

DPAP holds protest in Jammu against Ration curtailment, electricity, property tax, CUET exams



DPAP workers during a protest at Jammu.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) on Monday protested in Jammu and submitted the memorandum of demands to the Divisional Commissioner Jammu seeking his immediate intervention to address the growing public concerns over curtailment of Ration, price rise, rising electricity bills, CUET exams, and outsourcing of local minerals to outsiders.

The protest was led by Senior party leadership including G.M Saroori, Jugal Kishore Sharma and others. The

DPAP workers later marched towards the Divisional Commissioner office where they submitted the memorandum for demands.

"No resources shall be out-sourced at the cost of local people. The people of Jammu and Kashmir have the first right over its resources, these resources have not been only building our economy but were fetching employment to thousands of people," Saroori said. The protesters also asked to exempt the people from electricity charges who have meagre income. Due to misman-

agement of National Testing Agency in conducting CUET exams for admission in Graduate and post graduate courses in Jammu and Kashmir, we demand that for this year CUET should not made applicable for students of J&K and requesting to allow the students to take admissions in different colleges and Universities of J&K on the previous pattern.

We strongly oppose the decision of imposition of property tax and request for its immediate roll back, also old age pension must be given and Kerosine oil and sugar should be introduced again, said Saroori.

Among others present on the occasion were Gourav Chopra Distt President, Hira Lal Abrol Secretary, Masood Choudhary Secretary, Prabha Salathia Mahila Chief, Gurmeet Kaur, Sunita Arora, G. Singh Majotra, Rajinder Singh Manhas, Anoop Khajuria, Vishal Chopra and Ashok Khajuria.

Online, offline TLM Exhibition organized by DIET Jammu under Janbhagidari events

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In continuation to Janbhagidari events under guidance of Principal DIET Jammu Nand Kishor along with team members of Janbhagidari and all ZNOs, an online as well as offline TLM exhibition on themes G20, NEP 2020, FLN and Digital initiatives organized.

A large number of students and teachers participated in the exhibition. DIET Jammu is taking responsibility of outreach of this programme in all zones of Jammu district.

All ZNOs are actively engaging and managing activities in their respective zones.

Teachers and children showed enthusiasm and actively participated in this TLM exhibition. In all the zones of Jammu district teachers and students made TLM with low cost material that are beneficial for teaching literacy and numeracy at foundational stage.

These FLN skills will help students in their further stages empowering holistic development and preparing them for a better future.



Teachers visiting exhibition at Jammu on Monday.

IGP Armed asks Jawans to avoid any incident in incoming SANJY-2023, religious festivals



IGP Armed, Mahendra Nath Tiwari during visit to IRP 18th Bn at Battalion Hqrs.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: IGP Armed, Mahendra Nath Tiwari on Monday impressed upon the Jawans to do their duty with full dedications, honesty and presence of mind to avoid any incident in future especially incoming SANJY-2023 and religious festivals.

IGP Armed was addressing a Darbar-cum-Bhara Khana organized by IRP

18th Bn at Battalion Hqrs DPL Jammu which was attended by almost 400 Jawans and officers.

It was also graced by presence of DIG IR Range Jammu Sarah Rizvi.

IGP emphasized the need to improve upon the basics of duties whether on guards, law and order, security, traffic duty during Yatra and any other duty assigned to them.

He further impressed upon the jawans to keep in mind their fitness by doing regular exercises, yoga and good food habits.

CO IRP-18th Bn. Kulbir Singh SSP also briefed officers regarding duties and tasking of the battalion in details and assured the IGP that all necessary instructions will be taken for the betterment of the jawans.

Support, strengthen Congress Party to get rid from misrule: Hari Singh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Hari Singh Chib, President of District Congress Committee (DCC) Jammu Rural and Corporator Rajni Bala, visited Mohalla Tiny Tot Dhok Paloura falling in the Jammu North Assembly segment, and listened to the concerns of the inhabitants.



DCC Jammu Rural President, Hari Singh Chib interacting with people.

The inhabitants of the area raised several issues like unscheduled power cuts, shortage of drinking water, defunct street lights, dilapidated condition of link road to a temple in Tiny Tot Higher Secondary School, construction of bathrooms near Temani Temple and water tank needs for storage of water over the bathroom building.

Chib expressed his disappointment over unscheduled power cuts amid scorching heat, which has made life miserable for the people of the

area. He also criticized the non-completion of a water supply scheme in Mohalla Dhok for the past ten years, stating that the residents are not receiving regular water supply, as there has been no headway regarding the source of water. Till date, no tube well has been dug for the scheme and even no land has been identified for the digging of a tube well for Water Supply Scheme Mohalla Dhok Paloura.

The senior Congress leader also expressed his displeasure with the administration's imposition of property tax and appealed to the district administration to pay serious attention to the people's issues.

He noted that while the government is claiming that every household is receiving regular water supply but the situation on the ground is entirely different.

Hari Singh Chib appealed to the people of the area to support and strengthen the Congress Party to put an end to the misrule of the present dispensation.

He said that Congress Party is committed to upholding the values of democracy and freedom. It is time for the people to come together and work towards building a better future for all, he added.

Corporator Rajni Bala, in her address, assured the residents that she would take up the matter with Commissioner JMC, regarding the construction of bathrooms, road repairs, defunct street lights, and drinking water, for early redressal in Ward No. 60.

HPS organises handicraft exhibition for "be vocal for local"



HPS faculty and artists during handicraft exhibition at Samba.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SAMBA: Humanity Public School, Bassi Kalan, Bari Brahmana in collaboration with Shilpkari Bazaar a unit for promoting "Be Vocal for Local" organised a one day exhibition of Handicraft in the school premises.

The purpose of organising the exhibition was to support the Local artists and manufacturing of local art/goods not only at national level but at global level. The bountiful

nature has rewarded India with enormous natural wealth in the shape of forest, flora and fauna if utilized judiciously and properly can steer the nation towards self-sufficiency and help elevate the economic standard of the nation. The Shilpkari bazaar one of the startup from Jammu who works on innovating, reviving and sustaining Handicrafts and Handlooms of Jammu region. Sanchaita Pradhan and

Arnab Khajuria the renowned artists displayed many unique and exclusive designed products both useful and eco-friendly.

The artists asked the school staff and the parents to share on social media about the local products they buy and inform people around them to promote Handicrafts products.

Gaurav Charak, the Principal of the school, urged his school staff and parents to

buy more of local products. He expressed his concern towards the nature and said that these products are eco-friendly and nontoxic to environment.

The art will surely help the younger generation to know their local traditions and culture very well.

These small-scale industries will also help in generating employment to many people.

Anku Charak, the Vice-Principal of the school, and under whose supervision the exhibition was carried said that the people should buy local products in festive season also. If we purchase local goods then the house of many poor, an artisan or a weaver who are involved in these small-scale industries will also be illuminated.

She also expressed confidence that such exhibition which has been started to promote "Be Vocal For Local" will be more stronger and stronger with time.

DLSA Jammu observe World Day Against Child Labour



DLSA Jammu members interacting with family members in slum area.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: World Day against Child Labour was observed by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu under the guidance of Chairman DLSA (Pr. Distt. & Sessions Judge) Jammu Sanjay Parihar and the supervision of Secretary DLSA Jammu Smriti Sharma at Lower Muthi slum area of Jammu on Monday.

Resource persons for the pro-

gramme were DLSA Jammu Panel Lawyer Advocate Anusaf Aslam and Advocate Deepali Kapoor along with PLVs Rakesh Kumar and Joginder Pal. Resource persons along with PLVs held door to door campaign at slum area of lower Muthi to spread awareness against child labour.

The theme for World Day Against Child Labour 2023 is "Social Justice for All. End Child Labour!" This theme

highlights the connection between social justice and the issue of child labour.

The resource person discussed the Child Labour (Prohibition Amendment Act, 2016 prohibiting the employment of children below 14 yrs. in all employment and also prohibits employment of adolescents (14-18 years) in hazardous occupations and processes.

Various schemes like Grant in Aid on Child Labour; application Form Fund, Sukanya Samriddhi Yojna etc were also discussed by Resource persons to aware parents and children against Child Labour.

Resource persons also distributed light refreshment to the children of slum area.

TLSC Bishnah, Akhmoor and RS Pura also observed World Day against Child Labour in their respective Tehsils.

'Era of broken promises': Sadhotra on BJP's nine-year rule



Senior NC leader Ajay Sadhotra addressing public meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Monday described nine years of the BJP-led central government as "era of broken promises", claiming that the people are angry with its policies.

The former minister also accused the saffron party of "exploiting religious sentiments" and said the people

are resolute enough to steer themselves from the "mis-governance" by voting out the BJP in the 2024 general elections.

He said the people of the country, especially in Jammu and Kashmir, are angry with the policies of the government and "will certainly give the BJP a grand exit through their power of ballot".

FIR against Surjeet, Priyanka, revenue officials Court directs SSP Crime Branch Jammu to investigate matter

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In a complaint filed by one Sudesh Kumar Sawhney through Advocate Mohd. Latif Malik, seeking directions under section 156 (3) Cr.PC for lodging FIR against Surjeet Singh, Priyanka Chanyal and revenue officials which includes Parkash Chand (then Patwari), then Naib Tehsildar and Tehsildar Jammu South, the Special Mobile Magistrate Passenger Tax Jammu, Munish K. Manhas has directed the SSP Crime Branch Jammu to forthwith investigate the matter under law.

The grievances of the petitioner before the Court is that he has challenged two sale deeds and the Court has granted as an interim to maintain status quo viz a viz sale deeds and the entry in the revenue record was also got made by the petitioner in the Khasra Girdawari about the

Court interim order and despite that the revenue officials being hand in glove with private persons, issued the fard Intikhab and concealed the fact of Court case and stay order and in connivance with each other in violation of the direction of law prepared forged documents preparing the Fard Intikhab of the land which is subject matter of the civil cases in the Court of law and thus facilitated the execution and registration of the sale deed by accused Surjeet Singh in favour of Priyanka Chanyal.

The Court after hearing the Advocate Mohd Latif Malik appearing for the petitioner Sudesh Kumar Sawhney has observed that persual of the record on file reveals the commission of cognizable offences and directed the SSP Crime Branch Jammu to forthwith investigate the matter under law.

SCERT's ESM Wing Gears Up For RBVP Competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: The Education in Science and Mathematics (ESM) Wing of the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) is all set to organize zonal level competitions for model exhibitions cum seminars under Rashtriya Bal Vaigyanik Pradarshani (RBVP).

In line with the National Education Policy 2020, the advisory committee responsible for guiding the science exhibition had in 2022 rechristened the National Science Exhibition as Rashtriya Bal Vaigyanik Pradarshani (RBVP).

By fostering curiosity, innovation, and excellence, RBVP strives to inspire young minds and contribute to the development of a vibrant scientific community in India. It aims to promote a scientific temperament among students by providing a platform for them to showcase their innovative projects and

ideas.

In line with the goals of the RBVP, the SCERT has directed all the District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) in the Kashmir Division to ensure maximum student participation in these events.

The theme chosen for the science innovation models is "Technology and Toys," which comprises seven different sub-themes. This theme aims to foster creativity and problem-solving skills among students while exploring the interplay between technology and toys.

In addition to the model exhibitions, a seminar will be conducted on the topic "Scientific Innovations for A Sustainable Future." This seminar aims to create awareness about the importance of scientific advancements and their role in building a sustainable future for society.

The competition will progress through various

levels, including zonal/cluster, district, and provincial, where students will compete against each other. From the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, a total of 21 models will be selected to represent the region in the national level competition.

Recognizing the potential impact of these innovative ideas, the selected models will be transferred to the industry for further development. Moreover, the inventors will be provided with patent protection to secure their intellectual property rights.

The zonal level competitions organized by SCERT's Education in Science and Mathematics Wing are expected to fuel scientific curiosity among students and pave the way for a more innovative and sustainable future.

Through these initiatives, SCERT aims to inspire and nurture the budding scientists and inventors of tomorrow.

PIL seeking rehabilitation of Saddal village inhabitants DB directs respondents to file affidavit stating why land has been allotted to other persons who were not affected

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by the displaced inhabitants of village Saddal in tehsil Mongri of Udhampur district, which was devastated due to landslide in the year 2014. The writ petition has been necessitated on account of the failure of the respondents to take any steps to rehabilitate the landslide affected families for the past over five years.

A Division Bench of High Court of J&K and Ladakh (Jammu) comprising Chief

Justice N. Kotishwar Singh and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi directed respondent to file an affidavit stating as to why no land has been allotted to the affected person as mentioned in the present application and also why land has been allotted to other persons who were not affected.

This significant order has been passed by Division Bench after hearing Adv Deepika Mahajan for the PIL whereas Sr. AAG SS Nanda for the UT during

the course of hearing submitted that certain families of village Sadal, Tehsil Mongri, District Udhampur, were affected and displaced in the landslide which occurred in the year 2014. It has been further submitted that out of these affected families, only 27 families were allotted land and the remaining families, as mentioned in Para No. 5 of the present application, have not been allotted any land, instead 07 other families who were not affected were allotted lands in their name.