LG releases Dr Suheel Rasool Mir's 'Cultural Encyclopedia of Dard Tribe' Appreciates Shinon Meeras - Shina Cultural Centre at Gurez, Indian Army for preserving traditional wis-

dom and knowledge, heritage and culture of Dardi people for future generations

▶ Releases 2nd edition of 'The North Kashmir Gazette'

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday released the book 'Cultural Encyclopedia of the Dard Tribe' authored by Dr Suheel Rasool Mir, at Raj Bhawan.

In his address, the Lt Governor extended his felicitations to the author Dr Suheel Rasool Mir for exploring the remote landscapes and intricate cultural nuances, customs, language and social structures of Dard tribe, through the book.

He appreciated the Shinon Meeras - Shina Cultural Centre at Gurez, Indian Army

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To review the wel-

fare measures and to redress

the grievances of retired

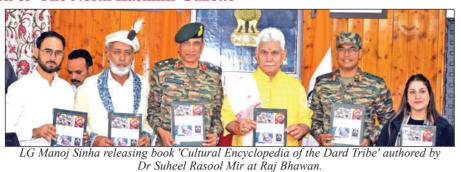
police officers, SSP Jammu,

Thursday held a meeting

with Retired Police Officers

Police Pensioners Welfare

Vinod Kumar on



dom and knowledge, heritage stakeholders in preserving and culture of Dardi people

Highlighting the significant contribution of the Tribal community in nation building, the Lt Governor called for collective efforts from all

SSP Jammu holds meeting with retired

police personnel at DPL

Association also put forth

various pending issues per-

They were heard patiently

It was also made clear in

the meeting that retirees are

tion as they have rendered a

by SSP Jammu and were

assured full cooperation.

for future generations.

and promoting the rich customs, culture, and linguistic wealth of the tribal communi-

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also released the second edition of 'The North

to earn a name for the organ-

Further, SSP Jammu stat-

ed that various measures are

taken by J&K Police

Department for the welfare

of retired Police personnel

Moreover, the retirees

raised various issues in the

meeting and a patient hear-

ing was given by the chairing

officer and they were assured

that their genuine demands

& problems would be taken

up at an appropriate level for

SSP Jammu assured the

participants that J&K Police

is always at their disposal

and asked them not to feel

Police officer or Police unit at

and their families

their redressal.

ization.

endeavour of Kashmir Writers Association and the

Maj. Gen. Girish Kalia, Vajr Division; Dr Suheel Rasool Mir, author of Cultural Encyclopedia of Dard Tribe; Fida Firdous, President Kashmir Writers Association; senior officials of Army, members of Shina Cultural Centre and Kashmir Writers Association were



West Pak Refugees call on Dr Jitendra, thank PM for abrogating Art 370

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: West Pakistan Refugees (WPR) thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for abrogating Article 370, thus granting them citizenship which was denied to them for seven decades during a call on by a delegation of 'West Pakistani refugees (WPR) Association led by Labha Ram Gandhi to Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today in New

The refugees on meeting Dr. Jitendra Singh expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi for their unwavering support and assistance during our times of hardship and displacement. They said "We are deeply touched by the kindness and generosity shown towards us, ensuring our well-being and integration into Indian society."

Baldev Prakash on

Thursday handed over the

keys of the vehicle to CEO

(SASB) Dr. Mandeep K

Bhandari at Raj Bhawan

in presence of Additional



Recalling the injustice served to them over seven decades, the association accused the erstwhile previous governments for turning a deaf ear to their issues and problems. They also were saddened over the fact they were deprived of their right to vote and lawful citizenship for political gains. West Pakistani Refugees (WPRs) are those who migrated from areas in the West Pakistan in

1947 and settled in the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir, mainly in Jammu, Kathua and Rajouri districts of Jammu Division. These fami-Pakistan.

lies migrated to Jammu in the wake of 1947 aggression by The refugees claimed abroga-

tion of article 370, a historic

move which brought justice to many unheard voices In Jammu and Kashmir. They also shared with the Minister who also represents Udhampur Lok Sabha Constituency for the 3rd Consecutive term that the refugees will have a grand celebration on the eve of 5th August on completion 5 years to the abrogation Of Article

370 which denied them citizenship and right to vote for so many years.

On the sidelines, the association requested the Minister to help in the expedition of compensation and redressal of other grievances. Dr. Jitendra Singh Assured them of Swift Action and time bound redressal of Grievances.

The Association Personally thanked Dr. Jitendra Singh for his proactive efforts which have not only alleviated their suffering but have also given them hope for a brighter future. "We pledge to contribute positively to our adopted homeland and strive towards its progress and Thank you, prosperity. Government of India, for embracing us with open arms and granting us a chance to begin anew." said the refugees.

at DPL Jammu in which always welcomed for their isolated. Further they were valuable suggestions and assured that they are still various issues pertaining to them were discussed. there is great respect for part of Police organization The representatives of them in the Police organizaand they can approach any

taining to them.

SSP Jammu Dr Vinod Kumar chairing a meeting.

Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board under CSR Commissions new branch in Kathua

J&K Bank provides multi-purpose vehicle to

long service and toiled hard Grievance camp a sincere attempt to lessen



Officers

Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President listening to public issues.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government at the Centre headed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working on the mission of Antodaya and every BJP activist is working tirelessly to ensure that every needy person is able to get off the beneficial schemes launched by the PM Modi led government.

This was stated by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President while interacting with people during the public grievances camp held at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kacchi Chawni Jammu. On the occasion, Pardeep Singh, Vice President Bajalta Mandal, Sudhir Anand Vice President East Mandal, Vipin Sharma, General Secretary, Savita Anand President Mahila Morcha District Jammu and Anuradha Gupta President Mahila Morcha East Mandal were present during the grievances redressal camp.

Yudhvir said BJP has taken every possible step to ensure development of every community and every region for unprecedented development with the target of "Antodaya". He added that such clear vision for development in every sector and development of every section has attracted every single individual to support BJP.

The senior BJP leader asserted that the Party is fully committed to address the day to day problems being faced by the people in general and that of Jammu City in particular. He stressed on the party's sincere attempt to have direct interaction with the masses and provide best possible solutions to their day to day administrative and development issues. He said that it is a sincere attempt to lessen the gap between administration and people and ensure that genuine issues of people are redressed in an efficacious way.

Earlier in the camp, people from different parts of Jammu visited the party office in the form of deputations to represent the issues of their respective areas as well as their individual concerns before the senior party leadership. Main issues presented were related to the nonavailability of Govt ration, verification of land titles, transformer issues, electric poles, street lights, repair of lanes/ roads, job and pension

While giving patient hearing to the deputations, Yudhvir resolved most of the issues instantaneously by talking to the authorities concerned on phone. He assured to take up the rest of their issues with the concerned authorities and get the same resolved at the earliest.



MD J&K Bank, Baldev Prakash handing over keys of vehicle to CEO (SASB), Dr. Mandeep K Bhandari.

CEO (SASB) Rahul Singh and other officials from the Bank and the Board. Commenting on the occasion, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash stated, "We are honoured to support the Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board in ensuring the well-being and safety of the yatris. This initiative underscores our commitment to community welfare and reflects our dedication to facilitating a healthy and safer experience for pilgrims." CEO (SASB) Dr Mandeep Bhandari thanked the Bank for the goodwill gesture and said that the donation of multi-purpose vehicle was a significant step towards improving the transportation facilities along the challenging terrain of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra route. Notably, by facilitating the transportation of yatris requiring medical assistance, this initiative aims at providing immediate health facilities to the vatris and contribute to their overall well-being. Additionally, the vehicle can be utilized to ferry essential yatra-related equipment and items to the base camps, thereby enhancing the logistical capabilities of the pilgrimage. Meanwhile, the Bank commissioned a new Branch at Bhoond in Kathua district of Jammu, Cluster Head (Kathua) Parshotam Kumar inaugurated the branch along with Chairman (DDC Kathua) Col. Mahan Singh amid a gathering of valuable customers, local residents and Bank officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman (DDC Kathua) reiterated the people's unwavering trust in J&K Bank and commended the Bank's commitment towards the economic development of people

Commissioner reviews financial position of first quarter of FY 2024-25 of STD

JAMMU: Commissioner State Taxes Department (STD), P.K. alongwith Secretary, Finance department, K.K Sidha on Thursday jointly chaired a meeting at Excise and Taxation Complex here to review the financial position in first quarter of fiscal year 2024-25 ending this Additional

Commissioner Administration & Enforcement, Jammu, Namrita Dogra; Deputy Commissioners of STD, Assistant Commissioners of STD and all the State Tax Officers (STO's) of Jammu division were presented in the

During the meeting, the Tax Kashmir have been instructed to take strict action against cases of tax evasion, tax leakage and tax pilferage in the Union Territory for revenue augmentation besides ensuring 100% compliance in return filing by registered taxpayers. Addressing the meeting, Commissioner STD expressed his concerns over dip in revenue collection in first quarter and directed tax officers to gear-up for remaining three quarters, where at-least 20% hike is expected from each circle to meet the revenue targets of FY 2024-25. The Commissioner instructed officers for usage of analytical portal provided to



Commissioner STD, P.K Bhat chairing a meeting. officers to detect cases of tax cash receipt and not on proper

evasion. He stressed on the GST invoice. He asked the enforcement enhanced usability of the GST portal by all the concerned offiwings to intensify their field cers as there are many indicaactions and take appropriate measure to curb undervaluators which could help in early detection of any fraudulent tion with special focus outer activity. Special Secretary, and remote areas. He Finance K.K. Sidha, advised impressed the officers of the officers to get familiar with enforcements wings to make type of dealers pertaining to workable rosters for area and their circles thoroughly as it is trade specific enforcements most important to know the During basic fabric of revenue stream. Namrita Dogra gave a presen-He also stressed the officers to tation showing circle wise perincrease the field activity and formance of each tax circle. make taxpayers aware of consequences of non-compliance and tax evasions with a view to create deterrence amongst the The Special the detail. taxpayers. Secretary stressed on proactive

information sharing amongst

various wings of the depart-

ment to detect tax evasion and

revenue leakage cases. He

directed the officers to ensure

compliance in sectors like ban-

onet halls, catering business,

tuition centers, car accessory

and modification shops where

business is primarily done on a

The performance of Deputy Commissioners Enforcement Wings and Stamps were also discussed in During the meeting focus

the

was also laid on revenue augmentation, proper scrutiny and tracking of E-way bills, optimal use of technology for assessment of red flags, aggressively following the cases where huge chunk of tax amount got choked, tax evasion and Input Tax Credit mis-

Will spike in terror acts across Jammu impact economy, pilgrims tourism?



Shashi Gupta, Artist Since the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Union $_{
m the}$ Kashmir. Territory has witnessed notable advancements. Terrorism is one such longstanding issue which has been greatly taken care of by our valiant security forces. These

strides towards establishing a tranquil, optimistic and progressed land have not been well received by the terrorists. They are fearful of the progress and peace in the Valley. Therefore, they have shifted their target to the outlying areas of Jammu wherein the presence of security forces is comparatively less robust. This is the first time ever that Jammu has been under such heightened alert followed by recurrent terror attacks. Hence, this becomes an appalling issue which requires the same kind of an 'all out' treatment done in Kashmir and now in Jammu also. I would also like to pay my homage to the family of our martyred soldiers who are the unsung heroes. I am hopeful for better



the economy Jammu Kashmii then believe that Shri

Pankaj

Gupta,

Trader

a b o u ·

If I talk

Amaranth Yatra also depends on the economy.

People are very disturbed by surge in terror attacks and encounters in the Union Territory.

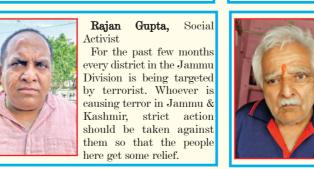
I urge the higher authorities that terrorism should be eradicated from Jammu and Kashmir as soon as possible. I want peace here and of course everybody deserves a peaceful life.



Punit Jamwal, Akhnoor Market President

Terrorism doesn't have any strong impact on economy. I don't think there is any need for us to feel frightened. However, it is very disheartening to see the rise in the number of

terror attacks in Jammu and also, which is progressing in various sectors with each





Shiv Kumar Gupta, Resident The terrorists are relentlessly try ing to create turbulence in our placid city, which has led to various casual ties but I affirm they would never be able to succeed in instilling fear and polluting our Jammu. There is a need for rigorous and effective action against these malicious elements and that is the only way to

deal with the problem of terrorism. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the authorities. While these terror attacks are very concerning and tragic, I have faith in our security forces and the Government.

unacceptable.

Vinod Kumar, Trader

I want that our government at

the Centre should make strict

laws so that no terror attack

takes place in Jammu and

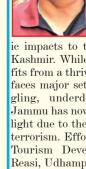
Kashmir, due to which many peo-

ple are already disturbed. All the

people here are in fear and these

terror attacks are also putting an

impact on our economy, which is



Ashvani Sharma, Social Activist

Undeniably, such unfortunate fearful terror events do impact the economy in a negative way. The aftermath of Article 370's repeal, has brought contrasting econom-

c impacts to the regions of Jammu and Kashmir. While Kashmir's economy benefits from a thriving tourism sector, Jammu faces major setbacks to its already struggling, underdeveloped tourism sector. Jammu has now come under negative limelight due to the uninterrupted incidents of terrorism. Efforts were being made by the Tourism Development in regions like Reasi, Udhampur, Doda and Kishtwar but now these regions are grappling with security challenges. Despite valiant efforts by our security forces, challenges like local support for terrorists and Pakistan remain a big hurdle in the path of combat-