

CS assesses promotion plans for handicrafts, MSMEs in J&K

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday had an overview of the prospective plans for large scale promotion of Handicrafts and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with the World Bank. The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce; Secretary, Revenue; MD, JKTPPO; Director Handloom and Handicrafts, Jammu and Kashmir; MD, SIDCO and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary had a detailed review of broad counters of the proposals prepared by the concerned department in this regard while reflecting certain observations regarding each component proposed in these plans. He appreciated the exercises carried out by the respective heads in preparing these mega plan proposals to be taken-up with the World Bank for consideration.

Dulloo also asked for further fine tuning of these plans in light of the feedback given by the participants during the meeting. He called for conducting micro-analysis of each proposed activity for enhancing its effi-



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

ciency and acceptability as per international standards. He further asked for carrying out consultations with other genuine stakeholders to add more perspectives into the plan. He stressed on laying focus on introduction of modern technology, new designs, skill upgradation, credit linkages, marketing interventions while formulating their plans. Moreover, he asked for making economy, ecology and equity the hallmarks of such proposals to elevate their approval rates for one and all.

In a presentation, the Director Handicrafts, Kashmir, threw light on the current challenges being faced by the artisans of J&K, erstwhile popularity of these crafts and issues faced in their growth besides highlighting the previous initiatives taken by the govern-

ment and the proposed interventions to be taken up in collaboration with the international body.

Among the possible interventions suggested on the occasion included establishment of Common Facilitation Centres (CFCs) for the artisans where they can work under one roof with provisions of all the basic amenities. Besides, other measures proposed were testing and certification centres, on-boarding on e-commerce platforms, collaboration with international brands, skill development and upgradation, extending credit facilities, establishing trade centres, participation in trade fairs/exhibitions while observing Environment Social Responsibility (ESR) throughout the entire process.

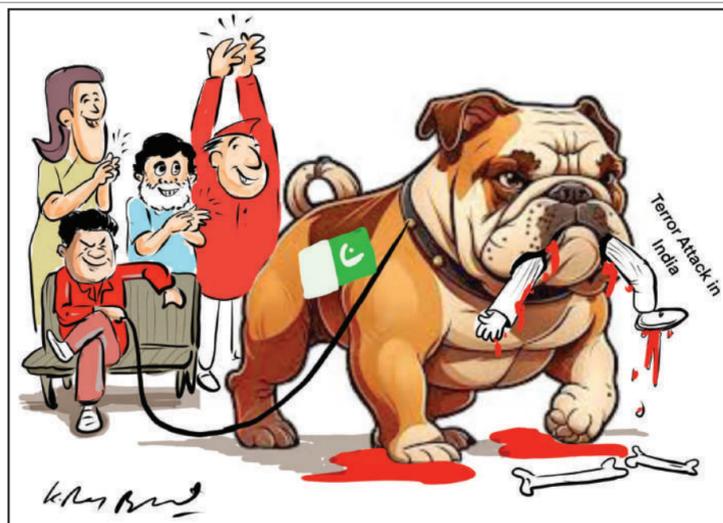
While elucidating the

strategic investment plan under Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP), the MD, JKTPPO gave an overview of MSME sector followed by elaboration of salient features of the RAMP Programme. He also apprised the meeting of the baseline survey of MSME in J&K, stakeholder consultations and value chain assessments carried out under this programme.

Regarding the Industrial base, it was informed that there are around 7.09 lakh MSMEs here which comprises of 7.05 lakh micro, 4500 small and 290 medium enterprises contributing nearly 8 percent of GDP to the UT. It was added that nearly 40,000 weavers and 3.78 lakh craftsmen and artisans are employed in Handloom and Handicraft sector and

there has been an increase of 173 percent in importer-exporter registrations in the last financial year.

The interventions proposed for its promotion included formalization of MSME sector, interest subvention for stressed MSMEs, CGTMSE annual guarantee fee coverage, penetration of digital financing for MSMEs, branding, packaging and publicity of ODP/GI products of J&K, arranging buyer-seller meets, raw material and inventory management, entrepreneurship and skill development besides other measures beneficial for this sector in the UT.



Dr. Karan Singh visits Mata Kheer Bhawani Shrine, prays for peace & prosperity of J&K UT

Takes stock of facilities for devotees ahead of upcoming Annual Mela

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SRINAGAR: Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman Trustee of the J&K Dharmarth Trust, on Tuesday made a significant visit to the revered Mata Kheer Bhawani Shrine at Tulla-Mulla in Ganderbal districts of Kashmir, ahead of the upcoming annual Mela on June 14. During his visit, he paid obeisance to the deity and offered prayers for the peace and prosperity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The Chairman Trustee took stock of development works facilitated by the Dharmarth Trust, along with those supported by special grants from the Government of India. He expressed satisfaction with the progress and quality of the development efforts, highlighting the positive impact these improvements have had



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on the shrine. Dr. Karan Singh reviewed the arrangements for the upcoming Annual Mela, personally inspecting the preparations made by the J&K Dharmarth Trust and the Administration for the pilgrims. He instructed the Trust staff to ensure that devotees face no inconvenience and to provide all necessary facilities

during the Mela. He expressed his satisfaction with the well-maintained state of the Mata Kheer Bhawani Shrine complex, which is fully prepared to welcome devotees from across the country.

Dr. Karan Singh said that the J&K Dharmarth Trust is committed to preserving and enhancing our sacred heritage sites.

Sachin elected for third time to lead JKEEGA

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JAMMU: In a handout issued by Returning Officer Jammu and Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduates Association (JKEEGA), subsequent to the completion of election processes initiated vide notification no. JKEEGA/GS/Election/2024-26/01 Dated May 18, 2024 for the post of General Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Electrical Engineering Graduate Association and Election held thereof on June 10, 2024, in exercise to the Power conferred to me as the Returning Officer in terms of JKEEGA Constitution, Er. Sachin Tickoo is declared as the elected General Secretary of JKEEGA for a period 2024-26.



CGPWA hails Dr Jitendra Singh's induction in Cabinet, his support to Pensioners

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JAMMU: The Central Govt Pensioners' Welfare Association, Jammu (CGPWA) has hailed the induction of Dr. Jitendra Singh, third time MP from Kathua-Udhampur constituency, into Modi's new Council of Ministers as Union Minister of State (Independent Charge).

In a statement, the General Secretary of the CGPWA, KB Jandial has welcomed the decision of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for retaining him in PMO for the third time, a great honour for any MP, with previous portfolios including Personnel & Public Grievances and Pensions.

While he is fully qualified to be elevated to a Cabinet Minister in view of his outstanding performance as a Parliamentarian and an Administrator in last ten years, and seniority, his continuation in the Ministry of Pensions too has a special importance for Central Govt Pensioners as he has been instrumental in undertaking a series of reforms like Digital Life Certificate through face identification technology, to make the life of pensioners easy.

Jandial said that it is a matter of pride for Jammu that Dr. Jitendra Singh falls in the group of about half a dozen high performing Ministers of

Modi's last Cabinet like Rajnath, Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari who have been allotted the same portfolios which they held in the last tenure. This shows that he is not only a great asset for the Union Govt and Modi but also earned the unflinching faith and confidence of the Prime Minister in implementing his vision including of Viksit Bharat.

The General Secretary said that Dr. Jitendra Singh, in his last tenure, has been a huge support to CGPWA, Jammu in resolving long pending issue and irritants in functioning of the CGHS in Jammu and deployed his senior officer to take stock of ground situation and got the second Wellness

centre in Jammu established which the Department had been mulling to take it out of Jammu.

Wishing Dr. Jitendra Singh yet another very successful tenure in the Union Govt, Jandial said that there are some critical pending issues of pensioners like reducing the period of recovery of Commuted pension on the pattern of Gujarat Govt and release of notional increment of those who had retired on 30th June or 31st December as ordered by the Supreme Court. These issues are unnecessarily delayed by the bureaucracy and need firm directions from PM Modi and Dr. Jitendra Singh, he added.

JKUT Govt approves 68 Teaching and Non-Teaching Positions for UIET, JU's Kathua Campus

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JAMMU: The Higher Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (JKUT) has sanctioned 68 new teaching and non-teaching positions for the University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET) Kathua Campus, University of Jammu. This significant milestone underscores the commitment of both the University and the Jammu and Kashmir Government in advancing quality higher education and fostering academic excellence.

The approval of these 68 teaching and non-teaching positions, strategically designed to enhance the quality of education, support research initiatives, and improve administrative efficiency within the institute. These new roles will provide a robust foundation for UIET to expand its academic offerings by attracting distinguished faculty and staff.

Expressing gratitude to Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor and Chancellor of the University of Jammu, for his continuous support, Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, stated, "This approval marks a pivotal moment in UIET's journey towards becoming a premier institution for engineering and technology education in the northern region.

The allocation of these positions will not only strengthen our academic and research capabilities but also ensure a more supportive and enriched learning environment for our students."

The allocation of these positions is a testament to UIET's continuous efforts to align with the Hon'ble Chancellor's vision of fostering innovation, techno-

logical advancement, and academic excellence. While appreciating the sincere and concerted efforts of Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary-JKUT, Sh. Alok Kumar, IRS Principal Secretary to Govt, Higher Education Department, JKUT and Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department, JKUT in transferring these positions to the University, Prof. Umesh Rai also emphasized that the university is committed to recruiting top talent and providing unparalleled educational opportunities that prepare students to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving global landscape.

Speaking on this significant development, Prof. Meena Sharma, Dean of Planning and Development, said that the University is thrilled about the possibilities this brings for our faculty and students. Prof. Rahul Gupta, Registrar University of Jammu further added that these new positions will enable us to broaden our curriculum, initiate cutting-edge research projects, and provide our students with the resources and mentorship they need to excel in their respective fields.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector of Kathua Campus, reiterated that The University Institute of Engineering and Technology has a longstanding reputation for excellence in engineering education and research. This new development further solidifies its status as a leading institution dedicated to shaping the engineers and innovators of tomorrow."

Sadhotra led NC team visits GMC, enquires about condition of injured in terrorist attack

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JAMMU: National Conference Additional General Secretary and former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Tuesday called for ensuring a robust security grid and enhanced surveillance mechanism to avert the gruesome acts of terrorism like the recent one in Reasi, saying this is imperative in view of the ensuing Shri Amarnathji Yatra on Kashmir Himalayas and 24X7X365 Mata Vaishno Devi ji Yatra on Trikuta Hills.

"The gruesome and inhuman killing of 10 Shiv Khori Yatis including a child is highly condemnable and the terrorists behind the horrendous attack should be dealt with", Sadhotra said after visiting the Government Medical College Hospital here this afternoon, along with a team of senior National Conference leaders, to enquire about the condition of injured Yatis.

The team comprised of Abdul Gani Malik, Zonal President Udhampur-Reasi Zone and former Minister,



NC Additional General Secretary Ajay Kumar Sadhotra inquiring about wellbeing of terrorist attack pilgrims at GMC Jammu.

Jagjivan Lal, District President Reasi and former Minister, Ankush Abrol Joint Secretary Jammu Province National Conference, Rakesh Sharma District President YNC Jammu Rura, Dr. Vikas Sharma Zonal Secretary Jammu-Samba-Kathua Zone, Romesh Mehra District President OBC Jammu Rural and Munna Bloek President OBC Marh.

Sadhotra sought increased presence of security forces in critical zones, especially those identified as high risk besides integrated approach between

various security and intelligence agencies. Creating euphoria on normally dawning in Jammu and Kashmir is not a solution to countering the situation but results should be seen on ground with the people feeling a sense of security, he said, hoping this will receive priority attention from the government. The Team led by Sadhotra met the injured, enquired about their condition, prayed for their early recovery and expressed solidarity of the National Conference with them. They also shared the agonies of the

families, who lost their dear ones in the gruesome terror attack. He said the people of Jammu and Kashmir are with them at this hour of pain.

Sadhotra appreciated the Doctors and Paramedics for putting their best efforts in treating the injured and saving their lives and lauded the District Administration Reasi for prompt evacuation measures. He expressed satisfaction over the teams from the Reasi district and Uttar Pradesh monitoring the condition of the injured in the hospital. Sadhotra described terrorism as a challenge, saying that the civilized world will have to give a united fight to counter this menace. He exhorted the people to be united against the monster of terror.

The National Conference sought increased ex-gratia compensation for the next of kin of the deceased in this gruesome attack and to ensure specialized treatment of the injured at government expenses.

J&K Bank inks MoU with JPDCCL to facilitate ease of electricity bill collection

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Close on the heels of tying up with KPDCCL, J&K Bank today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCCL) to improve and streamline the electricity bill payment for consumers in Jammu region.

As per the agreement all banking activities of JPDCCL related to electricity bill collection will be conducted exclusively through J&K Bank. This collaboration will focus on promoting digital payment solutions and provide multiple channels for their customers to pay their electricity bills at their own convenience.



J&K Bank and JPDCCL representatives signing MoU.

Managing Director Vikas Kundal signed the agreement on behalf of JPDCCL, while General Manager & Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar put in his signatures for J&K Bank in presence of Chief Engineer (JPDCCL) Manhar Gupta and

senior officials from JPDCCL and the Bank. Commenting on the MOU, General Manager Sunit Kumar said, "We are delighted to partner with JPDCCL to enhance the bill payment experience for their customers. This MOU is a testa-

ment to our commitment to leveraging technology to provide convenient and efficient banking solutions. We believe this partnership will significantly contribute to the digital transformation of the region."

"Together, we look forward to a successful partnership that will benefit the people of Jammu by making electricity bill payments easy and accessible for people irrespective of their location and contribute to the region's progress.", he added. While commending the Bank's role in the economic development of J&K, MD (JPDCCL) Vikas Kundal said, "Collaborating with J&K Bank enables us to improve our service delivery and

ensure that JPDCCL consumers have convenient multiple options for paying their electricity bills. The agreement will surely improve the efficiency of our operations significantly in providing a better customer experience to the consumers particularly for those residing in remote and hilly areas across Jammu."

Moreover, in addition to these services, J&K Bank has been appointed as the "Direct Debit Account Agent" of JPDCCL for making payments to vendors during the implementation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).

UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

SITUATION VACANT

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the temporary engagement of Lecturer(s)/Teaching Assistants on contract basis as purely temporary academic arrangement, in the Main Campus/Offsite Campuses/UIET and IMFA University of Jammu, Jammu as per detailed advertisement available on the University website www.jammuuniversity.ac.in w.e.f. 12.06.2024. The Last date for submission of applications on the prescribed format in the respective Department/Campuses/Institute shall be 25.06.2024.

No. Adm/TW/C&R/24/271 DIP/J-515-P/24
 Dated: 11.06.2024 Dated: 11-06-2024

Sd/-
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DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION & F.W

JAMMU

Sub: Selection list of candidates for the post of Driver/Driver-I/Driver-II & Tractor Driver in Agriculture Production & Farmer's Welfare Department, Jammu.

Ref: (i) Service Selection Board Communication No. JKSSB-Scry/7/2023-03 dated 11.01.2024

(ii) Administrative Department Communication No: Agri-Cord/06/2024 (E7390906) dated: 08.05.2024 and JKSSB-Scry/7/2023-03 (E-7259835) dated 27.03.2024.

NOTICE

The following candidates whose recommendations were kept withheld by the JKSSB vide above referred communication for the post of Driver/Driver-I/Driver-II & Tractor Driver in Agriculture Production & Farmer's Welfare Department, Jammu, have now been released by the JKSSB vide no. JKSSB-Scry/7/2023-03 (E-7259835) dated 27.03.2024 and conveyed by Administrative Department vide letter No. Agri-Cord/06/2024 (E7390906) dated: 08.05.2024.

S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the Candidate	Father's Name	D.O.B	Selection Category	Address
1	4270122070	Zaffar Iqbal Dar	Habib Ullah Dar	06.03.1993	EWS	H.No. 15 Ibrahim Mohalla Badkoot, Machipora, Handwara, Kupwara
2	4070110003	Mukesh Sharma	Yash Pal Sharma	01.08.1990	EWS	Near Middle School Kharak, Kalakore Rajouri

As such, the above candidates are hereby informed to submit their valid "Mobile Number and E-mail Address" to the Directorate of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, Gole Pully Talab Tillo, Jammu within a period of 07 days from the date of issuance of this notice for generation of their user ID & Password of Employee Verification System (EVS) Portal

Candidate(s) who fail to submit their "Mobile Number and E-mail Address" within the stipulated time of 07 days, it shall be presumed that they are not willing to opt appointment as Driver/Driver-I/Driver-II & Tractor Driver in Agriculture Production & Farmer's Welfare Department, Jammu.

Sd/-
(Arvind Singh Reen)
Director
Agriculture Production & F.W
Jammu

No: Agri/DAJ/Estt-194/2024-25/
 Dated: 08-06-2024
 DIP/J-1242/24
 Dated: 11-06-2024