

Multi-Disciplinary Committee meeting held at Railway Hqrs

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JAMMU: A meeting of Multi-Disciplinary Committee was held at Railway Hqrs Jammu under the chairmanship of ADGP Railways J&K, Sunil Kumar to assess the requirement of Railway Security Apparatus in J&K.

This was the first meeting of the MCD which was attended by the officers of various departments including ADRM Jammu Baldev Raj, DIG U-R-Range, M. Suleman Choudhary, DIG-Cum-CSC/NR/SINA K.K. Ashraf, SSP Reasi, Amit Gupta, SSP Ramban Mohita Sharma, CSTE/USBRL Anil Kumar, CE/C/JAT/USBRL R.C Gupta, CE/N/USBRL B.B.S Tomar, CE/S/NR/USBRL Sandeep Gupta, CEE/USBRL S.K Gupta, Dy. Director Fire & ES Jammu Raj Kumar Raina, Sr. DSC/RPF Rajnish Tripathi, SSP GRP Katra Sanjay Kumar Kotwal, SSP GRP Kashmir, Dr. Harmeet Singh, SSP GRP Jammu Mohan Lal Kaith, Asstt. Director IB Jammu Geeta Narendra, DyCE/C/USBRL/JAT Williamjit Singh, DyCSTE/USBRL/



ADGP Railways J&K, Sunil Kumar chairing Multi-Disciplinary Committee meeting at Jammu.

JAT A.P.Singh, DySP SDRF 2nd Bn Daljeet Singh and DySP SO to DIG Railways security J&K Akshay Khajuria. During the meeting, the officers were briefed by Sunil Kumar, ADGP GRP about the recently held meetings regarding assessment of security for railways in J&K at Railway Board & MHA, GOI, New Delhi and the importance of USBRL Project.

The Chairman of the committee apprised the participants that on completion of the USBRL Project, Kashmir Valley will be connected with the rest of the country through RAIL and for that purpose sufficient manpower of different security agencies needs to be deployed on the railway track/stations/tun-

nels/bridges for security purposes. Similar opinion was also given by the SSP GRP Katra/Kashmir/Jammu. After the thread bare discussions, the committee decided that the entire section of Railway track from Kathau to Baramulla has been split into four parts to survey and inspect their earmarked areas and will submit their reports within the given stipulated time frame.

The inspection teams will assess the requirement of Railway Security Apparatus in J&K based on; Security Infrastructure, Gadgets, Communication, Technological Interventions, Use of Drone for patrolling of tracks, Manpower, Construction of Morehas and Accommodations for all

Security Personnel from different agencies, digital fencing, etc.

Detailed discussion were also held on the feedback of the intelligence agencies exclusively pertaining to the security of Banihal-Qazigund Railway Tunnel.

The Railway construction officers were directed to replicate the arrangements in place in the tunnel and other tunnels also which are being constructed under the USBRL project.

SSP Ramban & Reasi intimated that there are many local people and nomads who may trespass the Railway Line at many places. Concerned officers have been directed to identify those points and places which are prone to crossing/trespassing.

At the end, the Chairman welcomed the valuable suggestions given by the members and stressed upon that the Multi-Disciplinary Committee will continue its assessment to ensure the safety and security of Railways in J&K and will work with caution, zeal and enthusiasm to make this dream project a reality.

Psychology Deptt of MAM College hosts Guest Lecture on Health and Wellness

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JAMMU: Department of Psychology of Maulana Azad Memorial (MAM) College, Jammu in collaboration with IQAC organized a guest lecture on health and wellness as part of the ongoing celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The event began with the welcome of Dr. Prof G.S Rakwal Principal of MAM College and resource person Dr. Romesh Sharma, Head of the Counseling Cell at the Directorate of School Education Department, Jammu.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Shabila Wani HOD Psychology with the help of the faculty of Psychology, Committee members of psychological counseling cell and students from the department of Psychology.

Dr. Sharma provided valuable guidance with the aid of a PPT on adopting healthy lifestyle habits, including regular exercise, balanced nutrition, adequate sleep, and mindfulness practices.



MAM College faculty and students at a programme.

He emphasized the role of physical health in maintaining mental well-being and encouraged the attendees to prioritize self-care.

An interactive session followed the lecture, allowing the audience to engage with Dr. Sharma and seek clarification on various topics related to mental health and wellness. The participants enthusiastically shared their experiences and concerns, creating an atmosphere of open dialogue and learning.

HOD Psychology Dr. Shabila Wani and HOD English Prof. Ruth K. Masshi

expressed college's gratitude to Dr. Romesh Sharma for his valuable insights and contributions by honoring him with a memento as a token of appreciation.

They also extended their heartfelt appreciation to all attendees for their active participation and for making the event a resounding success.

Dr. Prof. G.S. Rakwal Principal of Maulana Azad Memorial College, Jammu was also present on the occasion and encouraged the various departments to host more of such events.

Raj Rattan slams Cong for equating Bajrang Dal with PFI

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JAMMU: Raj Rattan Raina, BJP leader, on Wednesday decried the Congress promise in its poll manifesto to ban Bajrang Dal by equating it to the banned radical Islamic outfit People's Front of India, calling it the 'height of appeasement.'

In a statement issued here today, Raina said the grand old party does not know the difference between a nationalistic outfit and pro-jihadi organisation.

"This is the height of appeasement. Congress leaders are trying to equate Bajrang Dal and PFI which is unacceptable. A patriotic Indian will never accept the banning of either Bajrang Dal, RSS or Vishwa Hindu Parishad because you may have ideological differences with anybody but they are never anti-nationals, they are never criminals, they are against terrorism," he said.

Raina said Bajrangis are activists who give their lives for Hindu cause, and questioned the objective behind Congress promise to ban PFI which has already been banned by the BJP Government at the Centre.

He said that the Congress had always supported the PFI and its gang that raise slogans which provoke beheading of certain section of people of the society and Bajrang Dal had always acted as hindrance and obstacle for them.

"You cannot betray the people of the country, Sonia Gandhi. The way you have tried to project the Bajrang Dal in a negative way, the people of the country will not forgive and forget it," he added.

Raina also accused Congress leader Sonia Gandhi of opposing the ban on SIMI in Parliament and Congress has protested against the ban. "Your real face is out when you seek ban on the Bajrang Dal," he said.

Estates Department daily-wagers demand regularisation



Daily-wagers raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Estates Department daily wagers on Wednesday held a protest demanding their regularisation.

In this protest, the protesting daily wagers raised slogans in support of their demands.

The protesters said, "The

government should regularize the daily wagers as per the previous cabinet decision."

"We have crossed the upper age limit and our demand is not accepted and the Union Territory administration should regularize us," said one of the daily wagers.

'It is also brought into the

notice of administration the daily wagers have been working since last considerable time i.e 25 to 30 years, but no positive action for their regularization has since been taken by the Estates Department/ Government," they said.

It was also discussed that some of daily wagers who have rendered their yeom's service to the Department were not regularized as a result of which they attained the retirement age and some of them have already been expired, but they had not since been regularized.

It is also brought into the notice of Department/ Government they had been struggling for their regularization since, but no positive heed has been paid to them.

Baru presses Jal Shakti officials for infrastructure upgradation, regular water supply



Councillor Ward-41 Sanjay Kumar Baru chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: BJP senior leader and JMC Councillor ward-41 Sanjay Kumar Baru asked Jal Shakti Department for upgradation of infrastructure and regular water supplies during a meeting with Jal Shakti department city division-1 Executive Engineer Vijay Gupta, AEE Sham Kishore, JE Sr. Kulveer Singh and others officials at JMC Ward office Wazir lane.

Sanjay Baru while chairing the meeting of Jal Shakti Department said that

the Modi government is working on the mission to ensure drinking water supply through individual household tap connections by 2024 to each and every home. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stressed that every resident must have easy access to all the basic amenities required.

Sanjay Baru said that the Jal Jeevan Mission by the Modi government would also implement source sustainability measures as mandatory elements, such as recharge and

reuse through grey water management, water conservation, rain water harvesting. The Jal Jeevan Mission is based on a community approach to water and will include extensive Information, Education and communication as a key component of the mission, he added.

Baru said that to meet the drinking water needs of the locality; an overhead tank needs to be erected at an already existing tube well at Wazir lane. He also said that the old pipe must also be replaced from Patta Chowk to Anand Nagar and Wazir lane to up to Poonch House, Bharat Nagar.

Baru asked them to prepare DPRs for the above-mentioned work to provide a quick relief to the local residents in terms of drinking water supply.

He appreciated the works to the tune of rupees 10 Lakh works done by the Jal Shakti Department at Colonel Colony, Surya Vihar and Wazir Lane.

TBS releases Admission Poster of MBA Programme



TBS JU faculty and students releasing admission poster of MBA programme.

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JAMMU: The Business School (TBS), University of Jammu (JU), on Wednesday released the admission poster of the MBA programme for the 2023-25 batch.

The poster release event was graced by Special Guest, Prof. Naresh K. Padha, Dean of Academic Affairs, JU along with Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director TBS, Prof. Versha Mehta, Prof. Alka Sharma, Prof. Sameer Gupta and other

faculty members, staff and students of TBS.

Prof. Padha suggested to create awareness about Management education and its career prospects to young aspiring graduates.

Prof. Chauhan apprised the gathering that this poster release event marked the beginning of the career counseling and orientation program for effective talent nurturing of the

students across the various colleges of the Jammu region.

The event also marked the start of its maiden counseling session for final year students of MAM College, Jammu.

The session was conducted by Dr. Komal Nagar, Associate Professor; Dr. Aubid Parrey, Assistant professor and final year MBA students-Soham Gupta, Vanshika and Mohak Sharma.

BJP IT Deptt announces Lok Sabha Prabharis, Seh-Prabharis

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JAMMU: IT Department, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, nominated Lok Sabha Prabharis & Seh-Prabharis, Zila Prabharis Kashmir and State Executive Members Adv. Ishant Gupta, State Incharge IT Department in consultation with Ravinder Raina, President BJP J&K and Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org.) BJP J&K nominated its team for the Information Technology Department.

Karan Sat Sharma, State Co-Incharge have been nominated as IT Prabhari for Morchas, Cells and Departments, Adv. Varun Gupta as Prabhari IT Programmes and Abhiyans; Ajay Anand, State Co-Incharge as Prabhari and Sonal Sharma as Seh-Prabhari for Jammu Lok Sabha; Gaurav Balgotra as Prabhari and Anil Sharma as Sah-Prabhari for Udhampur Lok Sabha; Yudhveer Singh Sambyal as Prabhari and Shahid Hassan as Sah-Prabhari for Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha; Manzoor Bhat, State Co-Incharge as Prabhari and Tariq Ahmad Khan as Sah-Prabhari for Srinagar Lok Sabha; Er. Feroz Ahmad as Prabhari and Bilal Ahmad Zargar as Sah-Prabhari for Baramulla Lok Sabha; Saba Ali as Prabhari for Srinagar District; Wasim Ahmad Dar as Prabhari for Budgam District; Showkat Hussain Shah as Prabhari for Ganderbal District; Anir Hussain Sofi as Prabhari for Baramulla District; Peer Imtiyaz as Prabhari Kupwara District; Mir Arif Madni as Prabhari for Bandipora District; Musharaf Mushtaq Zargar as Prabhari for Anantnag District; Bilal Aziz Baba as Prabhari for Pulwama District; Aijaz Hussain Bhat as Prabhari for Shopian; Rouf Ahmad as Prabhari for Kulgam. Abid Hussain, Sourabh Sethi, Nishant Sharma and Ankush Kumar Dogra as State Executive Members.

HC upholds PSA of narco smuggler

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has upheld detention under PSA of narco smuggler: Justice Mohan Lal, while dismissing petition filed by one Vijay Kumar; seeking quashment of impugned detention order No. PITNDPS 23 of 2022 dated September 29, 2022 issued by the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu (respondent 2) for detaining petitioner under Substances Act 1988 read with SRO 247 dated July 27, 1988, observed that petitioner; actively engaged in the sale and purchase of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, poses a serious threat to lives of young generation and tried to spoil the peaceful atmosphere of Doda and Ramban area and if he remains free in the society. "Therefore, the presence of subject in society

is certainly prejudicial to the health and welfare of the people of District Doda and other adjoining area and this illicit traffic has a deleterious effect on the society, as the criminal activates of the petitioner are responsible for spoiling the lives of hundreds of youth.

From the bare perusal of the FIRs and DDRs the allegations therein against the petitioner; it is discernible, that the petitioner is a habitual smuggler and actively engaged in the sale and purchase of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the actions taken against him under ordinary law from time to time have not been proved to be deterrent. It seems that petitioner/ detainee instead of mending his ways has continuously been indulging in such activities and has not shown any respect for the law of the land, as such, the

petitioner/detainee has created a sense of alarm, scare and a feeling of insecurity in the minds of the public of the area, has become a chronic fear amongst the people of the area. Even the Advisory Board under J&K Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1988 vide its order dated October 7, 2022 has confirmed the detention of the petitioner. Thus, the activities of the petitioner are of criminal and habitual nature of indulging in sale and purchase of narcotic drugs, hence, petitioner has been rightly detained by Respondent No. 2, therefore, the detention order issued vide order No. PITNDPS 23 of 2022 dated 29.09.2022 does not suffer from any illegality, impropriety and perversity, the same is upheld," the Court observed.

HC upholds seven-year imprisonment of accused

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JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court upheld rigorous imprisonment for seven years and a fine of Rs 1 lakh awarded to one Nazir Ahmed Ganie which was awarded by Principal Sessions Judge Pulwama in 2015 under section 304-II of RPC. As per prosecution case, on August 16, 2011, PW (9) lodged a written report with SHO Pulwama, alleging therein that at about 9.00 AM, when his son Danish Farooq alias Umar Farooq was on his way to school, he was attacked by accused, including appellant. It was further alleged that as a result of the attack, the deceased received fatal injuries as all three accused had hatched a conspiracy to kill deceased. FIR No.25/2011 for offences under Section of

302, 34 of RPC was registered with the Police Station Pulwama and investigation started. After investigation of the case, it was found that the appellant along with co-accused namely Gh Ganaie and Maqbool Ganaie caught hold of deceased Danish Farooq and was given beating by kicks, fists and hands. It was also found that appellant, who was armed with a club, gave a blow on head of the deceased with an intention to kill him, due to which deceased fell down and died on the spot.

Justice Sanjay Dhar after hearing both the sides observed, that it is clear that mere protraction in trial or delay in decision of the appeal cannot be a ground for reducing the sentence, particularly when during the pendency of the appeal, the appellant has been admitted to interim bail

in terms of order dated November 8, 2016 and continued to be on bail as on today. "For the foregoing reasons, I do not find any ground to interfere in the impugned judgment of conviction and order of sentence passed by the trial court.

The appeal fails and the same is, accordingly, dismissed. The appellant is directed to surrender before the trial court within a period of fifteen days from today and once the appellant surrenders before the trial court, he shall be sent to jail for serving the balance sentence. In case the appellant fails to surrender before the trial Court within the aforesaid period, the trial Court shall secure his presence through coercive measures and send him to jail for serving the balance sentence," the Court observed.