

Delegation of Private Schools meets Chairperson FFRC

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of private schools of Jammu division met with the Justice (Retd) Sunil Hali, Chairperson Fee Fixation and Regulation Committee (FFRC) JKUT here on Monday.

During the discussion authorized members of the private schools welcomed the order no. 05 FFRC of 2024 dated July 3, 2024 in which he has distributed the work to the officials working in Jammu wing and Kashmir wing separately for the quick disposal of files which are submitted by the private schools for the approval of their fee structure.

President of the association Ajay Gupta while showing a serious concern for the non disposal of the files which have been laying pending and gathering dust for more than two years said to the Chairman FFRC that all orders/notifications/circulars will have no relevance if the disposal of the files which are submitted in the department is not



Private Schools delegation meeting with Chairperson FFRC, Justice (Retd) Sunil Hali.

done in the time bound manner. He initially demanded immediate disposal of all pending files which are laying in the department for more than two years instead of calling new files for the approval/regulation/enhancement of private schools.

The Chairperson Justice (Retd) Sunil Hali, (FFRC) showed his happiness for the quick disposal of the files due to the non-cooperation of all those government officials who are the members of the Fee Fixation and Regulation Committee of JKUT.

He said approximately 200 files of different schools after proper verification and securitization have been kept on the table

of Principal Secretary, School Education Department (Member Secretary) for approval but till date no decision has been taken for the disposal of the files.

Chairperson FFRC promised to the members to take-up their issues with Principal Secretary School Education Department (Member Secretary) in couple of days for the quick disposal of all files which are laying in his office for the disposal.

The entire discussion was held in presence of the Administrative Officer (FFRC) Nazir Ul Hussain Shah and Gaurav Charak, Publicity Secretary, Private Schools Association Jammu & Kashmir.

Inflated power bills has broken backbone of common man: Bhalla



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla addressing public meeting in Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Monday expressed serious concern over enormous power tariff bills after installation of smart meters in rural and urban areas of Jammu District.

He said people of Jammu have been diligently paying their electricity bills, but suddenly they appeared out of nowhere, cutting off the power supply and installing these meters.

They are not financially capable of paying the tariffs

based on meter readings. We are not against the idea, but shouldn't the authorities consider the people's ability to pay?"

He claimed that people from the unprivileged section wouldn't be able to make ends meet if they spent their earnings on power bills.

The JKPCC leader condemned the move as "sheer injustice" inflicted upon the people.

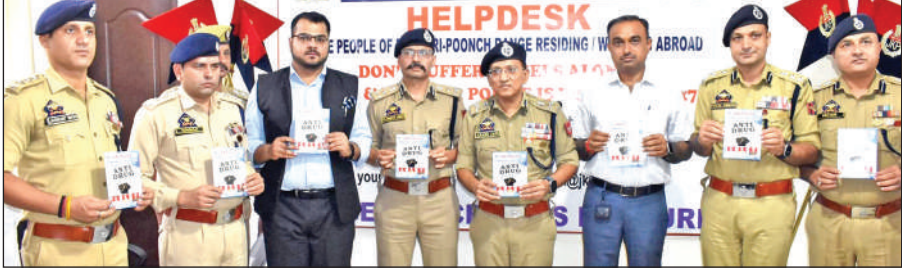
Former Minister addressing aggrieved people in Ward-73 Bhour Pind, Bhour Kullia. Prominent among those pres-

ent on the occasion include Amrit Bali General Secretary JKPCC, Satish Sharma General Secretary JKPCC, Pawan Bhagat Secretary JKPCC, Gurmeet Singh Block President, Rajinder Singh, Raj Kumar, Sudesh Kumar Panch, Harbans Lal, Sat Pal, Chaur Singh, Jeevan Kumar, Harbans Lal, Shashi Paul, Ram Pal, Rash Pal, Bachan Lal, Vijay Kumar, Tarsem Lal, Ramesh Kumar, Chiman Lal, Tarvinder Singh, Shiv Kumar, Sumit Kumar, Vikas Sharma, Gopal Sharma, Ramesh Raina and others.

Div Com, ADGP Jammu launch Overseas Helpdesk, Anti-Drug Helpline

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JAMMU: The Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, accompanied by Tejinder Singh, DIG RP Range, Ch. Mohd. Yasin, Deputy Commissioner, District Poonch and Yongal Kumar Manhas, SSP Poonch inaugurated the "Overseas Helpdesk" and "Anti-Drug Helpline" in the Conference Hall of DPL Poonch.

During inaugural, the ADGP Jammu Zone asserted that in order to address and resolve the issues faced by our citizens who have migrated abroad for Education/livelihood or any other purpose, RPHQ Rajouri is pleased to announce for establishing a dedicated helpdesk which



ADGP Jammu Zone Anand Jain, Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and others launching "Overseas Helpdesk" and "Anti-Drug Helpline" in DPL Poonch.

aims to redress the grievances being faced by our citizens while being away from home.

The helpdesk is equipped with two helpline numbers (9103996008 and 9103996009) and an email address (rppolice.helpdesk@jkpolice.gov.in) to ensure easy access and prompt response.

"This help desk shall operate 24/7 and aims to provide

comprehensive support, addressing a wide range of issues that overseas citizens may face including property disputes, legal queries, matrimonial disputes, cheating/frauds and other crime related matters," ADGP Jammu said.

He added that this help desk is a step towards strengthening JKP's connection with our overseas community and ensuring that

their voices are heard and their issues are resolved promptly.

"We encourage all overseas citizens to reach out to us in case of any issue," Jain said. "Another Helpline inaugurated in the event "Anti-Drug Helpline" shall also operate 24/7 and is being seen as gateway for general public to contribute progressively in JKP's noble fight against drug abuse.



HPCL officials addressing press conference at Jammu.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In commemoration of its 50th Foundation Day, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) expressed gratitude to its patrons and stakeholders for their steadfast support over the past five decades. The occasion marks a significant milestone in HPCL's commitment to serving the nation with dedication and excellence.

As part of the celebrations, HPCL's Jammu LPG Region reiterated its commitment to enhancing Transparency, Safety, and Customer Experience through strategic initiatives. HPCL emphasizes the necessity for customers to register their mobile numbers with HP Gas Distributors to facilitate seamless booking and delivery of LPG cylinders. The introduction of Delivery Authentication Codes (DAC) ensures transparency and security in the delivery process.

HPCL has implemented E-

KYC processes to authenticate customers efficiently, ensuring that benefits are distributed accurately and promptly. This initiative aims to streamline refill delivery procedures, thereby enhancing overall transparency and customer satisfaction. In line with its commitment to customer safety, HPCL promotes free safety checks of LPG installations. This initiative includes evaluating and upgrading LPG safety measures, including the recommendation of durable and secure Suraksha Hoses to mitigate risks associated with non-standard hoses. HPCL reaffirms its dedication to innovation and customer-centric solutions as it looks forward to continuing its legacy of excellence in the energy sector.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done tremendous work to ensure that every section of the society gets its due share.

This was stated by Former Legislator and senior BJP leader Vikram Randhawa while listening to the grievance of the people during Public Outreach Programme at Greater Kailash area of Jammu South RS Pura Assembly Segment, here on Monday.

During his visit, Randhawa also visualised the development works, which needs to be carried out in the said area.

While speaking, the people

Randhawa listens to public grievances; directs UEED, NHAI to redress issues on priority



Former Legislator, Vikram Randhawa listening to public issues.

apprised the visiting leader about the issues being faced by them including deplorable condition of drains, construction of deep drains, etc.

"It has become almost impossible for the us to walk in the lanes and the bylanes due to damaged drains", the people said, adding that due to dilapidated condition of

the drains, the rain water enters into their residential areas, thereby damaging their costly and essential goods.

The people also said that National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) is constructing deep drains on pick and choose policy while constructing flyover from

Kunjwani to Narwal as part of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, due to which the drain water gets accumulated on roads and thereby inviting a health hazard.

While assuring the people, Former Legislator said that the all their issues will be raised with the concerned departments for early redres-

sal. Randhawa also took up the issues raised by the people with the officials of the UEED and NHAI and directed them to redress the issues on the priority.

People applauded Former Legislator Randhawa for visiting their area and listening to their issues.

"No one was bother about the issues being faced by us and you (Randhawa) was the first leader, who gave patient hearing to our issues", the people added.

Anil Kumar Former Ex-Councillor, Naresh Singh, Reena Salathia, Jameet Singh, Mohinder Ch, Gopal Ch, Ashok Sharma, Darshan Grover and many others were present on the occasion.

Ten days Yuva Kaushal Karyashala begins at IIIM Jammu



Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM and others at inauguration ceremony.

experience of hands on trainings and provide them an exposure in scientific and technological interventions in chemistry, biotechnology and allied sciences, in the line of NEP-2020.

Such workshops and hands on trainings are pivotal for achieving the goals of Viksit Bharat-2047, he added. Earlier, Dr. Saurabh Saran, Principal Scientist & Principal Investigator, IIIM-TBI, in his welcome address

gave an overview of the workshop.

The program included a technical session where domain experts, Dr. Love Sharma, Scientist, delivered a talk on CSIR-IIIM, Dr Ravi Shankar, Sr. Principal Scientist, gave detailed presentation on Research Methodology, and Er Ankush Varma, Coordinator/CEO, IIIM-TBI delivered a talk on Entrepreneurship, Startup Ecosystem, and Hackathon

4.0. This 10 days workshop has inaugurated under the patronage of Dr. Zabeer Ahmed, Director, CSIR-IIIM and under the overall supervision of Er. Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist and Vice Chairman, BioNEST Bioincubation Centre (IIIM-TBI).

Other present were Dr. Asha Chaubey, Sr. Principal Scientist, Head, FMB Division, Dr. Sumit G

Gandhi, Sr. Principal Scientist, Head, Infectious Diseases, Dr. Deepika Singh, Dr. P.P. Singh, Principal Scientist and Dr. Bhawal Ali Shah, Principal Scientist, Natural Product Chemistry. The proceedings of inauguration session were conducted by Dr. Saurabh Saran, Principal Scientist, while Er. Ankush Varma, Coordinator, TBI presented the formal vote of thanks.

JKMEF delegation meets Director Health Jammu, discusses issues



JKMEF delegation calling on Dr. Rakesh Mangotra, Director Health Services Jammu.

Government Pharmacists to align with practices in other states. This proposal aims to standardize job titles and possibly reflect expanded roles or responsibilities.

They proposed the creation of critical positions such as Head Ophthalmic Technicians in District hospitals and Junior Ophthalmic Technicians in Primary Health Centers (PHCs). Additionally, they sought the upgradation or creation of Senior Pharmacists' posts in upgraded sub-centers, aiming to enhance healthcare delivery at various levels.

Rationalization of staff, refreezing of technical posts, and the implementation of the Comprehensive Health Insurance (CGHI) scheme were highlighted as crucial for the welfare and efficiency of health employees. These measures are intended to streamline operations and ensure equitable distribution of resources.

To improve operational efficiency, the delegation proposed the creation of more Junior Pharmacist posts at PHC and Community Health Center (CHC) levels. They also advocated for the establishment of Block Pharmacy Officers and District Pharmacy Officers to oversee pharmaceutical services at local and district levels.

They stressed the need for creating Head OT Technicians in all District hospitals and Technical Officer posts in newly established District hospitals. Additionally, the estab-

lishment of District Training Centers (DTCs) in newly created districts was proposed to enhance technical expertise and support across the region.

The delegation urged expedited reorganization for the post of Electricians, aiming to improve infrastructure maintenance and support services within healthcare facilities.

Dr. Rakesh Mangotra, while listening to these demands, assured the delegation that their concerns would be addressed promptly.

Statue of Maharishi Sushruta installed in GMC Jammu



Principal & Dean GMC Jammu, Dr. Ashutosh Gupta unveiling statue of Maharishi Sushruta.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a unique gesture, Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu on Monday unveiled the statue of renowned ancient Physician, Maharishi Sushruta, the listed author of the Sushruta Samhita (Sushruta's Compendium), a treatise considered to be one of the most important surviving ancient treatises on medicine and is considered a foundational text of Ayurveda.

Hailed as "Father of Plastic Surge", Maharishi Sushruta was a towering figure and is often described as the Indian counterpart of Hippocrates. The stone statue weighing 3.5 ton and measuring three feet, crafted in black marble was unveiled by the Principal &

Dean GMC Jammu, Dr. Ashutosh Gupta in presence of HODs of various departments as well and officials from Hospital Administrator.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, said that Maharishi Sushruta, was an ancient Indian surgeon and is known as the Father of Surgery and it is unfortunate that in spite of his glorious contribution to the medicine and surgery, only a handful of such tributes are found in India and Worldwide..

Continuing , Dr. Gupta said that "Sushruta Samhita" is an ancient Sanskrit text on Medicine and Surgery written by the Maharshi and one of the most important such treatises on this subject to survive

from the ancient times. His works compiled as 'Sushruta Samhita' describes 60 types of Upkarma for treatment of wounds, 120 surgical instruments, 300 surgical procedures and classifies human surgeries in 8 categories.

For Sushruta, the concept of Shalya Tantra (surgical science) was all-encompassing. Examples of some of his ground breaking operations include rhinoplasty (the repairing or remaking of a nose), removal of a dead fetus and lithotomy (surgical incision into hollow organs such as urinary bladder to remove stones, or calculi). He also developed many unique and practical techniques to dissect the human body and study its structure, Dr Gupta said.