

# 'PoJK Remembrance Day': Chuni appeals DPs to show up in large numbers on Sunday



Chairman SOS International, Rajiv Chuni talking to reporters.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chairman SOS International - an Organization for PoJK Displaced Persons, Rajiv Chuni, has appealed to all members of the PoJK community to participate in maximum numbers in the upcoming "Shradhanjali avm Punyabhumi Smarn Sabha". The Remembrance Day is scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 08, 2022 at 10.30 am at Padma Shree Padma Sachdeva, Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, Ground.

In a press conference,

which was attended by prominent members of the community such as Prof. NN Sharma, VK Datta, Amarjit Singh, Ved Raj Bali, Joravar Singh, Dharamvir Gupta, Chuni appealed to PoJK community members residing in Tehsils of Jammu Khas, Jammu North, Jammu South, Nagrota, Marh, Domana, Akhnoor, Khour RS Pura, Bishnah, Vijaypur, Samba, Hiranagar, Kathua, Billawar, Basohli, Udhampur, Kud-Batote, Reasi, Pouni-Barakh, Sunderbani, Nowshera, Rajouri, Kalakote, Mendhar and Poonch to participate in

maximum numbers in "Shradhanjali avm Punyabhumi Smarn Sabha". In the scheduled programme, Chuni told the media, tributes will be paid to thousands of people from Hindu and Sikh communities who laid down their precious lives while fighting Tribal and Pakistan Army raid.

## Terminated NHM workers stage protest, injured in police action

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Several workers engaged under the National Health Mission (NHM) were injured in scuffling with police here on Thursday after they staged a protest against their termination and demanded the continuation of their services. The police acted against the health workers shortly after they staged a sit-in in front of the statue of Maharaja Hari Singh near Tawi bridge in the heart of the city. Several workers, both men and women, were injured detained while police forcefully evacuated them from the area. They said on the intervention of the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, they were given a six months extension last year with a promise to give them priority in regular services. "The extended period ended on April 7 but no decision has yet been taken by the authorities on the continuation of our services or providing jobs to us through recruitment board," they said. They urged the Lieutenant Governor administration to ensure the continuation of their services in view of their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, Senior Leader of EJAC, Yash Paul Sharma condemned the Lathicharge on peaceful protesters of NHM by the police. The UT Govt should address the issue of employees without any further loss of time, he said. "We warn the UT Govt do not adopt destructive approach towards agitating employees on behalf of the Central Government which is totally against the working class. He also appealed to UT Govt to release all dues of the employees and also regularize the daily wagers.

# EPFO Jammu hosts Pension Adalat

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Employees Provident Fund Office (EPFO) Jammu on Thursday organised a Pension Adalat to facilitate processing and transfer of Pension cases.

Pensioners Ram Lal, Surju Devi, Ruby Chauhan, Jagdish Raj, Hans Raj, Bawa Ditta were contacted telephonically and asked to open their Bank Account in the Banks and submit the documents to EPF Office. A recently superannuated claimant, Ajay Kumar Pandey, who visited the Office from Samba wanted to transfer his pensionable service from Regional Office, Delhi South to Regional Office Jammu.

RPFC-I confirmed the genuineness of the documents from Delhi PF Office and directed Pranav Gupta (ASO) to process the same. The claimants were provided Pension forms and assisted to fill the same. Further, 3 pension cases of Sanjeet Singh Dutta, Charanjeet Singh and Dharam Singh were also processed on the same day. The EPFO Jammu has accorded top priority pension claims and efforts are being made to ensure disposal of maximum number of cases. The eligible members can avail Superannuation Pension



PF Commissioner J&K and Ladakh, Rizwan Uddin checking pension cases.

by applying online claim through their UAN Login after attainment of 58 years of age. Provision of monthly pension is also available to the family of EPS members in case of unfortunate demise of an EPS member while in service. The family member(s) may avail monthly pension by applying offline claim through the employer of the deceased member.

## VC SKUAST-J flags-off educational tour

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Prof. J. P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu on Thursday flagged off a students' educational tour here at a simple function held on Chathia Campus. During the flag off function, the Vice Chancellor conveyed his good wishes for the successful completion of the tour. Dr. A. K. Mondal, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture was also present on the occasion. The Educational Tour of 36 students of BSc. (Hons) Agriculture Batch -2018, will visit different institutes situated in Leh (UT) and Kashmir Division of J&K (UT) including SKUAST-Kashmir. Dr. Jai Kumar, Scientist (Agronomy, SKUAST-J) is leading the tour along with Dr. Sheetal Dogra, Assistant Professor, Veg. Science & Floriculture, FOA.

# PHE employees demand release of pending wages, hold protest



PHE employees raising slogans during a protest.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Demanding release of pending salaries and wages, a number of employees and daily-wage workers of Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Jammu, under the banner of PHE Employees United Front held a massive demonstration against the concerned authorities on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, the protesters flayed Superintendent Engineer PHE Mech Urban Circle Jammu for his failures to disburse salary and wages for the months of February, March and April to employees after transfer of four divisions to Jammu Municipal Corporation. The senior leaders of front

said that the issues have been highlighted numerous times in past, both with Superintending Engineer and Mayor JMC, but nothing has been done to mitigate the sufferings of employees, who are now facing a lot of difficulties. If salary and promotion issues of employees would not be resolved by May 12, 2022, the PHE employees would go for a 12-hour 'Kamm Chhor Hartal', the responsibility of which would be on the Government, they warned.

Prominent among those who spoke on the occasion included Subash Verma, Balbhadar Sharma, Kartar Chand Dubey, Rajesh Jamwal, Ajay Sharma, Ravinder Singh, Ravi Hans, Rajinder Singh Taj, Navdeep Singh, Mohan Lal, Hoshiar Singh and Rakesh Kumar.

# DSS observes annual 'Save Water, Save Birds' initiative

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS), Jammu and Kashmir, under the chairmanship of its president Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, celebrated the annual 'Save Water Day' and 'Save the Birds Day' here on Thursday.

In this connection, a mass rally of men, women and children from different walks of life, including hundreds of students and the staff of different schools and colleges was organized at Dogra Sadar Sabha Bhavan, adjacent to Hari Singh Zanana Park.

The participants carrying banners, posters and placards on the themes, "Aao Pakshiyon ko Pani Pilaen (Come and Join us to Quench Thirst of Birds)" and "Save Water", distributed thousands of 'earthen pots' and 'chhikis' in the scorching heat of this summer month, as gifts amongst the commuters, pedestrians as well as vehicle-borne. They appealed to them to



DSS members installing 'earthen pots' for birds.

save the birds in this scorching heat by keeping the pots, filled with water in their lawns, balconies or on the walls and window sills of their houses at open, but safe places away from the reach of preying cats, etc.

Charak said that it was the primary duty of every citizen to very judiciously and efficiently use this invaluable gift of God and at the same time, he appealed to the people not to waste even a single drop of water.

He highlighted that saving water and its judicious utilization has become more important amidst scientific projections that the average global temperature can rise by 4 to 5 degrees Celsius by the year 2050 and we shall have to take appropriate precautions and necessary action to retard the trend of global warming through water conservation, tree plantation and proper management of birds and animals. He said that the DSS will

# Sharnarathi Intellectual Forum urges DPs to attend Shaheed Samaroh in large numbers



All J&K PoJK 1947 Sharnarathi Intellectual Forum members during a meeting.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: All J&K PoJK 1947 Sharnarathi Intellectual Forum has urged people in general and Displaces Persons in particular to attend the Shaheed Samaroh in large numbers, which will be held on May 8 at Govt College for Women, Gandhi Nagar.

Earlier a delegate conference of All J&K 1947 PoJK Sharnarathi Intellectual Forum was convened at Sector 14, Nanak Nagar, which chaired by Adv Amrik Singh, joined by Surjit Singh, Secretary. On the occasion, the participants discussed and finalized various arrangements for Shaheed Samaroh to be organized by J&K People's Forum in memory of martyrs of PoJK. The members also gave their valuable suggestions and urged DPs to attend the event for paying Shradhanjali to brave soldiers and civilians who sacrificed their lives for J&K. The forum also urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to initiate measures for retrieving back PoJK at the earliest. Those who spoke on the occasion included Inder Singh, Paramjit Singh, Sucha Singh, Kuldip Singh, Jagjit Singh, Manjit Singh, Nasib Singh, Sudesh Kumar, Kuldip Singh Kuku and Gurdev Singh.

# Dr Jitendra convenes 'Pension Adalat', addresses 225 locations across country

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: After his return from the Germany visit, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday convened All India "Pension Adalat" at the national capital and simultaneously also virtually addressed 225 locations across the country wherein he interacted with officials of different departments and other stake holders. In his address, the Minister said that steps like extension of Family Pension to differently abled child of a deceased Government employee/Pensioner or giving a major hike in the Family Pension emoluments for Divyang children of a deceased government servant/pensioner are not only pension reforms but these are social reforms having wide implications.

He said, the purpose of Pension Adalat is to resolve the grievances of beneficiaries in a prompt manner as well as to learn the procedural bottlenecks in disbursement of benefits.

Dr Jitendra Singh directed the senior officials of the Department to come out with a comprehensive "Manual for Pensioners" based on the feedback received from all the Central Ministries/Departments and Subordinate Offices for bringing further ease to pensioners. In the Pension Adalat, the Minister today randomly interacted and obtained feedback from the Pensioners, Staff and Officers dealing with the cases in Delhi and about 225 locations across the country.

# Kavinder meets Union Housing Minister, seeks development package for Katra, Udh

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta met Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Housing and Urban Affairs and sought development package for Katra and Udhampur, here on Thursday.

Highlighting the issue of rising population in J&K, Kavinder urged the Union Housing and Urban Minister to come up with new colonies in the UT of J&K to resolve the issue of affordable housing as the population boom has made it difficult for the people to own their homes in the urban hamlets thus mounting pressure on government to ensure other facilities like public convenience, night shelters, etc.

BJP's senior functionary from the Union Territory Kavinder Gupta also discussed the present scenario of Jammu and Kashmir with Union



Senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta Calling on Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Minister H S Puri. He said that post abrogation of Article 370, the UT is moving apace on the development trail as number of projects which were languishing since decades have been completed and dedicated to the people of the UT and several others have been launched to make the life of the people of Jammu and Kashmir more meaningful as they were subjected to step-motherly treatment for the last over 70 years due to phlegmatic attitudes of the successive governments led by dynastic political outfits like

NC, PDP, etc. The former Deputy Chief Minister said that the inception of AIIMS, IIT, IIM and many other institutions in the UT of J&K is the testimony to the fact that the BJP Government is focused on developing J&K into a model unit of the new India envisaged by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that presently the J&K is passing under the renaissance period as the development works are going on day and night. "Soon the UT will be transformed into the most developed region of

the country as vowed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and is being witnessed by the people of Jammu and Kashmir", Kavinder said, adding that Katra and Udhampur need added attention because despite being closer to winter capital Jammu, there are certain aspects in which these places are still lagging despite heavy footfall of tourists in the Jammu region and therefore a special development package is the need of the time. Showing keen interest in the details being discussed by Kavinder Gupta, the Union Minister appreciated the senior BJP leader from J&K for providing the insightful account of the requirements of the people. He assured that sooner than later, his ministry will come up with a proposal to mitigate the issues and problems of the people and also make provision for a development package for the aforesaid places.

# PoJK DPs Forum seeks maximum participation in May 8 event



PoJK Displaced Persons Forum Rehari Kotli Colony members inviting people for May 8 event.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A meeting of PoJK Displaced Persons Forum Rehari Kotli Colony, Jammu under the leadership of its President, Arun Chowdhary was held on Thursday, which was attended by a number of people belonging to various sections of society.

During the meeting, it was impressed upon participants to disseminate information with all concerned and requesting them to attend programme at Women College Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on May 8, 2022, in large numbers under the

# 77-year old denied bail in POC SO case

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

REASI: Principal Sessions Judge Reasi R N Wattal has rejected bail application of one Saiyan, age 77 years, who was arrested by the police in FIR No 71/2021 registered under sections 341, 376, 511 of IPC & 8 of POC SO Act.

While rejecting bail application, Principal Sessions Judge Reasi R N Wattal observed that as per charge-sheet on September 10, 2021, the complainant in company of her daughter lodged a complaint with SHO concerned with averments that when he returned from Srinagar, her daughter told him that on August 31, 2021 when she went to bring grass for cattle at 9 AM near Soli Nallah, accused Saiyan stopped her away and tried to rape her. Accordingly, FIR no. 71/2021 for the commission of offences 341, 376, 511 of IPC was registered against accused and investigation commenced, after which IO went on spot, prepared spot sketch, recorded statement of the witnesses and got the statement of prosecutrix recorded before Magistrate under section 164-A of CrPC, collected school going certificate of the prosecutrix and concluded investigation with registration of offences under sections 341, 323, 376, 511 of IPC & 8 POC SO Act.

Court further said that modesty of a minor girl is alleged to have been outraged by the petitioner and inhabitants of the area are in a state of shock when heard about the attempt to rape of a minor by accused. "Any concession of bail in favour of the petitioner will shatter the faith that a common man has got in this prestigious institution. The victim is physically and psychologically shattered and will carries scar of incident throughout her life. The male dominated society looks down on a rape victim. Any concession of bail shall positively boost those who believe in exploiting women-folk for their sexual lust," the Court observed and rejected the bail application.