

J&K Bank MD & CEO visits AIIMS in Jammu

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JAMMU: J&K Bank MD & CEO Baldev Prakash on Wednesday paid a visit to the upcoming All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Jammu and met with the Director of Institute, Dr Shakti Gupta along with other senior functionaries of the hospital.

Bank's Zonal Head (Jammu) Rajesh Dubey accompanied MD & CEO besides other officials of the Bank.

While expressing gratitude to the Director AIIMS and his team for a warm welcome, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash underscored the importance of Union Government's initiative of establishing such premier institution of national importance for public healthcare in Jammu.

He said that the Bank shared the core organisational values of the AIIMS, which is to serve the people



Director AIIMS Jammu, Dr. Shakti Gupta presenting a bouquet to MD J&K Bank, Baldev Prakash.

Follow path shown by saints, spiritual leaders for prosperous, peaceful nation: CCI President

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JAMMU: Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI), Jammu, Arun Gupta appealed to the people to follow the path shown by great Indian saints to make the nation prosperous and peaceful. He made this appeal while inaugurating a Bhandara organized by Mahamandleshwar Mahant Rameshwar Dass for the Saints and Sadhus visiting Jammu for the ongoing Amarnath Yatra. Dr Satya Narayan and Mahant Rajesh Bittu were also present.

Arun Gupta highlighting the role of saints during times immemorial, he said that the saints have played a significant role in preserving the rich cultural heritage of India through their significant teachings and actions (Karma).

Saluting the great Indian saints, Arun said spiritual leaders including the saints



CCI President, Arun Gupta along with other members after inaugurating a Bhandara in Jammu.

can play an important role in making India prosper and modern. He lauded those saints who are already contributing a lot in this direction. "Our saints and seers are very noble and have always been compassionate towards society and the poor," he added. Chamber President said that the world has been witnessing straying away of people from the path of virtuousness resulting in destruction due to wars, terrorism, etc. He lamented that despite all religions teaching to refrain

from hatred or enmity there are frequent instances of clashes among people. He appealed to the people to maintain communal harmony and brotherhood at all costs.

Be vigilant against anti social elements who are trying to create wedge between various communities in the society, he cautioned them. Mahamandleshwar Mahant Rameshwar Dass said that the holy Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra is a symbol of communal harmony and brotherhood among different communities

and the J&K Government should ensure a hassle free, safe and secure ancient pilgrimage that is being conducted this year after a gap of two years.

Mahant Rajesh Bittu said

"We are committed to provide maximum facilities to the saints and Sadhus come from across the country for Amarnath pilgrimage."

He appealed to the come forward and extend all possible support in making this annual event a great success.

Among others who were present include Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Sh. Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President, Gaurav Gupta, Secretary General, Rajesh Gupta, Secretary CCI.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Sutwari, Ashok Nagar, Shastri Nagar and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 14 from 7 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to Arnas, Dharmari, Mahore, Sarh Bagga and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 14 from 7 am to 5 pm. Likewise, the power supply to MES Basholi, RTIC Basantpur and Receiving Station Basantpur shall remain affected on July 14 from 9 to 9:30 am and 2 pm to 2:30 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Patoli Brahma, Purkhoo, Mishriwala, Baba Talab, ShamachakGurhaSingh, Batera, Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dhramkhu, Tirth Talab, GREF, Gumpul, Sua No.1, Garkhal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 14 from 7 am to 12 noon. Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to PWD Colony, Back Side SP Office, Kathua shall remain affected on July 14 from 7 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to Industrial Area Logate, Logate, Kumari, Kathera, Mata Bala Sundri, Barwal, Jandore and adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 14 and 15 from 9 am to 3 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Bann, Tandyari, Ladoli, Baria Danoh and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on July 14 and 15 from 9 am to 3 pm.

CS reviews stock position of Petroleum products, ATF in Valley

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday reviewed stock position of Petroleum Products including ATF in the valley.



Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta interacting with officers during a review meeting.

participated in the meeting. Considering increase in the air traffic at the Srinagar International Airport as a sequel to busier tourist season this year, including the Hajj flights, the Chief Secretary observed that there is need to strengthen the stock position of the Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to meet the rising demand. While reviewing the status, the Chief Secretary asked IGP

Traffic to facilitate the exit of empty ATF trucks by 2PM from Qazi Gund so that fresh ATF stocks could be brought back in the valley.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary was also apprised about the stock position of other petroleum products including LPG, etc. It was informed that the stocks of all items are being maintained at desirable level and are adequate.

Oath by the President in terms of Art-60 includes to preserve, protect & defend Constitution & the law

► As protector of Constitution President of India is above any Religion/Sect/Party/Vote bank considerations
► Vested with executive power of Union President also holds Supreme command of Defence Forces

■ DAYA SAGAR

1 8th July 2022 is day when the people of India will be electing in a regular democratic manner for the 16th time a new President of the republic through indirect election in this largest parliamentary democracy of the world. This time the presidential election has a special note. There are two candidates in the contest and both the candidates have declared that they would be visiting all States / UTs and contacting the MLAs & MPs for seeking their support irrespective of any the political alliance/ political party/ ideology. No doubt in a democratic republic like India the role and status of the President of India has to be very intimately, & selflessly and rising above all personal/political /communal/ sectoral interests realised by every Indian citizen, particularly by those filing their application for contest, those who support the nomination of a candidate and above all by all the members of the electoral college i.e. members of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and legislative Assemblies of States & UTs.

So far after 1950 only Shri Dr. Rajendra Prasad (INC) has been elected President of India two times and Shri. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (INC) has remained Vice President for two times.

Where as there have been only 6 Vice Presidents i.e. Shri. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (INC) 13 May 1962 13 May 1967, Shri. Dr. Zakir Hussain (Ind) 13 May 1967 3 May 1969, Shri V. Giri (Ind) 24 August 1969 24 August 1974, Shri Ramaswamy Venkataraman 25 July 1987 25 July 1992 , Shri Shankar Dayal Sharma INC 25 July 1992 25 July to 1997 and Shri K. R. Narayanan INC 25 July 1997 25 July 2002 who were also decorated as 1st citizen of India (elected as President) after having remained as elected Vice President sponsored by the ruling parties in the parliament. Presently Shri Ram Kovind (BJP) since 25 July 2017 is the President and Shri Venkaiah Naidu (who has been a very senior leader of BJP and has also remained President of BJP) is the Vice President of India and this time BJP/NDA has taken on Shrimati Draupadi Murmu election as President of India and not the present VP Shri Venkaiah Naidu . Shri Yashwant Singh an ex BJP leader / Ex. Minister in NDA-I government has filed nomination as independent candidate with the support of other political parties.

Constitution of India was finally passed and adopted by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949 for coming into effect on 26 January 1950 (that India celebrates as republic day) and in the last session of the constituent assembly it was on January 24, 1950 that unanimously Dr. Rajendra Prasad was elected as the President of India by members of Constituent Assembly of India.

Of course constitutionally the office of the President of India is free from any type of political whips and election is held by a secret ballot still going by the conventions that have become prevalent the processes have been reflecting some what of political inclinations/preferences like direct or indirect use of even community affiliations for promoting a candidate / seeking support .

The elders who prepared the first draft of the Constitution of India had first secured the services of Sir Benegal Narsing Rao ICS {Sir Benegal Narsing Rao, was an Indian civil servant, jurist, diplomat and statesman who was active in the pre-independent India. He was rated as one of the foremost Indian jurists in the 20th century. He is said to have played a key role in drafting the Constitution of India and also the Constitution of Myanmar / Burma}. For a brief period he is said to have served as

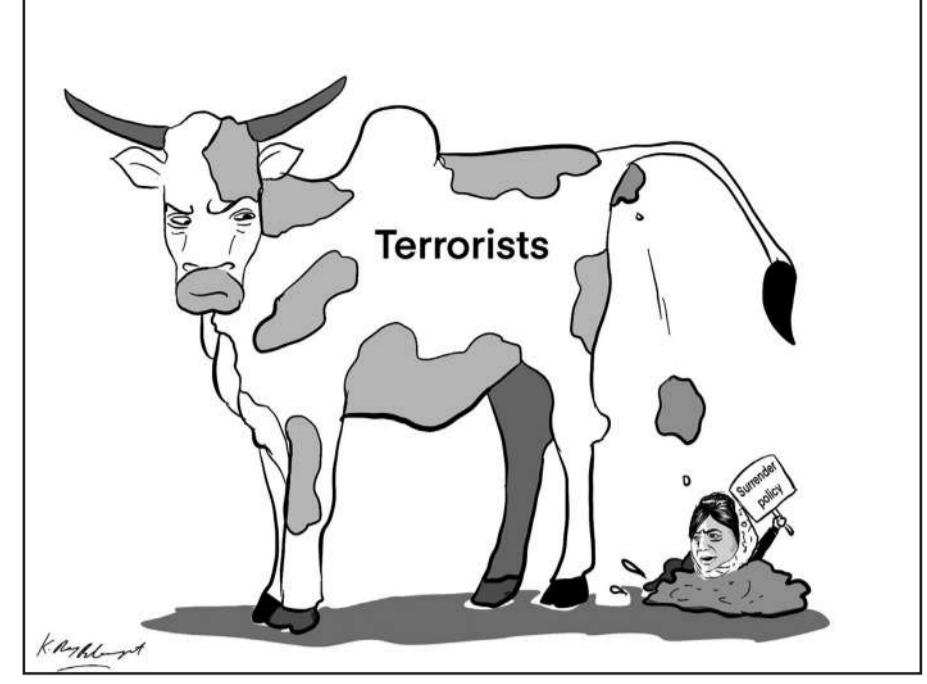
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the Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir state -1944/1945.} as advisor who in a way prepared the framework after having intimate view of different democracies / governments of various countries including UK, USA, France, etc (to great extent contents of Government of India Act 1935 were also used as a working template) where in the final draft that was approved and adopted after intimate discussions/ debates although had given India a parliamentary system of governance but had also kept some checks and balances over the elected government in the form of the office of the President of India in terms of Article-53 of Constitution of India laying down that (1) the executive power of the Union shall be vested in the President and shall be exercised by him either directly or through officers subordinate to him in accordance with this Constitution. (2)Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, the supreme command of the Defence Forces of the Union shall be vested in the President and the exercise thereof shall be regulated by law. No doubt Article 53(3b) also says "Nothing in this article shall- (b) prevent Parliament from conferring by law functions on authorities

other than the President.

The other important feature to understand the 'soul' made to rest in the 1st Citizen of India is the Oath of Affirmation <The of Oath or affirmation by the President in terms of Art-60 of Constitution of India has enshrined in the spirits that make the office & person of the first citizen of India very very special where it says -I, A.B., do swear in the name of God that I will faithfully execute the office of President (or discharge the functions of the President) of India and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and the law and that I will devote myself to the service and well-being of the people of India". Where as the Oath that a Prime Minister (elected by Lok Sabha members) takes says : "I, (name), do swear in the name of God/solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties as a Minister for the Union and that I will do right to all manner of people in accordance with the Constitution and the law, without fear or favour, affection or ill-will." I, (name) do swear in the name of God/solemnly affirm that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person or persons any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as a Minister for the Union except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as such Minister" And form of oath or affirmation to be made by the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India as in schedule -III to COI say :-"I, A.B., having been appointed Chief Justice (or a Judge) of the Supreme Court of India (or Comptroller and Auditor-General of India) do swear in the name of God that I will bear true and solemnly affirm faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, that I will faithfully and to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment perform the duties of my office without fear or favour, affection or ill-will and that I will uphold the Constitution and the laws." So as protector of Constitution a President of India has to be above any caste/ religion/sect/ section/ vote bank considerations.

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Preparing young officers for emerging challenges is priority: DIG Rajouri Poonch Range



DIG Dr M Haseeb Mughal chairing a meeting at Rajouri.

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RAJOURI: With a vision of preparing young Police officers for the emerging Policing challenges, an introductory meeting with Probationary Sub Inspectors undergoing their Probation in District Rajouri was held in conference hall of DPL Rajouri on Wednesday.

As per the District Administration out of 150 Kanal 17 Marla state land retrieved, 70 Kanal land was handed over to JDA. The Deputy Commissioner instructed the concerned officials to take strict action against encroachers of the state land. She said that the J&K Government has decided to adopt zero tolerance against the encroachment and has instructed authorities to take stern action against the encroachers. She asked the officers from police and revenue to stay vigilant against the encroachment and take immediate action against it.

The meeting was presided over by Dr M Haseeb Mughal, IPS, DIG Rajouri Poonch Range. The meeting was also attended by SSP Rajouri Sh. Mohd Aslam, Addl SP Vivek Shekhar, DySP Hqr. Vinod Sharma, DySP DAR Parupkar Singh, DySP Parvez Alam Staff officer to DIG and other office staff of RPHQ Rajouri.

After a brief introduction of the 28 young probationary

SI, a detailed plan of action was presented by the DIG RP Range.

The officers were apprised of the emerging challenges for Policing in the border District- Rajouri. Starting from the border infiltration to drug smuggling, they were briefed about the modus operandi of such anti-national activities & elements. Elaborating on the day to day challenges, the participants were informed about the Traffic management issues, Bovine smuggling, land & sand mafia- and the ways to tackle these challenges.

Officers were briefed about the need of healthy Police Public relations and youth engagement programs in the Range. At the end, SSP Rajouri Mohd Aslam thanked the DIG Dr M Haseeb Mughal IPS for sparing his valuable time for impart quality policing knowledge to the young officers.

AIIMS Jammu celebrates Doctor's Day



Doctors and officials of AIIMS Jammu during Doctor's Day celebration.

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JAMMU: AIIMS Jammu celebrated Doctor's Day on 10th of July 2022 by inviting all their Senior teachers who are 75 years and above at Hotel Radisson

Jammu over lunch on the occasion of 75 years of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Speakers said that It was a great opportunity of meeting our respected and most revered teachers from

Medical College Jammu including Prof G. L Dhar Physiologist, Prof Kasturi Lal Gupta and Prof S. S Soodhan to name a few . Everyone shared their memories and anecdotes.