

DIG IRP Range Jammu visits APC Channi Himmat, takes stock of various activities

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JAMMU: Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police IRP Range Jammu, Sarah Rizvi, on Wednesday visited the Armed Police Complex Channi Himmat here and took stock of various activities carried out by the battalions.

On her arrival at APC Channi, the DIG IRP Range Jammu was received by Anita Sharma-SSP (CO IRP-14thBn), Rashmi Wazir-SSP (CO Women 1st Bn) along with other officers/officials of the battalions.

During the visit, the DIGP inaugurated the newly constructed lawn at battalion headquarters and planted a tree.

On her maiden visit to the APC Complex, she inspected the administrative block wherein offices of IRP 14th Bn, JKAP 4th Bn/JKAP 7th Bn, ACS telecom complex are



DIG IRP Range Jammu, Sarah Rizvi planting a sapling.

stationed. She also visited the offices of IRP 24th Bn, Women 1st Bn. and reviewed the overall functioning of these units.

Later a meeting was held by the worthy DIGP with gazetted officers of all the units.

All the Commandants gave brief introduction about their respective battalions and

major issues related to administration, logistics and the present status of under construction work at battalion headquarters and welfare of Jawan's was also discussed.

In response to which DIG IRP Range Jammu confirmed affirmative action and also appreciated the efforts put forth by the

Commandant IRP 14th Bn. for beautification and cleanliness of APC Complex especially parking area, newly constructed Recreation Hall, Open Air Gym and Jawan's mess.

Later on, Anita Sharma expressed her gratitude and thanked DIG for sparing her precious time for visiting the APC Complex.

DBPS seeks monthly salary for Pujaries of JK UT temples

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JAMMU: Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) on Wednesday demanded that all Pujaries of JK UT temples may be given monthly salaries to support their families as they are in object poverty and unable to make their both ends meet.

Interacting with media persons here, President of DBPS Ved Parkash Sharma and Yuva President Ritiz Khajuria said that Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha may consider the demand of the Sabha favorably in their favor in view of rising prices of essential commodities.

They further hoped that the Lieutenant Governor may consider the request of the Sabha favorably so that Pujaries would get sigh of relief from rising prices. Senior Member of the Sabha Gurdas Sharma expressed deep concern over the plight of temples Pujaries, demanded immediate Financial Assistant to them.

Dr Rohit seeks amnesty for industrial sector



Apni Party Provincial Secretary, Dr. Rohit Gupta during meeting with BBIA members.

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JAMMU: Apni Party Provincial Secretary/District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta on Wednesday demanded revival of the industrial sector and extension of Govt package to the industries in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr Rohit was accompanied by Provincial Secretary Apni Trade Union Jammu Daljit Singh when he met the members of Federation of Industries Bari Brahmmana.

He said that "Amnesty for the industrial sector of J&K for the recovery under central excise in the matter of notifica-

tion no 56/2002 dated 14/11/2002 and waive off of the interest and deposit of principal amount in installments."

"The extension of industrial packages should be given to the existing units as is given to the new industrial units. As per the new Govt policy our local micro and small units are unable to compete with the manufactures of other states because of their pro-industrial policies," he said.

He demanded free land hold rights to the SIDCO and SICOOP land to the existing unit holds.

He appealed to the Lt

Governor to intervene in the matter and he also assured that their issues will be forwarded to President Apni Party Syed Altaf Bukhari sahib for taking up at the highest level and redressal of the same.

The meeting was attended by Chairman, Federation of Industries, Lalit Mahajan, General Secretary, Viraj Mahajan, President Birpur Industrial Association, Deepak Dhavan, Secretary, Rajesh Jain, Industrialist from Gangyal, TS Reen, and other industrialists were present during the meeting.

Cultural activities held in all schools of Distt Jammu under Janbhagidari Events



Students during a programme under Janbhagidari events.

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JAMMU: Under Janbhagidari events, cultural activities were conducted on Wednesday in all schools of District Jammu where a large number of stakeholders participated.

Awareness regarding themes of Janbhagidari was given through students, teachers to parents and community members.

A large number of stakeholders participated and were enriched regarding

Janbhagidari events on themes NEP-2020, G-20, FLN and Digital Initiatives also ensuring Foundational Literacy and Numeracy especially in the context of blended learning mode.

Students performed dance, skit, drama, role play to present the themes and maximum outreach and promotion of Janbhagidari events from June 1 to 15 in all schools was done under guidance

of Principal DIET Jammu Nand Kishor and faculty members.

They motivated them to rope in all stakeholders teachers, students, parents, community members in these events making this program a big success.

They ensured full support and participation from stakeholders in rolling out this Janbhagidari events in Jammu District with great enthusiasm.

Tourism-oriented projects will establish Jammu as an independent tourist destination: Gaurav

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JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu, has lauded the government of Jammu and Kashmir for opening the Jambu Zoo, a highly anticipated tourism project in the region.

In a press statement released today, Gupta highlighted the immense potential of Jambu Zoo in boosting the economy of the Union Territory.

He believed that this ambitious project will not only enhance the tourism industry but also create new avenues for economic prosperity in the Union Territory.

Recognizing the potential of Jambu Zoo to stimulate various sectors of the economy, Gupta expressed his optimism about the creation of employment opportunities, growth in ancillary indus-



tries, and increased revenue generation.

He further emphasized that the presence of such a world-class facility would not only boost tourism but also position Jammu as a prominent destination on the global tourism map.

He said the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary Arun Mehta should be credited for their sincere efforts in making such developments possible.

Gupta urged the government to enhance visitor experience by introducing additional facilities such as more battery cars, exemption of parking charges and entry fees for visitors for a minimum of two month to attract a higher footfall.

Gupta reiterated that the Jammu Zoo, along with the opening of the Tirupati Balaji Temple in Jammu and the aforementioned tourism projects based in Jammu, would establish Jammu as an independent tourist destination. He emphasized that the people of Jammu have long been affected by Kashmir-centric policies over the past 70 years and that the dream of making Jammu an independent tourist destination could only be fulfilled by the Government at the Centre, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Calling upon the residents of Jammu to actively support the people-centric policies of the Modi Government, Gupta encouraged their participation in making Jammu an independent tourist destination which was the dream of the people of Jammu region for decades.

Period of study leave by an employee cannot be treated as Deputation: DB

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Puneet Gupta settled the issue that period undergone for study leave by an employee cannot be treated as deputation. DB after hearing AAG Amit Gupta for the UT whereas Sr. Adv Abhinav Sharma with Adv Abhimanyu Sharma for the respondent, modified the judgment of Central Administrative Tribunal with the observation that we do not fully concur with the view taken by the Tribunal and, accordingly, allow the writ petition partly. The impugned judgment of the Tribunal is modified to the extent and insofar as it directs the petitioners herein to treat the period undergone in DNB course by the respondent as on deputation and we, instead, direct the petitioners to consider the case of the respondent,

who is prima facie eligible under Rule 61 and 62 of Chapter VI of the 1979 (Leave) Rules for grant of study leave, to which we find the respondent entitled to. The respondent is also entitled to all consequential benefits that would accrue to him after his period with effect from 25-06-2014 to 26-06-2017 is treated as study leave.

DB also directed the petitioners to put in place a proper mechanism in the light of the provisions of Rule 61 and 62 of the 1979 Rules and Regulation 44-A and 44-F of Part-II of the Civil Service Regulations, to deal with the study leave and deputations to be granted in appropriate cases well in advance before permitting the applicants to leave the Department to join higher study/ training courses, as the case may be. This would not only strengthen and simplify the procedure but will also avoid unnecessary liti-

gation in the Courts of law.

The respondent- Dr. Javed Iqbal was appointed as Medical Officer vide Government Order No.335-HME of 2010 dated 17.06.2010. After rendering almost four years of service as Medical Officer, the respondent approached Director Health Services, Jammu, for permission to undergo higher studies (DNB) Course in LRS Institute of Respiratory Medicine, New Delhi with effect from 26-06-2014 to 25-06-2017. The request of the respondent was processed and the Administrative Department through its under-Secretary vide communication No. HD/Gaz/Gen/116/2014 dated 2406-2014 conveyed NOC in favour of the respondent to join the said course in LRS Institute of Respiratory Medicine, New Delhi, [the Institute]. The respondent was relieved to undergo the said course at

New Delhi. After completion of the course, the respondent re-joined duty with effect from 07-07-2017 with Director Health Services, Jammu. The matter with regard to settlement of period spent by the respondent in the Institute while pursuing his DNB course was referred by the Director Health Services, Jammu to the Administrative Department for instructions. The Administrative Department vide its communication no. HD/GAZ/GAN/116/2014 dated 16.1.2019 conveyed the approval of the Administrative Department to settle the period of absence of respondent with effect from 26.06.2014 to 25.06.2017 as leave whatever kind due except study leave strictly as per the leave account of the respondent. It was further provided that any shortfall in the leave standing in the account of the respondent shall be met

by treating the said period as dies-non. The Director Health Services, Jammu was also asked by the Administrative Department to warn the respondent not to leave his place of posting for any occasion in future un-authorizedly.

Feeling aggrieved of the communication dated 16.01.2019 and subsequent communication dated 18.11.2019 issued by the Administrative Department, the respondent filed OA No. 61/528/2020 before the Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu Bench ["The Tribunal" hereafter], seeking inter-alia quashment of the two communications of the Administrative Department referred to above. The respondent also prayed for direction to the writ petitioners herein to treat the period with effect from 26-06-2014 to 25-06-2017 as on deputation and grant him all service benefits accruing there from.

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JAMMU: Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary uphold the order No.33/PSA of 2022 dated 04.11.2022, issued by District Magistrate, Ramban whereby Sajad Ahmed alleged terrorist sympathizer was detained under PSA.

According to the police the activities of the detainee are highly prejudicial to the maintenance of public order. It is submitted that the petitioner was in contact with one terrorist namely Mohammad Ashraf Naik S/O Ahmedo Naik R/O Lablotha Khari, who is affiliated with HM Outfit, operating from POK/Pakistan. The activities of the petitioner are stated very harmful and highly prejudicial to the peace, prosperity, tranquility, integrity and security of the Union Territory of J&K particularly Banihal area. It is pleaded that the petitioner used to instigate and provoke the general masses particu-

larly youth of Banihal and adjoining areas against the Government and disturbing peaceful atmosphere in the area. It is also submitted that the petitioner was also trying to create communal tension and usually remains busy in recruiting/indulging youth in terrorism related activities. According to the respondents, the activities of the petitioner have a potential of igniting a cycle of violence in the Union Territory. It is further submitted by the respondents that the activities of the detainee are anti-social and prejudicial to the maintenance of public order, security and peaceful atmosphere in the area. I

t is further claimed in the reply affidavit that all the statutory and constitutional requirements have been fulfilled and complied with by the detaining authority and that the order has been issued validly and legally. In order to support their contentions, the respondents

have produced the record of detention.

Justice MA Chowdhary after hearing both the sides observed that no doubt, the right to personal liberty of an individual is jealously protected by our Constitution but this liberty is not absolute and is not to be understood to amount to licence to indulge in activities which wrongfully and unjustly deprive the community or the society of essential services and supplies. The right of the society as a whole is, from its very nature, of much greater importance than that of an individual. In case of conflict between the two rights, the individual's right is subjected by our Constitution to reasonable restrictions in the larger interest of the society." Viewed thus, impugned order of detention does not call for any interference by this Court. The petition lacks merit and is dismissed, as such.

42nd death anniversary of Ladakh's lone freedom fighter observed

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LEH: The 42nd death anniversary of the lone freedom fighter from Ladakh, Munshi Abdul Sattar, was observed in Leh on Tuesday.

Munshi Abdul Sattar was a remarkable individual who played a significant role in the freedom movement.

Hailing from Ladakh, he became the sole freedom fighter from the region, motivated by the distressing oppression endured by the locals. Recognizing the significance of freedom for an individual, he expressed his convictions through writings published in national dailies.

In 1932, Sheikh Abdullah and Dr. Zakir Hussain asked him to represent Ladakh and extend-



Late Munshi Abdul Sattar

ed an invitation for his participation as an Executive Member in a conference held at Srinagar. Responding to their call, in 1935, he joined Sheikh Abdullah and became a representative of Ladakh.

During this period, he had the privilege of meet-

ing influential figures like Pandit Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi, which solidified his determination to initiate the freedom struggle in Ladakh.

In 1938, he faced imprisonment in Skardu. Nonetheless, this did not deter his resolve and commitment to the cause of freedom. Munshi Abdul Sattar got inspired to get involved in the Indian freedom movement during his frequent business trips to places like Lahore, Mumbai, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Delhi, and Kolkata where the freedom movement was at its peak. It is also said that on one of his train journeys he met Mahatma Gandhi who lauded him for wearing the Ladakhi hand woven goncha

(dress) and impressed upon him the importance of self-reliance.

In 1949, he joined the National Conference and later aligned himself with the Indian National Congress from 1956 to 1970. After being released from jail he continued with his struggle and educated people on the freedom movement. He was said to be a firm believer in the freedom, progress, and growth of Ladakh and endeavoured for it under the leadership of KG Bakula Rinpoche until he left active politics in 1970.

In 1972 Munshi Abdul Sattar was honoured with the Tamra patra for his participation in the freedom movement. He passed away on 6th June 1979.

Court frames charges against CAPD store-keeper in DA case

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JAMMU: Additional Sessions Judge Anti-corruption Doda Amarjeet Singh Langeh framed charges against Jugal Kishore store-keeper in CAPD in disproportionate assets case.

The Allegations in the Chargesheet are that based on an open verification , it came to fore that accused by indulging in illegal and corrupt practices - accumulated huge assets beyond his known sources of income as storekeeper in department of CA and PD in Ramban- Gool. After preliminary verification, F.I.R No. 26/2011 for offences under section 5 (1) (e) read with section 5 (2) J &K Prevention of Corruption Act was registered and investigation started. On the conclusion of investigation, it was established that as a store-

keeper in aforesaid department, accused accumulated disproportionate assets in the form of movable and immovable property. As per investigation, immovable property acquired by accused comprised of Double storied residential house at Kuleed, Mohalla, Waseer - Kishtwar, Single Storey residential house at Block-B, House No. 3/34, Lane No. 2 Roopnagar Enclave, Jammu built on 10 Marlas of land, 43 Kanals of land at Dool, Kishtwar plus one more plot measuring 13 Marlas in Survey No. 772 located at Mohalla Kuleed --- Kishtwar. The movable properties acquired by accused as per investigation which are disproportionate to his known and legal source of income, included household items like furniture, Jewellery (40 Tolas of Gold), different

types of vehicles, one revolver, one Single Barrel Gun, One NP Bore Rifle, motorcycles etc. Investigation concluded that percentage of disproportionate assets acquired by accused is 166.98% with detail as outlined in the Chargesheet.

Additional Sessions Judge Anticorruption Doda Amarjeet Singh Langeh after hearing both the sides observed that it is trite and as perhaps needs no reiteration that at the stage of framing of charges in a criminal case, neither roving inquiry into the allegations can be embarked upon nor can an exercise to ascertain truthfulness, sufficiency and acceptability of material produced by investigating agency be undertaken. All that which has to be taken into account at this stage is existence of Prima

Facie evidence providing grounds for presuming that accused has committed offences as alleged. Rest of the exercise as aforementioned is in the domain of trial. In the case in hand, the material available on record prima facie establishes involvement of accused in the commission of offences aforesaid by accumulating disproportionate assets - both movable and immovable as pointed out hereinabove. Aforetioriari therefore, charge against accused for his involvement in commission of offence under section 5 (1) (e) read with section 5 (2) J &K Prevention of Corruption Act is framed and contents thereof are read over and explained to accused. Accused pleads not guilty and claims to be tried. Charge form is placed on record.