

Two-day Int'l Conference on 'Reflections on New Tourism' concludes in CUJ

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JAMMU: The two day International Conference on 'Reflections on New Tourism and New Normal in the Post COVID-19 World' organized by Department of Tourism and Travel Management School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu (CUJ) under the patronage of the Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ, concluded on Friday. On the second and lasts day of the event, the renowned academicians Prof. Nimit Ranjan Chowdhary, Prof. Sampada Kumar Swain, Prof. Vinay Chouhan, Prof. Flavia Stara and Prof. Chandler Mohan Parsheera were the Guests of Honour. The presenters emphasized on the recovery methods for reviving

tourism following the Post COVID-19 era. The plenary session was followed by a technical session with three tracks with themes namely Trends and Issues of New Tourism; Destination Recovery Strategies; and Tourism Practices and Perspectives. Twenty seven participants delivered their papers in their respective tracks. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Jitendra Mohan Mishra, Dr. Sandeep Walia and Dr. Saurabh Dixit. Also the session was Co-chaired by Dr. Ramjit, Dr. Amit Katoch and Dr. Umesh Chowdhary. Technical session is followed by the Valedictory session, started with welcome by Dr. Bharti Gupta, Conference General Chair and followed by addresses

of Dr. Amit Gangotia, Head of the Department. Along, Prachi Mahajan, research scholar of tourism and travel management have presented a report on the outcomes of theme tracks presented on day one and day two. The Guest of Honour was Major General (Retd.) Goverdhan Singh Jamwal in valedictory session and he emphasized on the importance of identifying and promoting tourism potential in Jammu for generating socioeconomic advantages for the J&K. Manjeet Singh proposed a vote of thanks for all the participants. The other organising committee members of conference include Dr Ranjeet Raman, Rahul Thakur, Dr Rabinder Singh and Dr Swati Samnotra.

JMC Councillors demand implementation of ban on illegal loudspeakers

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JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) demanded complete ban on illegal loud speakers within the JMC jurisdiction citing rising noise pollution in Jammu which is responsible for causing several kinds of ailments amongst citizens. While addressing to media persons at town hall Jammu, Narotam Sharma Councillor of Ward 3 and Rekha Manhas Councillor of Ward 62 drew the attention of all colleagues towards rising "Noise Pollution" which is no way less harmful, for the health of the citizens, than that of Land, Water and Air Pollution. "It is lawful and moral duty

of all elected representatives of the house to prevent all kinds of pollution including "Noise Pollution," they said adding that scientific researchers have proved that noise poll, others responsible for several kinds of health problems including stress-related illness, Sleep Disturbance, high blood pressure, speech interference, hearing loss and also heart diseases. "Our resolution is not specifically against religious shrine of any particular section or religion and in the resolution we have demanded implementation of Supreme Court's judgment only," they added. In this judgment the Apex

Court has clearly laid down guidelines for use Loudspeaker and Public Address system by individuals and organizations, they said adding that Pollution Board have already decided for the sound frequency for loud speakers in residential area the permissible sound limit is 55 decibel in day time and 45 decibel at night. In commercial area it is 65 decibel in day time and 55 decibel at night and in industrial area the permissible sound limit is 75 decibel in day time and 70 decibel at night, they said. They urged other local bodies like Panchayats, Municipal councils, Municipal Committees to replicate the JMC resolution regarding containment of noise pollution and implementation of Supreme Court Order to provide pollution free environment and to ensure health of our citizens. They also requested LG Manoj Sinha to direct the Div Com Jammu and be asked to remove all illegal loudspeakers and Public Address systems from all places including Banquet Halls, Community Halls, Temples, Mosques, Gurdwaras, Churches and all other religious shrines which are installed and operating without any legal permission.

ReJ Employees Association delegation meets BJP leaders



ReJ Employees Association delegation presenting memorandum to Priya Sethi, ex-Minister and BJP leader.

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JAMMU: A delegation of Rehbar-e-Janglat (ReJ) Association called on Ashok Koul (BJP General Secretary organization) and Priya Sethi, ex Minister and BJP office Incharge HQ. Delegations led by Jagjit Singh, president and General Secretary Rehbar-e-Janglat Employees Association Jammu met with both the BJP leaders and submitted a memorandum and apprised them about the order issued by General Administration Department J&K against the employees

engaged under various Rehbar Schemes. Priya Sethi assured delegation members of her full support on genuine cause and She appeal to LG immediately revoke order OM no GAD/1/2021-02(13135) dated 19-05-2022 and no re-advertising of post. The delegation was led by Association President J.S Ishar and other members who accompanied the delegation include Pardeep Charak, Navneet Singh, Virender Radotra, Manvinder Singh, Bablu Sharma, Ashutosh, Surjeet, Anil Gupta and Vishal.

DB dismisses appeal of former Director DDK Srinagar seeking quashment of FIR

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court of Srinagar Wing comprising Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Justice Puneet Gupta dismissed appeal filed by Dr Rafiq Masoodi seeking quashment of FIR registered by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). According to CBI, on the basis of information, FIR No RC-03 (A) of 2013 for offences under Section 5(2) read with 5(1)(d) of J&K PC Act, Sections 420, 468, 471 and 120-B of RPC was registered by Police Station CBI/ACB, Srinagar. It was alleged in FIR that Abdul Qayoom Wadera, Deputy Director General (DDG), Doordarshan Kendra (DDK), Srinagar had entered into a criminal conspiracy with Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din, Programme Executive, Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar; and some unknown persons. In pursuance of criminal conspiracy, they had

cheated DDK Srinagar, while claiming payments amounting to Rs 18.81 lakh towards 22 fictitious artists stated to have been engaged for production and telecast of four programmes namely, 'Tote Gov Koal', 'Rood Kaya Baqi', 'Ghar Se Bollywood Tak' and 'Rum Gayam Sheeshas' on basis of fake and fictitious documents thereby causing a wrongful loss to Government exchequer and corresponding wrongful gain to themselves. On the culmination of the investigation, the competent authority granted sanction to prosecute the petitioner and seven other accused in terms of its order dated May 20, 2015, and a Challan was filed against the petitioner and accused before the Court of Special Judge, Anticorruption (CBI Cases), Srinagar. Dr. Rafiq Massodi challenged the FIR in the High Court seeking quashment of FIR, which was dismissed by the Court.

According to petitioner, he is father of one Mohd Amir Magrey, who was amongst four persons killed in an encounter that took place on November 15, 2021 at Hyderabad in Budgam. As per version of the respondents, Police Station Saddar received a written report along with seizure memo of arms/ammunitions from 2 RR Army Camp, Zainkote Srinagar through HC Chain Singh to the effect that at 5.15 PM, Army's 2 RR received reliable information that some terrorists are hiding in a building within jurisdiction of Police Station Saddar and had planned to attack security forces. On this, Army cordoned off the area and started search operation to nab terrorists. During search operation, the terrorists hiding in the building opened indiscriminate firing on search party, which was retaliated and resulting in killing of two terrorists and their two associates. Some arms and ammunition was also recovered from the

IGNOU opens online portal for re-registration for July 2022 session

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JAMMU: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has started the IGNOU 2022 re-registration for the July 2022 session. To enroll in the next year or semester, candidates must fill and submit the IGNOU re-registration 2022 form by the submission deadline. Candidates who did not attempt the term-end examinations or did not submit their assignment can still apply for IGNOU re-registration 2022. They can apply for IGNOU re-registration 2022 by visiting www.ignou.ac.in. The direct link for online re-registration is https://online.ignou.ac.in/ which can be accessed under the dropdown menu option "Register Online" on IGNOU website. The last date to apply for re-registration is June 30, 2022.

Councillor Prof Youshvir starts development works in Ward-73



Councillor Ward 73, Prof. (Dr) Youshvir Singh starting development works.

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JAMMU: Councillor Ward 73, Prof. (Dr) Youshvir Singh, on Friday started works of construction of lane/drain in one of the locality in Ward-73 in Gadigarh. The Lane and the drain is constructed from the house of Inderjeet Singh to the Nallah. It was a long pending demand of this locality as they were facing huge problem for the disposal of drain water. Other residents of nearby area also met the Councillor, Prof. Youshvir Singh with the request to renovate lane and drain all system of their street too, which was accepted by the Councillor. The construction work was commenced in presence of many prominent people including the direct beneficiaries.

42nd Death Anniversary of Rasa Javadeni JU's Urdu Deptt in collaboration with IMFA organises literary function

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JAMMU: To commemorate the 42nd Death Anniversary of legendary Urdu and Kashmiri poet Rasa Javadani, Department of Urdu, University of Jammu and Institute of Music and Fine Arts (IMFA) JU on Friday organized a Literary function/Mehfil e Ghazal in which various Urdu and Kashmiri scholars within and outside the state paid rich tributes to Rasa Javedani. The program was presided over by Aseer Kishtwari while Rajni Dhingra Dean Research Studies graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Tej Krishan Bhat, Special Secretary to Govt. Agriculture Production & Farmer Welfare Department was the Guest of Honour. Prominent Singers of the J&K UT Suraj Singh, Deepali Watal and Farooq



Artists performing in Mehfil e Ghazal at JU.

Khokhar sang the Urdu and Kashmiri Ghazals of Rasa Javedani. Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik, Principal IMFA and Prof. Mohd Reyaz Ahmed HOD Urdu, University of Jammu were also present in the presidium. Rajni Dingra threw light on the life and works of Rasa Javedani. He described him as a poet with a secular bent of mind who has projected the realities of life in his Kashmiri and Urdu poetry. while paying tributes to Rasa

Javedani Aseer Kishtwari recited some of his Urdu verses depicting the National Integration and Mutual Understanding. He described him as not only as a poet par excellence but also as a noble human being. He is the identity of Baderwah, his Kashmiri verses sung by Ghulam Nabi Doolwal, Raj Begum, Kailash Mehra and other famous singers of Kashmiri are popular even now a day. Prof. Mohd Reyaz Ahmed HOD Urdu, described Rasa

Javedani an Urdu poet who loved Urdu languages very much, his Nazam written in Urdu speaks his love toward the Urdu language like Mirza Galib. Earlier in his welcome address Prof. Shohab Inayat Malik highlighted the qualities of the head and heart of Rasa Javedani and described him as the Galib of Kashmiri Ghazal. The programme was conducted by Dr. Abdul Rashid Manhas while the vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Chaman Lal. Prominent present on the occasion were Prof. Lalit Mangotra, Dr. Chaman Lal, Dr. Abdul Rashid Manhas, Dr. Farhat Shamim, Pyare Hatash, Dr. Abdul Qayoom, Dr. Javaid Shahabadi, Dr. Raza Mehmood, Dr. Ajaz Ahmed, Dr. Abdul Majeed, students, scholars and faculty members of IMFA and Urdu department.

Sham, Priya, Munish listen to public grievances

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JAMMU: Sham Choudhary, J&K BJP Vice-President & former Minister, Priya Sethi, NEM & former Minister and Munish Sharma, BJP All Mocha Incharge, listened to the public grievances and took up the same with the concerned officials for early solutions. A large number of people and deputations visited the BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu to meet the party leaders and narrate their woes and problems. Main issues presented by the visiting individuals and deputations were related to the PHE, PWD, Rural Development, Revenue, Irrigation & Flood Control, Education, Agriculture etc. BJP leaders Sham Choudhary, Priya Sethi and



Former Minister, Priya Sethi listening to public issues.

Munish Sharma took up the issues immediately with the heads of these departments by telephonically and were impressed with immediate solutions. Speaking on the occasion, Sham Choudhary said that the senior party leaders of the party are daily listening to the public issues at the party office and are ensuring that their issues

get resolved at the earliest. Priya Sethi said that the BJP leadership is concerned for the mitigation of the problems of people and these camps are ensuring the same on the ground. Munish Sharma said that common masses in large numbers are daily visiting the BJP office to get amicable solutions to their genuine issues.

AAP disrespecting Punjabi, Punjabiya: Varinderjeet

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JAMMU: Vice-President, Jammu and Kashmir BJP, Varinderjeet Singh, has accused Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of disrespecting Punjab and Punjabiya through its decision of removing Punjabi as medium in conducting competitive exams of Punjab Service Commission (PSC). Reacting to the decision of the Punjab AAP government under Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann not to continue with Punjabi on a medium language, Varinderjeet Singh said that such an approach to the mother tongue of Punjabis is insult to Punjabi and Punjabiya. He said that Punjabi has

been official language in Punjab and till now it used to be accepted as medium language. The holy "Guru Granth Sahib" has been written in Punjabi, which serves as most comfortably understood language connecting Sikhs with their religion. The entire sikh community is feeling badly insulted by the action of APP in Punjab. Varinderjeet said that AAP government has already stopped teaching Punjabi in Delhi School, besides having closed recruitment of Punjabi teachers. He said that the same AAP in Delhi removed a Sikh minister from its cabinet. Demanding immediate restoration of Punjabi as a language of medium of

PSC in Punjab, the BJP leader said that AAP should also seek apology from the Sikh community for hurting their emotional inclination towards Punjabi language. Varinderjeet Singh asked the Sikh leaders in AAP to openly oppose this decision of the government. He reminded the people that AAP in J&K had been on roads demanding Punjabi to be declared as official language in J&K after abrogation of Article 370 and reorganization of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir; but when in power in Punjab and Delhi, it is working on different line, which exposes its double speak on important issues.

HC directs UT to pay Rs 5 lakh compensation to terrorist's father for deprivation of right to have dead-body of son

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JAMMU: Justice Sanjeev Kumar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court of Srinagar Wing, directed to pay to petitioner a compensation of Rs 5 lakh for deprivation of his right to have the dead-body of his son for giving a decent burial as per family traditions, religious obligations and faith, which the deceased professed when he was alive. According to petitioner, he is father of one Mohd Amir Magrey, who was amongst four persons killed in an encounter that took place on November 15, 2021 at Hyderabad in Budgam. As per version of the respondents, Police Station Saddar received a written report along with seizure memo of arms/ammunitions from 2 RR Army Camp, Zainkote Srinagar through HC Chain Singh to the effect that at 5.15 PM, Army's 2 RR received reliable information that some terrorists are hiding in a building within jurisdiction of Police Station Saddar and had planned to attack security forces. On this, Army cordoned off the area and started search operation to nab terrorists. During search operation, the terrorists hiding in the building opened indiscriminate firing on search party, which was retaliated and resulting in killing of two terrorists and their two associates. Some arms and ammunition was also recovered from the

encounter site. On the basis of aforesaid information, Police Station Saddar registered FIR No. 193/2021 under Sections 307/120-B of IPC, 7/27 of Arms Act, 16, 18, 20 of ULA (P) Act and investigation was entrusted to SDPO Saddar Srinagar. During investigation, the Investigating Officer visited the site of encounter and recovered four bullet ridden unidentified dead-bodies, which were shifted to Police Hospital Srinagar for medico legal formalities. After conducting postmortem etc. the dead-bodies were identified as a foreign terrorist Bilal Bhai alias Hyder alias Saqlain, resident of Pakistan, Aamir Latief Magrey, son of Mohammad Lateef Magrey, resident of Seeripora, Altaf Ahmad Bhat, son of Abdul Rehman Bhat, resident of Old Barzulla Srinagar and Dr Mudasar Gull, son of Ghulam Mohammad Rather, resident of Parraypora Srinagar. Later, all four dead bodies were shifted to Handwara Zachaldara for burial. Court observed that it is also not in dispute that the last rites of the son of the petitioner along with three others were performed through Auqaf Committee Wadder Payeen as per religious obligations. "It transpires from material on record that bodies of two terrorists killed in encounter were later on exhumed and handed-over to their relatives

for performing their last rites at the place of their choice. It appears that the parents of deceased Altaf Ahmad Bhat and Dr Mudasar Gul approached the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar for handing over bodies of the deceased for performing their last rites. The District Magistrate Srinagar vide his communication Nos. DMS/JUD/Misc/2840-2844/2021 and DMS/JUD/Misc/2845-2849/2021 dated 18.11.2021 recommended to District Magistrate Kupwara to consider the request of family members of deceased Mohd Altaf Bhat and Dr Mudasar Gul regarding handing-over of dead-bodies. The District Magistrate Kupwara vide his Order No. DCK/PS/2021/232/9328-38 dated 18.11.2021 directed the SP Handwara to arrange exhumation of the bodies after proper identification and hand-over the same to their legal heirs for performing their last rites. Accordingly, both bodies were exhumed and after proper identification handed over to their legal heirs while other two terrorists killed in encounter i.e., Bilal Bhai, a foreign terrorist and Mohd Amir Magrey, son of petitioner, who were buried through Auqaf Committee Wadder Payeen were not exhumed. Although, the petitioner claimed that he approached all authorities for handing-over body of his deceased son

but nobody listened to him and body of his son was buried at Wadder Payeen graveyard without his presence. Justice Sanjeev Kumar after hearing both sides, allowed the petition and directed respondents to make arrangements for exhumation of the body-remains of deceased Amir Latief Magrey from Wadder Payeen graveyard in presence of the petitioner. "The respondents shall also make appropriate arrangement for transportation of dead-body to village of the petitioner for according burial in his native graveyard in accordance with the traditions, religious obligations and religious faith, provided it is in deliverable state. The respondents are free to impose any reasonable terms and conditions in respect of exhumation, transportation and burial of dead-body of Amir Latief Magrey, the son of the petitioner. Since the dead body of deceased must be in advance stage of putrefaction, as such, it would be desirable that the respondents act with promptitude and do not waste any further time. However, if body is highly putrefied and is not in deliverable state or is likely to pose risk to public health and hygiene, the petitioner and his close relatives shall be allowed to perform last rites as per their tradition and religious belief in Wadder Payeen graveyard itself," the Court directed.

HC passes strictures against SWD for callous attitude

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JAMMU: Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court of Srinagar Wing, while disposing of a petition, passed strictures against Social Welfare Department (SWD) for its callous attitude. Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, while disposing of petition, observed that before parting with file, it is recorded herein that the present litigation is more attributable to the callous attitude of the concerned department than it being an act of the aggrieved individual, for, initially, the respondents without ascertaining genuineness of the certificate of one Mehjabeena Akhtar engaged her as Anganwari Worker. Later on, again without bothering themselves much to see as to who is more meritorious, and suitable candidate for post in question, took refuge in Deputy Commissioner's order as also in the interim order of the Court passed in SWP no. 876/2015 and engaged one Roomi Akhtar, when it was well within their knowledge that there are candidates who are more meritorious, therefore, more suitable for the post, than aforesaid Roomi Akhtar. "It is only because of such lackadaisical approach of respondents that the pres-

ent petitioners are entangled in litigation and that the post has remained unfilled. The present litigation and mess created, therefore, is solely an outcome of an administrative incongruity. This kind of litigation would never come into being if a little diligence is shown by the concerned towards their duties. Let this serve as a lesson for respondents in future," the Court observed and disposed of the petition with directions that respondents shall consider the claim of both the candidates, Roomi Akhtar and Tasleema Jan, in respect of their engagement as Anganwari Workers for Anganwari Centre in question. Both the petitioners shall be associated with consideration process by allowing them to put forward their stand effectively. High Court further observed that the engagement of Roomi Akhtar made in terms of order dated 20.06.2017 in the circumstances cannot withstand, therefore, same is quashed and directed the respondents to issue an engagement order in favour of candidate, who emerges out to be more suitable for post in question in reference to the merit cum suitability and of course in accordance with the applicable norms.