

Where is Lieutenant Governor?

Tax-payers' money looted, Govt properties encroached by J&K BJP leaders: Harsh

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JAMMU: Ridiculing the tall slogans of transparency, good governance and corruption free dispensation in J&K, Harsh Dev Singh, former Minister and senior AAP leader on Monday accused the current dispensation of allowing open loot of tax-payers' money besides illegal encroachment of govt properties and Estates bungalows by BJP leaders. He said that despite the Assembly having been dissolved in 2018, the corrupt bureaucrats had allowed the BJP leaders to retain the govt mansions including ministerial bungalows in defiance of the SOPs and in blatant circumvention of the orders of the High Court. He said that not only were the said leaders allowed to illegally retain the Estates bungalows but several of them

had been permitted to stay therein without paying any rent. Referring to the reply obtained by him recently in response to an RTI application, Singh said that the rent outstanding against individual BJP leaders ran into lacs with the Estates Deptt authorities failing to act against such defaulters and illegal encroachers due to an unholy officer-politician nexus prevailing in the Deptt. Likewise, the power tariff ran into several lacs against several such BJP MLAs in respect of the Estates Quarters illegally retained by them. The BJP leaders therefore had not only usurped the said govt bungalows without rent but had refused to pay the power tariff bills which amounted to lacs with the officers concerned providing them due protection from law and penal action. And while the power con-

nections of poor BPL families were cut off for non-payment of even a few hundred of rupees, the corrupt regime of BJP had granted immunity to these political persons to loot the public exchequer and abuse the govt resources providing the most glaring example of Jungle Raj prevailing in the present govt.

Not only the BJP leaders had been granted such unwholesome favours but it had allotted Estates bungalows in Gandhi Nagar Jammu after dissolution of Assembly for Apni Party office and People Conference office in violation of all rules, norms, regulations, bye laws, prevalent practices and procedures relating to allotment of govt accommodation. These parties had been provided accommodation for their political

offices in Jammu in view of they being sister organizations of BJP.

Likewise security was provided to political leaders on the basis of their political affiliations, proximity to corridors of power and other extraneous considerations without having regard to the actual threat perception and vulnerability of such political person. He said that several BJP workers and even contractors who had given donations and gifts to helmsmen had been provided security while denying minimum necessary security to the political persons facing serious threats from militant organizations including Hizbul Mujahideen and other terror groups.

He said that he would prove his allegations of nepotism and corruption in allotment of security and

accommodation in case the govt ordered a probe.

Singh added that several officers who had been allotted Ladakh UT and were no more serving in J&K UT had also been allotted Estates bungalows in Gandhi Nagar Jammu defying all logic and rationale.

And while atleast six Estates bungalows had been allotted to officers of Ladakh UT, the J&K UT officers were accommodated in private bungalows hired on huge premium running into several lakhs.

The reply stated that atleast 44 govt officers were lodged in private bungalows in Jammu alone putting huge burden on state exchequer with none to take cognizance in a govt making haughty, supercilious claims of good governance and corruption free system.

Bharti Foundation launches Satya Bharti Quality Support programme in 24 Govt Schools

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SAMBA: Bharti Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Bharti Enterprises, launched its Satya Bharti Quality Support Programme in 24 Government Schools in Samba district of Jammu & Kashmir. The initiative will benefit over 5300 students.

The Foundation got into partnership with the Department of School Education, Samba to enrich the learning experiences of the students and improve the overall schools' performance in Samba district.

The program was launched in the presence of Chief Education Officer, Head of Institutions of Samba, Zonal Educational Officers and other Education department officials of the district.

Anuradha Gupta, Deputy Commissioner, Samba said, "Quality education doesn't stop at academics. It is a comprehensive approach to



DC Samba, Anuradha Gupta launching Bharti Quality Support Programme.

nurture children into socially responsible citizens of the country. Bharti Foundation's initiative is a step towards this and we will support the Foundation for making the partnership successful in Samba district."

Through this program, Bharti Foundation engages the school leadership, teachers, students and communities to enhance the overall schooling experience and strive for excellence.

Speaking on the partnership, Anil Bhat, Project

Head, Bharti Foundation said, "We are excited to start the program in Samba. There are plans to further expand in other districts including Rajouri in Jammu division. Satya Bharti Quality Support Program is a dynamic, need-based initiative entailing introduction of innovative tools and processes for holistic development of children and to enhance their overall schooling experience. We look forward to contribute in making schools vibrant places of learning."

IGNOU launches Masters Degree Programme in Jyotish

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JAMMU: Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has launched the Master Degree Programme in Jyotish namely Master of Arts in Jyotish (MA-JY). MA in Jyotish is a two-year degree programme. Anyone with a graduation degree from a recognized University can enroll for this programme. The medium of instruction will be Hindi.

"Apart from the subjective knowledge, it is also embodied in this program to develop the ability to motivate people and be qualified for employment.

I call upon every individual across the region, who is interested in Astrology irrespective of any age bar, to enrol for this fascinating programme before the last date which is 31st of July, 2022", said Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director In charge.

Tricolour always flew high in J&K since it acceded to India: Ravinder

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JAMMU: Taking a dig at the BJP, J&K Congress has said that the Indian Tricolour always flew high all over Jammu and Kashmir since 1947, when Maharaja Hari Singh signed the instrument of accession & accepted by India, by the then Governor General, under the prime Ministership of Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru & people of Jammu and Kashmir have given countless sacrifices for the protection and dignity of National Flag.

The Tricolour is more dear to people of J&K than their own life and entire nation has to draw lessons from the patriotic people of Jammu and Kashmir on the issue of nationalism , JKPC Chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said.

It's not first time when the BJP has tried to indulge in such publicity campaigns, on the issue of nationalism at the



Jammu with thousands of citizens, however had to abandon the forward plans due to security situation, when the then government at the centre & state, ensured the hoisting of national flag by Joshi and few others under heavy security cover, Sharma said.

The credit for the security situation goes to the security forces and our brave jawans who earned it through supreme sacrifices and it becomes possible for the publicity hungry BJP leaders to hoist National Flag in Lal Chowk under tight vigil and security arrangements. Sharma also referred to the speech of Defence Minister

Rajnath Singh here yesterday and lauded him for adding grace to the high office occupied by him, by not indulging in mudslinging on the first prime Minister Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru.

Surprisingly, It was a departure from the syllabus and subject of the BJP especially Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah but Rajnath Singh has shown his political maturity and sagacity in tune with the glorious traditions of Indian democracy, he added.

Singh, knows the immense contributions of Pt Nehru as architect of modern India especially his efforts and role in the accession and integration of Jammu and Kashmir with India but out of political compulsions , BJP leaders have been making him target of vilification campaign, which is most unfortunate.

Medical & Surgical Traders Association meets MD JKMSCL; submits memorandum



Deputation of Medical & Surgical Traders Association, Jammu calling on MD JKMSCL, Pankaj Gupta.

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JAMMU: The Deputation of Medical & Surgical Traders Association, Jammu met on Tuesday the Managing Director, JKMSCL, Pankaj Gupta. The association welcomed and congratulated the M.D on his new assignment.

The members discussed charted demands of the association.

Major demands highlighted during the meeting included reduction of Tender fee/processing fee and EMD, on time payments, penalizing manufacturers instead of

local suppliers in case of non-execution of orders, excluding penalty clause, settling legal cases at the earliest, providing time frame for verification of bills, equipments verified by experts or end users may not be verified by the board and in case of meager quantity orders, logo of JKMSCL should be exempted etc.

After listening to the demands of the deputation, Managing Director, JKMSCL, assured the members for an early action to their demands.

Munish encourages masses to hoist Tiranga

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JAMMU: Munish Sharma, All Moreha Incharge, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir prompted masses to hoist "Tiranga" on their roof tops while he addressed a public meeting of residents of Ward no. 12 and 13.

Munish Sharma, while addressing the meeting, focused on the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark the 75th year of India's independence. He said that our flag is directly linked to our pride and honour.

This time, he said on the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi this act becomes a symbol of not only an act of personal con-

nection to the Tiranga but also an embodiment of our commitment to nation-building.

Sharma said that just a view of Tiranga invokes the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of the people and this mega exercise is aimed to promote our formal as well as informal bonding with the National Flag. Sharma, also listened to the public grievances on the occasion shared by the people in the meeting and assured them of prompt redressal of the issues.

Booth President Rajesh Kumar, Booth President Raj Kumar, Parveen Gupta, Sonu Manhas, Rakesh Suri, Raman Kumar, Dimple Gupta, Pappu Malhotra, Vivek Salhotra, Bunt Singh and other participated in the meeting.

ICSI extends validity of July 2021 CSEET results by 6 months

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JAMMU: The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) has relaxed the dates for registering in Company Secretary Executive Programme, for Class 12 students who cleared their CSEET in July 2021. The validity of the July 2021 CSEET result has now been extended from July 20, 2022 to January 20, 2023. The decision taken by the Council of the ICSI in its meeting held on July 21, 2022, would give the students an opportunity to submit the mandatory Class 12 pass certificate till January 20, 2023, for registering in the Company Secretary Executive Programme.

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POONCH: Keeping in view of emerging challenges in Crime scenario across the J&K and to equip the young Probationary Sub Inspectors undergoing field training in District Poonch, an interaction-briefing session was held by DIG Rajouri Poonch Range Dr M Haseeb Mughal at DPO Poonch.

Re-emphasizing the fact that J&K Police is committed to prepare the young police officers to face any future Policing challenges, Dr. Haseeb Mughal, DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range held an introductory meeting cum briefing session with probationer Sub-Inspectors at Conference Hall,



DIG Rajouri Poonch Range, Dr M Haseeb Mughal chairing introductory meeting cum briefing session with probationers.

District Police Office Poonch.

The meeting was also attended by Mr. Rohit Baskotra, SSP Poonch, Mr. Mushim Ahmed Addl. SP Poonch, Ankush

Sharma Sr. PO DPO Poonch.

After a brief introduction with 27 PSIs, a detailed future plan of action was presented by DIG Rajouri-Poonch Range. The officers were appraised about the present security scenario and challenges for policing in the border district.

At the beginning, they were briefed about the Terrorism, drugs, bovine smuggling, infiltration and modus operandi being used by anti

national/anti social elements.

The participants were informed about the traffic management, border smuggling issues and the ways to tackle all these challenges.

Probationer Sub-Inspectors were also emphasized to understand the role of different wings of J&K police and other sister agencies operating in the district. To understand and work for complete synergy among all such units/wings, as this is the need of the hour to

keep the district peaceful.

Apart from this, a detail deliberation about the cyber crime, digital forensics and the investigation of special cases was made. The need to grow and upgrade knowledge, skill and proficiency as per the field requirements was also made clear to them.

He also enjoined upon them to use latest technical means and keep them abreast with technical, cyber; computer and digital forensics skills to meet the future challenges with confidence and success.

At the same time they were briefed about the need to work for healthy Police Public relations. Plan for organizing youth engagement programmes in the district to channelize the youth-energy in a positive way.

DIG RP Range said that such knowledge and skill upgradation sessions will be made a regular feature of the practical training of Probationary Sub Inspectors across RP Range.

Dr Nirmal, Rajeev, Anuradha listen to public grievances

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JAMMU: Dr. Nirmal Singh, former Dy. Chief Minister, Rajeev Sharma, former MLA and Anuradha Charak, BJP Vice-President listened to the public grievances at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here.

Numerous people, individually as well in the form of deputations, from Jammu as well as Kashmir, visited the BJP office to discuss their respective issues with the senior party leaders. Various issues represented contained matters of individual concerns as well as development oriented related to their respective areas.

Besides various personal issues, other main issues presented related to PHE, PDD, roads, lanes, drains etc. A deputation of Rehbar-e-Janglat employees pressed for the SRO modification, and to bring their services on lines similar to Rehbar-e-Zerat. A deputation of "All Jammu based Reserved Category Employees Association, Kashmir" requested for the



Former Dy. CM, Dr. Nirmal Singh listening to public issues.

Inter District/ Inter Division transfer policy in the wake of selective killings of non-local minorities. A deputation of Border Dwellers pressed to include them for the benefits under IB. Another deputation of 4th class employees represented their case regarding department promotion in DPC. Dr. Nirmal Singh, Rajeev Sharma and Anuradha Charak listened to all the individuals and the deputations patiently and immediately took up the matters with the concerned departmental officials telephonically as well as issued letters for the others. Talking to the concerned authorities, they pressed for

the prompt redressal of the issues. Dr. Nirmal Singh, speaking on the occasion said that BJP is serving the masses with full dedication and commitment, while trying to address every single concern of the people. He said that people from various parts of the Jammu & Kashmir also consider BJP as their own party and freely represent their issues before party leaders for their redressal.

Rajeev Sharma said that only BJP is the political party that remains in public for 365 days in year. He said that with the commitment and dedication of party workers, party has won the trust of people.

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JAMMU: A 5-day workshop on development of manual on content awareness, enrichment and pedagogical skills for secondary school teachers teaching English was inaugurated on Monday at JKSCERT divisional office Jammu.

The workshop is being organised by the Department of Education in languages wing of JKSCERT divisional office Jammu .

The workshop was inaugurated by H.R Pakhroo Joint Director SCERT Jammu division in presence of Associate professors V.K Koul, N.P Singh, Santosh Kumari, Vinod Gupta and other distinguished members



Joint Director SCERT Jammu, H.R Pakhroo and others at a programme.

of SCERT faculty.

On the inaugural day, H.R Pakhroo, Joint Director SCERT welcomed all the participants and reiterated that knowledge transaction needs utmost care and expertise.

He motivated the participants to develop the document that will be truly help-

ful in realising the objectives embedded in the vision document of NEP 2020.

While elucidating the rationale behind organising this workshop, the coordinator of this workshop, Monica Sharma explained that how the development of this manual aims to provide guidelines for teachers teaching

English at secondary level to transform teaching learning process.

The main aim of the workshop is to Create a manual compatible with the guidelines of NEP 2020 that seeks to support secondary school teachers teaching English to act purposefully and professionally in the classroom.

The workshop was declared open with plantation drive in SCERT Jammu division whereby Vijaya Thakur ,Assistant professor SCERT stressed upon the importance of going green.

H. R Pakhroo Joint Director, JKSCERT, JD remarked that as we are sowing the seeds of knowledge in the young learners at the

same time planting more and more trees is the need of the hour.

During different sessions in the workshop major recommendations of NEP 2020 with regard to teaching of English were discussed by the resource persons Darshan Sharma and Sanjay Gupta . Inputs were taken from the participants and learning outcomes in English at secondary level were deliberated upon to give a shape to the document.

Subject teachers from all the 10 districts are participating in this workshop who will be actively oriented about purpose and structure of manual in the light of NEP2020.