

J&K Bank ties-up with Ebix Money Express Pvt Ltd

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SRINAGAR: With a view to facilitate personal foreign inward remittances for Non-Resident Indians (NRI), J&K Bank on Wednesday entered into a tie-up with Ebix Money Express Pvt Ltd - an Indian Agent of Overseas Principal RIA Financial Services. The service shall be operational on August 15 as a part of country-wide Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

The tie-up will provide NRIs based across the world an additional money transfer channel to send remittances of personal nature up to 2500 USD from abroad to their loved ones in the country.

Dy. General Manager (Corporate Banking & Forex Planning) Nishikant Sharma signed the agreement on behalf of Bank while as T C Guruparasad put in his signatures as Managing Director EBIX Money Transfer Pvt Ltd. in presence Bank's General Manager Syed Rais Maqbool, MD & Country Manager RIA Money Services DR. J. Emil Ruban, Dy. General Manager



Ebix Money Transfer Pvt Ltd and J&K Bank representatives after signing MoU.

Intiyaz Ahmad and other senior officers of the Bank.

Speaking on the occasion, General Manager Syed Rais Maqbool said, "The tie-up of J&K Bank - a dominant, strategic player of the region - with premier market players like Ebix Money Express will go a long way in helping NRIs based in Gulf Countries, US, Europe & Canada especially those belonging to J&K and Ladakh to send remittances to their loved ones."

While laying emphasis on due diligence in KYC procedures, he said that both the organisations need to live up to the expectations of clientele comprising of professionals, businessmen and other segments of overseas workers, and provide them best services while ensuring compliance with the regulatory norms in place for such remittances.

Thanking J&K Bank for the tie-up, Managing Director EBIX Money Express T C Guruparasad said that

the agreement will make job of sending the remittances for people to their families much easier and safer. "Going forward we see this association bringing happiness in the lives of so many people", he said.

Present on the occasion, MD & Country Manager-India (RIA Financial Services) Dr. J. Emil Ruban said, "With second largest global network for money transfer, our association with J&K Bank and Ebix Money Express gives us an important opportunity for making it easier for people particularly from J&K and Ladakh to receive remittances from their loved ones residing abroad."

"Keeping in view the sensitive nature of foreign remittances, the company has put up a mechanism to ensure all the regulations are complied with and transfer of money is instant", he further added.

Notably, as per the agreement, Ebix Money Express will also promote benefits of the arrangement through effective marketing campaigns in coordination with the Bank.



Single window created for private participants in Space sector: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh informed the Lok Sabha on Wednesday about the creation of a single-window agency to facilitate private participants in Space sector, including programmes and projects of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Department of Space.

India is aiming at enhanced share in the global Space economy and with the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, several steps have been taken in this direction, including what is being popularly described as "unlocking" of Space after seven decades of independence.

The Minister said, 10 (Ten) in-orbit operational communication satellites have been transferred from Government of India to M/s. New Space India Ltd (NSIL), a CPSE under Department of Space.

In reply to a question, Dr Jitendra Singh said, communication satellites viz. GSAT-8, GSAT-10, GSAT-12R (CMS-01), GSAT-14, GSAT-15, GSAT-16, GSAT-17, GSAT-18, GSAT-30 and GSAT-31 have been transferred at a written down value of Rs 4697.60 crores



Governmental Entities (NGEs).

The Indian National Space Promotion & Authorization Centre [IN-SPACe] has been created as a single-window agency to promote, handhold and authorize the activities of NGEs in the sector; thus providing them with a level playing field.

As a part of these reforms, NSIL has been mandated to task the building of launch vehicle through Indian Industry and launch as per satellite customer requirements. With the operationalization of IN-SPACe, the progressively evolving regulatory environment, a greater private sector participation in end-to-end space activities is expected, which may result in increased share of India in the global space economy.

Pertinent to mention that in a short span of time since the Space sector was opened for PPP mode, over 60 StartUps have already registered with ISRO and the industry's interest has also increased. At the same time, many foreign countries are utilising Indian launch pads for their satellites and also using Indian facilities for other Space related activities. This has also enhanced India's source of revenue.

ADGP Jammu Zone felicitates tribal girl from Kathua

Work with same dedication in future to fulfill dreams: Mukesh



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh honouring meritorious girl Summara Shakeel.

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JAMMU: Mukesh Singh, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone on Wednesday honoured Summara Shakeel who is a tribal girl from Kathua and secured 99.2% marks in 10th Class examination.

Summara achieved this

despite hardships and difficulties faced by her on a personal front.

Singh wished her all the success in future endeavors and to see her fulfill her dreams of becoming a doctor. A Cash reward of Rs. 10,000 was also given to the said girl to encourage and boost her morale.

DC Jammu inspects arrangements for I-Day function at M A Stadium

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner, Avny Lavansa on Wednesday conducted on spot review of the arrangements made for Independence Day 2022 celebration at M.A Stadium.

The DC inquired about the security arrangements, traffic regulation, seating arrangements, Full Dress Rehearsal, decoration of the venue, Power and water supply, transport arrangements, sanitation, Medicare facilities, Barricading at the venue of the function and other important matters.

The officers from security and police were asked to make fool-proof arrangements in advance for the National event. The Deputy Commissioner asked the Joint Director Information to make arrangements for Public Address System, Media coordination for proper coverage of the event, playing of Shehnai Vadan besides recommendation



DC Jammu, Avny Lavasa reviewing arrangements made for I-Day celebration at M.A Stadium.

of commentators for the event.

The Jammu Municipal Corporation and PHE department were asked to make adequate arrangements for drinking water at the venue, while PDD functionaries were asked to provide uninterrupted power supply on the Day of celebration.

The CMO was asked to deploy a medical team with adequate facilities and an Ambulance.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Officers to make all

related arrangements in advance and work in close coordination for the smooth conduct of Independence Day celebrations.

The meeting was attended by ADC L&O, Minga Sherpa, ADC ADM, Satish Sharma, Joint Director Information, Sapna Kotwal along with senior officers from Police, Security, Jal Shakti, Health, Sports and Youth Affairs and other concerned departments were present on the occasion.

AJKPC leads Maali-cum-Chowkidars' protest, demands daily-wager status for protesters

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JAMMU: Hundreds of Maali-cum-Chowkidars serving in Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department on Wednesday staged a protest under the banner of All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) and demanded their absorption as permanent daily wagers in the department.

The protestors, who have donated their landholdings for various purposes, made an unsuccessful attempt to block the busy Tawi bridge and later courted arrest to protest against the rural development department's insensitive approach towards their genuine demands.

Led by the UT president of AJKPC, Anil Sharma and other PRI members, the protestors raised slogans against the department and demanded that their demands should be



Police detaining protesters at Jammu.

fulfilled without any delay.

"We demand that the government should seriously look into their demand for absorption as permanent daily wagers in the department. They have donated their landholdings without charging any single penny from the department," Sharma said.

The AJKPC leader said the government is natural and lawful guardian of all citizens and it is expected that it would not

cheat its subjects and fulfill all its promissory and lawful duties but in the present case of Panchayat Maalis and Guards, the poor villagers are not only defrauded of their own land but are also exploited in the name of government job.

He said the government should ensure that they are paid minimum wages of Rs 9,000 per month to these Maalis-cum-Chowkidars which

are being paid to permanent daily wagers, while their attendance must be ensured through biometric mode to give legitimacy to their appointments.

"In the year 2003, the then Jammu and Kashmir government had issued an order no. 208 dated 08-July- 2003 in wherein the government had engaged these Panchayat Maalis, Chowkidars in clear vacancies and had promised them to pay them Rs 1000 month for next 7 years i.e. till 2010 and then after Rs 4500 per month and then further increase as per government policy in vogue but neither they were given any money till date nor any appointment orders issued so far," the AJKPC leader regretted.

He said that many of these poor aspirants are now over-aged and have no source of livelihood. "We urge the Lieutenant Governor Manoj

Sinha to look into this issue of injustice with the villagers," he said.

Later, they tried to take out the protest march towards Tawi bridge which was strongly resisted by the police. Thereafter, they were taken to the District Police Line (DPL) and were released in the evening. Prominent among those who accompanied the AJKPC President during his protest against RDD. AJKPC Vice President Ram Swaroop Sharma,

Sarpanch Narinder Singh Nanna, Shah Nawaz Ahmed, Nayaran Singh, Parbhat Singh, Kalveer Singh, Bashir Ahmed, Rajesh Kumar, Subash Khajuria, Gopal Krishan, Karshian Singh, Ab Rashid, Rajinder Singh, Som Raj, Ramparshad, Sunil Singh, Shar Mohd, Dev Datt and Manzoor Hussain.

BJP Govt destroyed country's financial system: Bhalla

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JAMMU: JKPC Working President, Raman Bhalla on Tuesday slammed the BJP-ruled central government and said it had "completely failed" on all fronts no matter which parameter was used to evaluate its performance.

BJP failed to ensure social cohesion, internal security, economic development, international relations and commitment to institutionalism.

The country's progress retrograded in the eight-year rule of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has failed on all fronts, said former Minister while interacting with aggrieved people of Rajiv Nagar on Wednesday.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Panch Gagan, Harvinder Kour, Paras Ram, Master Banbari Baba, Gaurav Kumar, Kala Ram, Kuldeep Singh, Kamla Devi, Parvat Kishore Kumar,



JKPC Working President, Raman Bhalla interacting with people.

Khadim Hussain, Rakesh Kumar, Bablu Kumar, Polla beside others.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said that country is in the grip of an inflationary spiral resulting in galloping price rise of all essential goods used by the people. This crushing price burden is making life exceedingly difficult for the rural and urban poor: It means less to eat for the poor and lower middle-class families, cutting out nutritious food for children

and the inability to buy any of the goods necessary for a minimum standard of living. Inflation means loss of livelihood for lakhs of people - street vendors and those surviving by running small businesses. It also hits the small and micro enterprises.

"On the one hand, there is complete uncertainty in J&K, while on the other hand people are confronting with failure of the administration to solve day today problems", he said, adding that most parts of the city are facing scarcity of basic facilities.

Bhalla said that Since BJP took over in 2014, the miseries of the people of Jammu and Kashmir have increased manifolds. He said that all the promises made to the people prior to the Assembly elections of 2014 remained unfulfilled. Eight years have passed but they have failed to fulfill any of the promises, be it the problems faced by the border residents, be it the problems faced by the farmers, be it the problems of Refugees and Kashmiri Pandits, this government has done nothing to address those problems," he said.

Bhalla accused the BJP government of destroying the financial system of the country.

Hitting out at the government, Bhalla alleged that Govt tenure so far period has been marked by misery and misgovernance with high inflation, low employment and communal polarization being the hallmark.

YNC protests against BJP Govt for imposing 5 pc GST on food items



YNC activists raising slogans during a protest.

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JAMMU: Youth Wing of J&K National Conference, staged a strong protest against BJP government at the Centre for imposing 5 per cent GST on pre-packed and unbranded food items. Led by Tejinder Pal Singh, President YNC Jammu, the NC activists raised slogans against the anti-poor people policies of the BJP Government. Talking to reporters, Tejinder said that this is for the first time in the history of J&K when non-

branded food items are being brought under the GST and claimed that the decision was not in favour of the general public and traders. He said that by increasing and levying the GST would work to sprinkling salt on the wounds of the people. He said that today, inflation has made the lives of common people troublesome, owing to dictatorial policies and decisions of the Central Government. Singh said the government should give relief to the people from rising infla-

tion. He asserted that the government should make essential food items free from GST so that people could eat bread comfortably. NC leader asked the Centre to reconsider this decision and withdraw the increased rates of GST in public interest failing which the Party would launch series of protests against the anti-poor people policies of BJP government. Others present were Nitish Goswami, Muzamil Malik, Suhil Kerni, Avtar Singh, Meed Choudhary, Jassem Malik, Jatinder Singth, Prince, Mudit, Amit Sharma, Karanpreet Singh, Ajay Kumar, Hardeep Singh, Simranpreet Singh, Dhananjay, Sahid Ali, Hitesh Kumar, Soura, Raghu, Varinder Pal Singh, Sudanshu Sharma, Manpreet Singh and Dalbir Singh.

DGP releases 1st Edition of Vision & Mission Document Magazine



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh and others releasing first edition of Vision & Mission Document Magazine.

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SRINAGAR: The Director General of Police Jammu and Kashmir Dilbag Singh on Wednesday released the first edition of Vision & Mission Document Magazine (The Voice of the PROANG) of J&K Police retired officers association (PROANG) in a function held at Police Headquarters here.

The DGP congratulated the J&K Police retired officers association for publishing the Mission Document Magazine. He hoped that the J&K Police retired officers

association as a part of Police Pariwar would continue to contribute for the welfare of retired personnel and their families. He impressed upon PROANG to make more and more efforts for the betterment of the retired members of J&K Police by acting as a bridge between them and the police Department. The DGP assured a Darbar with all retired Police personnel and officers and wished them good luck for the future. He assured all possible help to the association and said that the J&K Police is trying its best for

the welfare of retired personnel and all the serving personnel are contributing for such measures. Spl. DGs R.R Swain, A. K. Choudhary, Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF J&K, H. K. Lohia, ADGs P. S. J. M. Gillani, Dr. S. D. Singh Janwal, M. K. Sinha, Sunil Kumar, Shri Danesh Rana, Vijay Kumar, AIG Personnel PHQ, Ramesh Angral, Chairman PROANG, Ghulam Hassan Zargar, Senior Advisor PROANG M. Jamal Khan and other members of the association were present on the occasion.