

Waqf Board organises mega Cleanliness drives at Makhdoom Sahib & Dastgir Sahib shrines Board to issue fresh guidelines for shrines' management to ensure cleanliness, foolproof management systems: Dr Andrabi

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SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board on Saturday organized a mega cleanliness drive at the shrines of Hazrat Makhdoom Sahib & Hazrat Dastir Sahib in Srinagar on Eid eve.

Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi supervised the drive which was organized in collaboration with J&K Fire & Emergency Services & Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

Waqf today issued orders to all the administrators in J&K to undertake cleanliness drives at all shrines under Waqf management so that we are ready with a clean atmosphere for Eid prayers at all locations.

Many fire-tenders were used to clean the campuses and stairs of these shrines utilizing adequate manpower from Waqf & Municipal Corporation.

CEO of Waqf Board Dr Syed Majid Jahangir &



Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi and others carrying out cleanliness drive at a shrine.

Tehsildar of the Board Ishtiaq Mohiuddin were part of this drive indicating a change in the working of Waqf ever since the new Waqf Board came into existence.

"Within a couple of weeks we are issuing fresh guidelines for shrines management to ensure continuous cleanliness at all shrines. Stopping interference of political parties & politicians and all others at all shrines will be ascertained. We want

sanctity and equality of all at our sufi shrines in all cases and for streamlining the system, concrete steps are being taken," said Dr Darakhshan.

Waqf Board Chairperson said that the system of offerings and donations was being corrected to stop all proliferation of these funds so that we are able to upgrade facilities at our shrines from the funds donated by the public at shrines.

"As a society, we need sup-

port from one and all to transform the management system at our shrines as this has been the public demand for decades in J&K," said Dr Andrabi. She thrashed the earlier political regimes of J&K for the grave mismanagement of Waqf assets, properties and funds. "We have demarcated land for cancer Hospital in Srinagar and soon foundation laying for the same will happen," announced Dr Darakhshan.

DSS seeks protection for honest, deserving aspirants in SIs recruitment

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JAMMU: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) has expressed shock at loss of lives due to natural calamity that occurred on Friday at Shri Amarnath Cave Shrine and conveyed condolences to next of kin of victims. While speaking during a press conference held at Dogra Hall Jammu on Saturday, Gulchain Singh Charak, President DSS, also acknowledged immediate rescue and relief measures initiated by UT administration. Earlier, in a special meeting of its Executive Committee of DSS, two minutes silence as 'Shrdhanjali' was observed in memory of unfortunate pilgrims who lost their lives at Amarnath cave shrine in a cloud-burst and for the former Japanese Premier Shinjo Abe, who was brutally murdered in Japan.

Admiring LG's bold action to cancel corruption-ridden selection process of Sub Inspectors, DSS insisted that the interests of honest and meritorious aspirants, who were selected or could have been selected in a fair way, must not be compromised, otherwise many will be rendered overage for no fault of



President DSS, Gulchain Singh Charak talking to reporters.

theirs. Charak further expressed gratitude towards LG Manoj Sinha for his decision to enhance ex-gratia relief to NoKs of services martyrs within and outside J&K, and expressed hope that annuities paid to Gallantry awardees will also be enhanced similarly and brought at par with other States like Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan etc. "DSS is also thankful for the LG's assurance to have the conservation of the Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex expedited and to get inclusion of the complex in the Tentative list of Unesco World Heritage Sites followed up, as has already

been forwarded to UNESCO through Archeological Survey of India by Director Archives, Archeology & Museum J&K in December 2020," said Charak, adding that it has been noted with concern that important Purnandal/ Uttar Behni Shrines of religious pilgrimage (Chhota Kashi) have been omitted from Shri Amarnath Yatra Shrine Guide Book published by Tourism Department. He further emphasized that the ancient traditional water bodies in and around Jammu should be properly maintained as they are helpful in maintain-

ing receding sub-soil water level in Jammu which is life-line of Water Supply System of the region and suggested to immortalize these water-bodies by naming them after great personalities like Rajinder Sarovar at Rajinder Singh Pura, General Baj Singh Sarovar at Badhori, Maharani Charak Sarovar at Birpur and Pt Prem Nath Dogra Sarovar at Smailpur etc.

Charak also expressed concern over malfunctioning of Light & Sound programme, Musical Fountain and the Laser Show at Bagh-e-Bahu and said that it should be conducted regularly, uninterrupted with adequate standby power supply and operation facilities. He pointed out that even condition of approach road to Bagh-e-Bahu is in a pathetic condition and needs immediate repairs.

Others present during the press conference included Col Karan Singh, Prem Sagar Gupta, Gambhir Dev Singh, Col Dr Virendra K Sahi and C M Sharma.

Director Police Telecom decorates newly promoted officers



Director Police Telecom, Shridhar Patil after decorating newly promoted officers.

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JAMMU: The Director Police Telecom, Shridhar Patil, on Saturday decorated newly promoted two Inspectors, four Sub inspectors and eight Head Constables in a pepping ceremony held at Zonal Police Telecom Hqrs. here.

During the ceremony, Rakesh Gupta, I/C Supdt. of

Police Telecom Jammu Zone Jammu and Ravinder Kumar, DySP T/C Hqrs. Jammu and other officers of Police Telecom were present.

The Director Police Telecom congratulated the officers and their families and expressed his hope; they will strive to work with the same dedication for people and the department.

Home for Aged & Infirm celebrates birth anniversary of Ram Nath Prabhakar

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JAMMU: The management and inmates of Home for Aged and Infirm (popularly known as Vridh Ashram) at Amphalla, Jammu celebrated 122nd birth anniversary of its founder, Ram Nath Prabhakar by performing Hawan-Poojan in morning.

On the occasion, Prabhakar's grand-daughter Jyoti Bhalla recited a Bhajan and paid tribute to pious noble soul.

She asked inmates to pay obeisance daily to seek blessings of the Almighty, as the Home is properly taking care of all their needs.

She also appreciated tireless sincere efforts put in by the Management of the home for welfare and comfort of inmates.

President, I D Soni, former State Commissioner J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides, while paying tributes to Prabhakar, described him as a great visionary who could foresee necessity of such a Home for aged and infirm in the ever changing society.

Prabhakar was a well-known social activist who made significant contributions for upliftment of needy, hapless and destitute persons, he added.

Pertinent to mention here that the Home was established on June 8, 1964 with single room, and thereafter was registered as a Society

on February 20, 1965. It now has two full fledged buildings, having capacity to comfortably accommodate around 90 aged persons. At present, it has 49 inmates including 20 females.

This Home rendered glorious humble service for the last over fifty eight years to scores of poor, needy, destitute persons aged 60 years or above irrespective of caste, creed, religion, sex or region while adhering to saying of our scriptures 'Nar Seva is Naryan Seva'. Besides providing free residential facilities, necessities and amenities of life including medical care, the management of Home also tries to ensure individual attention, affection, sympathy and feeling of homeliness to

inmates, which have been denied to them by their kiths and kins. A Physiotherapy Care Centre has also been set up for inmates and the facility has also been extended to other senior citizens as well, at nominal charges.

Besides representatives of some local NGOs as well as Members of the Society, Patron Prem Gupta, Vice President H S Manhas, Joint Secretary Vijay Gupta, Managing Committee Members Nirmala Zutshi, Pankaj Gupta, Vinod Kumar and Sat Pal Sharma also participated in the celebrations amidst following COVID appropriate behaviour. Vijay Bhagotra Honorary Secretary conducted proceedings.

Jugal, others listen to public grievances

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JAMMU: Member Parliament, Jammu-Poonch Lok Sabha constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma, along with J&K BJP Secretary Venu Khanna, BJP Spokesperson & Ex-MLC, Girdhari Lal Raina and SC Morcha president and EX-MLA, Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat, listened to the grievances of a large number of people from different areas of Jammu at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. The people in deputations as well as individually from various areas of the region reached the party office, narrated their woes and shared their grievances related to different departments like PDD, PHE, PWD, Health etc.

Among other issues, a deputation asked for the facility



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma listening to public issues.

of Health Centre at Sumb. A deputation asked for space at Ayodhya for raising an apple orchard. A deputation said that 2 shops are not permitted out of 9 shops in a market at railway station. Another deputation requested for the naming of Hockey stadium at Poonch.

Their problems were taken up with the concerned officials of the departments by Jugal Kishore Sharma and other leaders and most of the problems were resolved on the spot to the satisfaction of

the aggrieved persons.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, while listening to the public grievances, said that people in massive number have shared their various issues and the party leaders have tried to sort out their issues by talking and writing to various departments.

BJP is steadfast to mitigate the problems of the common masses, Jugal said and added that this is one task undertaken by the BJP to sort out the problems faced by the public.

Yuva Sewa Dal holds blood donation camp

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JAMMU: Yuva Sewa Dal today organized a blood donation camp in memory of deceased youth NC leader Rohit Kerni who lost his life due to this lethal virus. The blood donation camp was organised in the Government Medical College & Hospital Jammu with an aim to provide blood to the needy people.

Speaking to media persons, Yuva Sewa Dal members said "For the last two years we have been arranging blood donation camps besides organizing free Langar for the needies at Government Medical College Jammu and Railway Station Jammu during COVID pandemic in memory of our beloved brother Rohit Kerni."

"Our members are always ready to provide any services like blood donation and free Langar for needy and poor people," they said.

A total of 12 units of blood were donated in today's camp, which was second in series, to save the precious lives. "The human race reeling under the acute critical period of COVID-19 combined with natural calamities. Hence we arrange voluntary blood donation to save precious lives," they said.

Meena Sidhu, Head of Department Blood Bank GMC appreciated the efforts of youth for donating blood.



Volunteers donating blood during a camp.

World Population Day observed at GGM Science College

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JAMMU: NSS unit of GGM Science College under the patronage of Principal Dr. Ravender Tickoo and guidance of NSS PO Dr. Deepali Mahajan organized an awareness workshop to commemorate World Population Day 11th July to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues. This year's theme is "A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all". NSS volunteers on virtual platform spoke on several issues caused due to overpopulation. The increasing population also sheds light on health problems faced by women during

pregnancy and childbirth, making the need for family planning, gender equality, and maternal health more important than ever. When there is a state of balance between the population and the available resources, it is known as the optimum population. This balance gets disturbed when the number of people increases or decreases in comparison to the availability of resources.

Overpopulation creates the problems like unemployment, shortage of food, low per capita income, problem of capital formation, high pressure, social problems, economic insecurity, social insecurity, increased pressure on land and environmental degradation.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Lalana, Salehar, Rathana, Khour, Makhampur, Miran Sahib, Biaspur, Old Sarore, Pandoriyan and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 12 from 7 am to 1 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Birpur and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 12 from 7 am to 12 noon. Likewise, the power supply to Digiana Industry, Sanjay Nagar and Shastri Nagar shall remain affected on July 12 from 6:30 am to 9 am. Similarly, the power supply to Jourian, Troti, Muthi, Mara, Bakora, Rakhi Muthi, PHE, BSF, Border Migrant, Sohal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 12 from 7 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply to GhoManhasa, Marh, Gajansoo and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 12 from 8 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to District Udhampur, Doda and Kishtwar shall remain affected on July 12 from 6 am to 10 am. Likewise, the power supply to Nanan, Budhi, Bakhta, Jakhole and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 12 from 9 am to 3 pm. Meanwhile, SE (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua informed that the power supply to Shipwari, Bhagwati Nagar, Patel Nagar Ward No. II, Partap Nagar, Krishna Colony, Indira Colony, Karan Nagar, Radio Station, Kathua shall remain affected on July 12 and 13 from 7 am to 10 am.

GMC Kathua felicitates distinction holders of Second phase MBBS annual examination



Principal GMC Kathua, Dr. Anjali Nadir Bhat felicitating meritorious students.

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KATHUA: The Department of Microbiology, GMC Kathua hosted a felicitation programme for vibrant distinction holders of Second phase MBBS annual university examination.

On that occasion Principal GMC Kathua, Dr. Anjali Nadir Bhat felicitated the students and appreciated the efforts of Incharge HOD, Dr. Natasha Sawhney and Dr. Amrith Kohli (Assistant Professor), Department of Microbiology for carrying out the examination successfully with dedica-

tion and endurance to bring the best among the students.

Four students bagged distinction in Microbiology. They are Jasmine Kour, Aditi Bhat, Urvashi Kesar and Divyanshi.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Natasha Sawhney, Incharge HOD said that the overall pass percentage in the subject was observed to be 100%.

She further expressed that this achievement is noticed significant in the light of the fact that the world is preparing for the future pandemics and the demand of Microbiologists is constantly increasing.

Ex-CPMF Welfare Association projects demands



Ex-CPMF Welfare Association members addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: Ex-Central Paramilitary Forces Welfare Association has demanded separate Armed Forces Service & Pension Rules for the personnel of paramilitary forces instead of CCS Rules. While highlighting a number of demands, Association President, Shashi Kumar Sharma while addressing a Press Conference in Jammu on Saturday, said that although paramilitary forces fight enemy and render sacrifices, just like personnel of Defence forces, but are not

receiving benefits and concessions extended to Defence forces, which is against law and ethics of natural justice. He further said, "Service condition of paramilitary forces are regulated by a strong set of Acts with provisions to award punishment up-to court-martial, similar to Defence forces but unfortunately their perks and post-retirement benefits including pension are governed by Central Civil Service (Pension

rules 1972, under which they receive benefits equivalent to central Government employees."

The serving and former personnel, widows and dependents of paramilitary forces personnel are facing several hardships including financial constraints, he added, urging Union Home Ministry to consider their demands at the earliest. The Association president also demanded extension of proper medical treatment facilities for retired personnel of Paramilitary Forces at district level and all post-retirement benefits, just like the same available for defence forces personnel and their dependents. Others present on the occasion included D K Chauhan, Noor Mohd, Harbans Lal Ashok Kumar, Yash Pal, Jagan Nath, Chamal Singh and Janak Raj.

Protest of Jammu-based reserved category employees enters day 37



Jammu-based reserved category employees during a protest.

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JAMMU: The ongoing peaceful protest of All Jammu-based Reserved Category Employees Association, Kashmir enters 37th day on Saturday at Ambedkar Chowk Park, Jammu. During the protest, the employees raised slogans in support of their demands and urged UT administration to address their genuine demands including formulating a comprehensive time-bound transfer policy, utilization of services of employees in their respective district and not to pressurize Jammu-based employees to resume their duties in prevailing situation at Valley. While speaking on the occasion, employee leaders requested the administration to resolve all their issues and demands at the earliest. Pertinent to mention here that few days back, a delegation of the employees also called on Div Com Jammu and highlighted their grievances, who assured early redressal of all their genuine demands. The core committee of the association also expressed gratitude towards the families and siblings of Jammu-based employees for their unconditional support and advised all employees to remain united to strengthen the ongoing protest. Those who spoke on the occasion included Romesh Chander, Anil Radhey, Vipin Kumar, Jaranail Singh, Kuldeep Kumar and Shashi Goutam.