interest. The PF Commissioner also chaired a meeting with representatives of all the contractor companies working under NHAI, PIU-Ramban and advised them to follow good industrial practice and take proper care of their workers like opening their PF A/c and depositing their PF dues on time in their respective account. Some of the establishments namely M/s Gammon Engineers and Contractors Pvt. Ltd., M/s Dinesh Chandra R. Agrawal were advised to ensure that outstanding dues are remitted within two days. Contractors and NHAI were also advised to ensure that the Universal Account Number (UAN) is generated in respect of all the workers on the date of their joining. A day earlier on (May 23), an awareness programme was conducted by Rizwan Uddin, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I at Banihal, regarding 'The Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. Representatives of IRCON International Limited (A Government PSU) participated in the programme. In light of the recent tragic incident in Ramban, the PF Commissioner, while highlighting the importance of e-nomination, informed that EPFO gives Provident Fund (PF) nomination facility to all EPFO members to ensure social security of the family members of its subscribers. "Now, an EPFO member can submit EPF, EPS nomination digitally by logging in at the EPFO website - www.epfindia.gov.in" he said. He further informed that an EPF account holder must remember that he or she can change its EPF or PF account nominee by filing new PF nomination.

## New Education Policy supplements Start-Up ecosystem: Dr Jitendra

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HOSHARPUR: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Earth Science; MoS of Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh on Tuesday said that the new National Education Policy (NEP-2020) supplements StartUp ecosystem with the promise to open new career and entrepreneurship opportunities for students and youth in India. Referring to the launch of Madhya Pradesh government's 'Start-up Policy 2022' on 13th May, wherein Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed that the number of StartUps in India has grown to 70,000 from about 300 to 400 in the last decade, Dr Jitendra Singh said, North India and particularly Punjab must come forward fast to promote StartUps as alternate source of livelihood. Addressing the 50th Convocation of DAV College, Hoshiarpur, Dr Jitendra said, Punjab must reclaim its past glory as a premier education hub of India and recalled that even in the pre-independence India, Govt College Lahore and Punjab University were among the leading education institutions in the entire subcontinent. He pointed out that NEP-2020 coupled with the current StartUp surge offers Punjab a rare opportunity. Dr Singh reminded the academia and students of the historical context and said that until independence in 1947, the University of the Punjab fulfilled the educational needs of a vast region of the Subcontinent, but the partition has



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, as Chief Guest, addressing the 50th Convocation of DAV College Hoshiarpur, on Tuesday.

somewhat reduced the geographical limits of the jurisdiction of the University. He said, after Bombay, Madras and Calcutta, Punjab University was established in 1882 and contrary to the three previously established universities, which were only examining institutions, the University of the Punjab was both teaching as well as examining bodies right from the beginning. Similarly, Lahore College for Women University was established in May 1922 as an Intermediate residential college and was affiliated with the University of the Punjab. Coming back to the merits of NEP-2020, Dr Jitendra said, the provision of multiple entry/exit option is something to be cherished as this academic flexibility will have a positive impact on the students related to the availing of different career opportunities at different times, depending upon their intrinsic learning and inherent aptitude. The Minister also said that this entry/exit option can be opted in future

for the teachers as well, giving them career flexibility and upgradation opportunities as is done in some western countries and the USA. Saying that one of the objectives of NEP-202 is de-linking degree from education, Dr Singh said that linking degrees with education has taken a heavy toll on our education system and society as well. One of the fall-outs has been an increasing number of educated unemployed. Dr Jitendra said, the contribution of DAV institutions in spreading the light of education has indeed been invaluable and one must be proud to receive the graduation or post-graduation degree from one of the premier institutions of North India. He said, it's also heartening to note that DAV has routinely been ranked among the topmost institutions of India and congratulated all for this achievement. Dwelling on the pressing issues facing Punjab, Dr Jitendra Singh said

the State is in the grip of two major problems- Drug Abuse and Migration of students to other countries. Expressing concern over the whopping figures of students migrating abroad, he urged the students to look up for numerous opportunities provided by the Government of India on its website for Start-ups, Research & Development and Innovation. Asking them to do their humble bit for "AtmaNirbhar Bharat", the Minister expressed confidence that this generation will play a significant role to reverse the Brain Drain phenomenon. Dr Jitendra Singh emphasised that Convocation day or Graduation ceremony does not mean the end of your learning, but it is a continuous process as new opportunities are emerging every day. Referring to Skill India Mission, he urged the students to imbibe multiple skills to be successful in life as there are ample number of examples to show that those equipped with the latest skills are doing wonders in the world today. In conclusion, the Minister said that Convocation day is one of the most important days in a student's life and it is not just an acknowledgment of your hard work but a token of your responsibility towards society. He said, you are fortunate to have studied in an institution like DAV College and on this solemn day, you must not fail to acknowledge your parents and teachers who have guided you. Dr Anoop Kumar, President DAV, Avinash Rai Khanna Ex-MP and Prof Vinay Kumar, Principal were among prominent dignitaries present on the occasion.

## DGP interacts with Bharat Darshan Tour participants from Udhampur

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JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Dilbag Singh had a formal interaction with a group of students of Udhampur district on their return from Bharat Darshan Tour on Tuesday at GOs mess Gulshan Ground this afternoon. The interaction was attended by ADGP Jammu, Mukesh Singh, DIG Resi-Udhampur Range, Mohammad Suleiman Choudhary, SSP Udhampur Vinod Kumar and other senior officers of Jammu District. On the occasion, the students shared their views and learning experience with the senior officers. The students were excited to narrate their travel experiences and the sites visited by them. They said that it was a great opportunity for them as they got to know how beautiful, diverse culture, languages architecture, geography of the county is. Welcoming the students, the DGP said that Bharat Darshan Tour for Jammu Kashmir students and youth are aimed to educate them about the beauty of India, as this country is known for its 'Unity in Diversity'. He said that these tours provide an opportunity to know about the different cultures, foods, dressing styles and climates besides day to day activities etc and added that what is common in human race is that people across the globe think alike and have similar feelings. He said that travelling to different places is itself a valuable experience during which people get to learn different aspects of life and advised them to share their experience with their families and friends in their schools. Travelling through airplane, train and noticing different bigger things during the tour you all must have understood the contribution of human minds for human race, the DGP added. He advised them to put their experiences in writing in school magazines, newspapers or in the form of a booklet so that more and more people would get to know about the country through their experiences. Singh told the students that by spending these five days with Police you all must have observed that police is a part of the society and is for safeguarding the lives and property of the people. He told them that police being people friend is always there to look after their safety and security, and



DGP, J&K Dilbag Singh interacting with Bharat Darshan Tour participants.

hoped that the students would feel the responsibility to work with the police and like the police for a better society. He said that organizing these tours is aimed at further strengthening the police youth bond and hoped that these groups would work as Student Police Cadets in future. The group of 77 students from Udhampur District was on Bharat Darshan tour under JK Police's civil action programme during which they visited Delhi National Police Memorial, Red Fort, Qutab Minar, Metro train, India Gate, Parliament House, Malls in Delhi and Mahabalipuram, Museum, National Park etc in Chennai. They also got a chance to interact with the dignitaries at Delhi and Chennai. Students from Budgam also returned today after completing their Bharat Darshan Tour. The students and youth from Reasi will return tomorrow. The Bandipora students will return on 27th of this month and Kulgam students will be returning on 28th. More students of other districts and police district headquarters of UT shall be leaving for these tours shortly. Worth to mention here that DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh has released an amount of Rs 4.36 crore in favour of 20 Police District heads of UT for conducting Bharat Darshan tour programme. Under this initiative, 100 youth from each district of J&K are being sent to different cities of the country and the tour is being conducted by air.

## Medical employees observe 3-hour pen-down strike across Jammu, routine services affected

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JAMMU: Medical employees in most government hospitals across the Jammu region observed a three-hour pen-down strike Tuesday in support of their various demands including convening the departmental promotion committee (DPC) meeting pending for four years. The strike which started around 10 am badly affected the Out Patient Department (OPD) facility as well as routine surgeries but the emergency services continued unaffected, officials said. Blaming the strike on the government, Jammu and



Medical employees raising slogans during a protest.

Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (Jammu) president Sushil Sudan said they have raised their demands peacefully over the past four years but no action was taken. We have genuine demands which need to be addressed by the government. The last DPC meeting was held over four years ago which otherwise is supposed to be

held every six months, he said. He said the strike was successful across the Jammu region as the employees responded to the call and staged peaceful demonstrations inside the hospitals during the strike period. Leading a separate protest, J&K Medical Employees Federation (Gandhi Nagar) president Rakesh Bakshi said the administrative department of health & family welfare has failed to frame rules of promotions leading to thousands of vacancies. Bakshi alleged the administration failed to

resolve the permanent salary issue of Female Multipurpose Workers and other staff who are getting salaries under Head -2211 Family Welfare scheme. The salary of FMPH Workers and other staff has been pending for the last five months, he said, also urging the government to register leftover government in-service Pharmacists under the new pharmacy act 1948 section 32-C, which was implemented in the union territory after the abrogation of Article 370. He also demanded the restoration of the old pension scheme for all UT employees.