

Mizoram delegation calls on Dr Jitendra, discusses demands



Mizoram delegation comprising Lai, Mara and Chakma Coordination Committee calling on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, at New Delhi on Saturday.

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NEW DELHI: A Mizoram delegation comprising Lai, Mara and Chakma Coordination Committee met Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh and discussed some of their pending demands

with him. They also presented a memorandum to the Minister.

Dr Jitendra Singh reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to develop the North Eastern States and bring them at par with other more developed States of the country and at the same time also ensure equitable development of different areas within the North Eastern Region as well as different tribes and communities living in the region.

Dr Jitendra Singh also told the delegation comprised of representatives of Lai, Mara and Chakma Autonomous District Councils that Prime Minister Modi is keen to resolve the issues of different tribes and communities of North-Eastern Region with a human touch, which were neglected for long and exploited by successive governments in Mizoram.

Dr Jitendra Singh also recalled a visits by Union Home Minister Amit Shah

to Aizawl and his meetings with different sections of people to arrive at a reasonable decision. He also referred to the initiative taken by Amit Shah, as Chairman of North Eastern Council (NEC), to propose allocation of exclusive funds from the North Eastern Council budget for the deprived sections and neglected areas.

Various demands raised by the members of delegation were discussed with the Minister. Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Modi government has always been very considerate and sympathetic.

Prominent members in the delegation included M. Laikaw, Chairman Lai Mara Chakma Coordination Committee, Nirupam Chakma, Ex-Minister, Government of Mizoram, Delson Notlia, National Secretary, Minority Morecha, Sapiliana Vairid, Ex-MLA and T Zakunga, Ex-CEM & MDC.

NHAI organises plantation drive under AKAM



NHAI Regional officials and employees during plantation drive at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Regional office Jammu organized a day long plantation drive on Saturday.

Under this initiative, NHAI Regional office Jammu planted a total of 4000 saplings during the day at Jakh, Ring Road Jammu Ch. 0.000 to Ch. 6+000.

Rohin Kumar Gupta, Regional officer, NHAI Jammu started the planted drive by planting a sapling along with other senior NHAI officials.

This plantation drive was a part of a nationwide drive that NHAI has

organized to mark the Amrit Mahotsav, celebrating 75 years of India's Independence.

Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, launched this nationwide plantation initiative from Nagpur. NHAI's aim is to plant 75 lakh plantations till 15th August 2022 across the country to commemorate

75 years of Independence. NHAI's vision is to satiate plantations along the National Highways collectively by involving Concessionaires, State Government agencies, Private Plantation Agencies, Women SHGs through State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) and Forest & Horticulture experts.

Greater Verinag Civil Society celebrates Silver Jubilee



Greater Verinag Civil Society member speaking at a programme.

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SRINAGAR: Greater Verinag Civil Society for social services, a non-profitable, non-political and non-religious organisation celebrated its silver jubilee at Peace Park, Near Police Station Verinag. The NGO is working for human dignity, environmental issues besides empowering poor & marginalized. The function started with address of

Chief Spokesperson, G N Gania, who informed that the organisation is presently carrying out a number of works, in association of UT administration and Central Government to help underprivileged.

While addressing gathering, M A Wan informed about various works done by the organization and future plans. Stressing on the need for spreading message of

peace, love, justice and brotherhood to all, he said that the mission of organization is to foster sustainable and integrated development by empowering marginalized. Later, NGO's Chief Patron Malik Mohammad Syed said that the organisation intends to participate in achieving developmental goals in partnership with members of organisation and likeminded-citizens.

YRS holds massive protest demanding holiday on Maharaja Hari Singh Jayanti, blocks Tawi bridge



Yura Rajput Sabha activists blocking Tawi bridge during a protest at Jammu.

Earlier, a number of YRS activists gathered at Maharaja Hari Singh Park and later came on Tawi bridge, and blocked main Tawi bridge, thereby disrupting vehicular movement.

Prominent among others present on the occasion included Ashok Choudhary, Harbans Choudhary, Chanan Singh Toor, Rohit Seth, Chuni Lal, Pawan Kumar, Karan Kapoor, Aseem Sharma, Raghbir Singh, Mukesh Kumar, Kulbeer Singh Slatia, Rajesh Jamwal, Subash Chander, Ramesh Lal Malhotra and Bua Ditta.

Speaking on the occasion, President YRS said that from past several years, people of Jammu are demanding declaration of a holiday on birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh but nothing has been done by the Government in this regard. "Our demand is being taken lightly due to which we are forced to hold

a protest so that our voice can break the deep slumber of J&K administration as well as central Government. Many times, memorandum has been submitted to the Lieutenant Governor regarding declaration of holiday on birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh still, but surprisingly no serious approach has

been taken by the administration," he added. The protesters warned that if their demand will not be fulfilled upto August 15, 2022, YRS would hold strong protest and start hunger strike from 15 August onwards to get justice.

To preserve Dogra heritage and culture, it is necessary to first declare a hol-

Mayor inaugurates statue of Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan

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JAMMU: Mayor Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta in presence of Kavinder Gupta Ex Deputy Chief Minister J&K, Advocate Purnima Sharma Deputy Mayor Jammu on Saturday inaugurated the statue of Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan which has been installed at Janipur Chowk of Ward No.34 leading towards J&K High Court Jammu. Rani Devi local Councillor of the Ward 34, Dinesh Gupta Councillor of Ward 18, Yashpal Sharma Councillor of Ward 33, Surinder Sharma Councillor of Ward 38, Subash Sharma Councillor of Ward 36, Sunita Gupta Councillor of Ward 37, Dr. Akshay Sharma Councillor of Ward 8 as well as Ramesh Arora Ex MLC, Arun Gupta President Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Ramesh Gupta President Jammu Central Mahajan Sabha, Advocate M.K Bhardwaj, president



Mayor Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta in presence of BJP leaders inaugurating statue of Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan at Janipur Chowk.

Jammu Bar Association,

Advocate Abhinav Sharma

Ex President Jammu Bar

Association, Advocate

Chander Mohan Sharma Senior BJP Leader, Advocate Ravinder Gupta, Advocate Raghu Mehta,

Jugal Mahajan & other prominent citizens of Jammu as well as Er. Rakesh Mahajan Executive Engineer, Er. Kuldeep Raj Assistant Executive Engineer, ER. Kuldeep koul

Junior Engineer & other supervisory staff of works

Div II JMC were also remained present there during the occasion which was held in a very simple manner.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor highlights the major achievements & reforms conducted by Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan especially for the upliftment of people of J&K belonging to downtrodden families irrespective of any caste, breed or religion.

Devotees anguished over melting of Shivaling due to negligence of Govt: Shiv Sena 'Govt ignored recommendations of Sen Committee'

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena J&K unit held severely the

Jammu and Kashmir Government and the Shree Amarnath Shrine Board responsible for the premature melting of the Ice-Lingam at the Holy Cave Shrine, accusing the Board and Government of neglecting the recommendations of the Nitin Sen Committee. The Party blamed the government for hurting the religious sentiments of devotees as the present regime in J&K focusing only on increasing the number of tourists in the Union Territory.

Addressing a press conference at Party's State Central Office in Jammu today, Manish Sahni, President Shiv Sena J&K said that thousands of devotees' who were still waiting to have Darshan of Baba Barfani, are getting disheartened as the 18-feet high Ice-Lingam of the holy Amarnath cave melts three weeks before the completion of the Yatra.

"While the government knew that not only India, but the whole of Europe was also suffering from the heat caused by climate change, despite all this, the recommendations of the Nitin Sen Committee were ignored deliberately," he said.

Sahni said as per the Sen Committee, a total of 7000 passengers were recommended to be sent

daily from both the travel routes, whereas at present more than 10 thousand pilgrims were being sent daily and besides the deployment of thousands of soldiers for the security of both the routes, administrative staff, Langar, etc. about 20 thousand people including Siva Dar, Patti Wale i.e., were present near the Amarnath Yatra routes and cave. Helicopter service and rounds were increased on it due to which the holy Amarnath cave and the surrounding environment has drastically affected resulting in the naturally formed snow Shivaling was disappeared before the time.

Sahni said that if all the recommendations of the committee had been implemented on ground, perhaps the huge damage caused by the nature disaster of cloudburst on July 8 could have been avoided. He reminded that about 16 people were died in the cloud burst accident.

Sahni said that the government is providing better facilities to the pilgrims, but along with this, protecting the environment and respecting the topography should not be neglected at any costs.

Among those who were present include Vikas Bakshi, Raj Singh, Shashipal, Mangu Ram, Naresh Kumar and Ashok Kumar.

Police Hospital organises awareness camp

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JAMMU: Medical Superintendent Police Hospital Jammu organized an awareness camp at Bn. HQRS of JKAP 4th Security Bn Jammu here on Saturday.

In pursuit of excellence and providing better medical facilities to all the police personnel at Police Hospital Jammu, a very good initiative has been taken by Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal, Medical Superintendent, Police Hospital Jammu to visit different police establishments across Jammu region to aware the police personnel about the facilities available at Police Hospital Jammu which must be availed by them for maintaining proper health.

With this aim and objective, Medical Superintendent along a team of doctors namely Dr. Priyanka Sambyal-ENT Specialist, Dr. Shaista Tabasum- Dental Surgeon, Dr. Rajni Sharma -Eye Specialist

and Physiotherapist Kirti Gupta today visited Bn Headquarters of JKAP 4th Sec Bn who in their respective addresses gave detailed description about the best medical facilities available at Police Hospital Jammu.

During interaction, it was stressed upon all the participants to know about the importance of maintaining not only their own good health, but the health of their other family members as well. The police personnel were time and again asked to avail such free of cost medical facilities at their own police hospital which is specifically meant for providing better health care facilities addressed property at the Police Hospital.

Towards the end of the programme, Ashok Kumar Sharma SSP, Commandant JKAP 4th Sec Bn while showing great honour to the initiative taken by the Medical Superintendent Police Hospital Jammu in manifesting commendable commitment to the police personnel.

ment to facilitate the police personnel in availing the minute to major medical procedures and health services at their own police hospital so that they need not to move from pillar to post in incurring very expensive, hefty and cumbersome monetary expenditures. He

thanked all the team members and assured them full support and cooperation for the noble cause and initiative that they have taken for upgrading and improving the health care services for police personnel and their families.

Inspector Shashi Kant and SGT Sahida Akhtar conducted the affairs of the programme.

Congress contests Govt's job figures in LS to JK youth, seeks details: Ravinder

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JAMMU: Expressing surprise over the claim by the

Central Government in the Parliament about huge number of jobs in govt and private sectors in Jammu and Kashmir, J&K Congress on Saturday asked the government to public the details as the big claim of the government appears to be wrong and false.

Seeking details of the claim of the Central Government in the Parliament regarding 30000 jobs in public sectors and 5 lakh in private sectors to J&K Youth, Congress said that the youth of Jammu and Kashmir are the worst sufferers of the policies of

2019, within three months was a great betrayal and false claims of employment in government and private sector post 2019 is worst joke with the youths of Jammu and Kashmir, he said.

He said that government failed to complete selection of 8500 class 4th posts in more than two years while selections of PSI has been quashed due to bunglings while FAA selections are under scanner, 3400 posts of class IVth is still pending, the aspirants for various posts are on streets, so how many jobs were actually given and where from these figures come, as no major private sector has landed so far in J&K in recent years.



MS Police Hospital Jammu, Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal speaking at an awareness camp.

state to India. Besides this, he also worked as third Chief Justice of India and was the Head of India's Judicial System and brought many reforms in both the civil & judicial activities. He further told that the statue of the legend has been prepared by the prominent sculptor of Jammu namely Ravinder Singh Jamwal and has been installed especially at High Court Junction on a well furnished platform with beautiful granite/marble and other allied works on it which has been done by the concerned works division of JMC on war footing. Ravinder Gupta Ex Deputy Chief Minister J&K also spoke on the occasion & threw light about the major initiatives taken by Justice Mehar Chand Mahajan especially for the upliftment of people of J&K belonging to downtrodden families irrespective of any caste, breed or religion.