

Sinha inaugurates ‘UMEED Market Place’ under AAI’s AVSAR Scheme at Srinagar Airport

Similar Marketplace to open at Jammu Airport

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SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday inaugurated "UMEED Market Place" under AVSAR Scheme of Airport Authority of India at Srinagar International airport.

A similar Marketplace was also opened at Jammu Airport. Both the outlets will exhibit products of all 20 districts.

The Lt Governor said that the initiative will support local art and artisans of Self Help Groups of J&K Rural Livelihood Mission, providing a platform to market local products directly to the customers.

The products of Self Help Groups will get exposed to the national market, strengthen the local artisan community and provide sufficient promotional avenues to their products, he added.

The Lt Governor also interacted with the Self Help Group members present there and congratulated them for the new market place.

Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Rural Development and



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha after inaugurating "UMEED Market Place" under AVSAR Scheme of Airport Authority of India at Srinagar Airport.

Panchayati Raj department briefed the Lt Governor about the AVSAR scheme (Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region) conceptualized by the Airports Authority of India.

The marketplace at both the Airports will provide huge visibility to the members of SHGs and promote their products to a wider spectrum, reaching out to

the larger population and make rural handcraft products available at reasonable prices to the passengers.

Indu Kanwal Chib, Mission Director, JKRLM informed the Lt Governor about the opportunities being provided to the artisans and SHG members at the new market place.

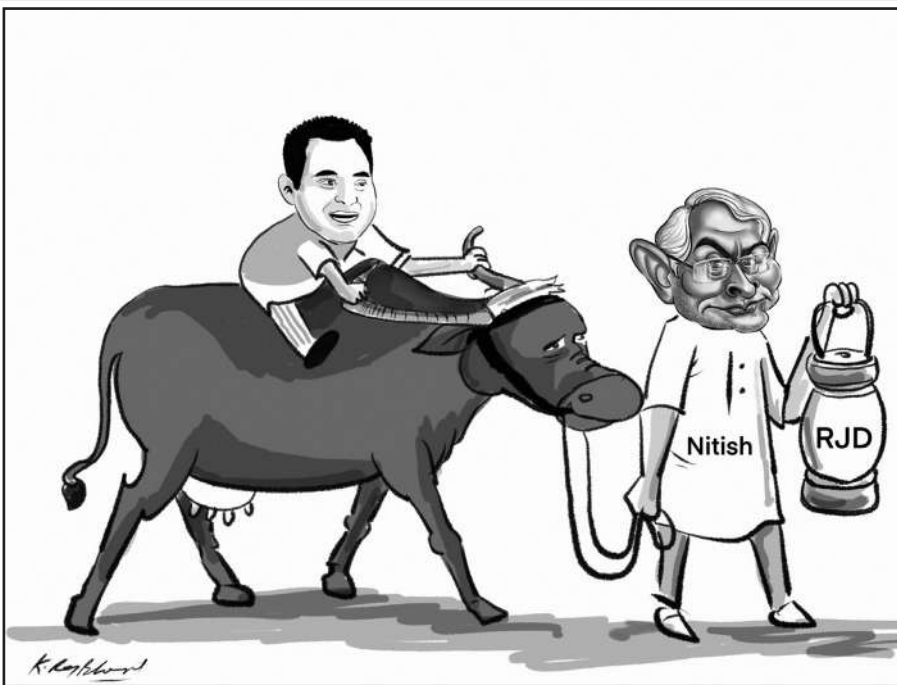
More than five lakh women will bene-

fit every year from stalls & counters offered to them for 15 days on rotational basis. It will also serve as a point for passengers to place bulk orders and request for customized demands for corporate gifting as well, it was informed.

Earlier, the Lt Governor unveiled a 20X20 ft LED Video wall at Srinagar Airport.

The inauguration ceremony commenced with the display of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' theme on the LED Video Wall commemorating 75 years of Independence.

Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Kuldeep Singh, Airport Director Srinagar; Sanjeev Kumar Garg, Airport Director Jammu; Shahbaz Mirza, Deputy Commissioner Budgam; Riyaz Ahmad Beigh, AMD RLM Kashmir; Mridhu Slatia, AMD RLM Jammu; Navneet Singh, Director Orango Solutions, besides senior officials were present during the inauguration of Market Place under AVSAR Scheme at both the airports.



Shourya Chakra decorated martyr Aurangeb's mother, BJP J&K Chief Raina launch Har Ghar Tiranga campaign

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POONCH: Shourya Chakra decorated martyr Aurangeb's mother joined by J&K BJP Chief Ravinder Raina, launched Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in Poonch district celebrating the spirit of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava.

Ravinder Raina said that Indian Army and the Administration has launched Har Ghar Tiranga campaign from the house of martyr Aurangzeb. He said that the moment has given every Indian immense pleasure and a moment of proud. He said that India is a land of brave and the people have sacrificed everything including their lives to safeguard the Nation from any danger.

"To hoist the Tiranga at the house of Choudhary Mohammad Aurangzeb who was martyred in Pulwama while fighting Pakistani terrorists, has given a moment of patriotism in every heart. All the locals have joined this occasion, which is a moment of great pride, Raina said".

Raina further said "Tiranga is in our blood, it is our identity and we all love Tiranga beyond anything".



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana leading Tiranga rally.

Rana terms Har Ghar Tiranga campaign as celebrating India's growth story

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JAMMU: Asserting that Tiranga symbolizes nation's pride and saga of sacrifices during India's freedom struggle and thereafter to preserve the hard one independence, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Wednesday said that those daring even remotely to disrespect the National Flag has no place in the country.

"Tiranga is close to our hearts", Devender Rana said while leading largely attended Har Ghar Tiranga rallies at Mathwar , Bhalval and Nagrota, here.

He said the 75 Independence Day reminds the compatriots of the supreme sacrifices of freedom fighters to break the shackles of the British. The Tricolour also symbolizes India's inclusive character and its firm commitment to harmonious growth of the society and universal brotherhood. The



national flag reflects the country's glorious ethos of unity in diversity, unflinching faith in peace and amity as also universal brotherhood, he added.

Invoking the Prime Minister's cherished agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Priyas, Devender Rana said that with the cooperation of all, irrespective of religion, caste, creed and colour, India is confidently

marching towards being the Vishva Guru. The nation's growth story under the umbrella of Tricolour is unparalleled and such a campaign is only befitting on the country's 75th Independence Day to celebrate India's march towards peace, prosperity and progress.

The rallies passed through various marketplaces and interior areas with the participants raising patriotic slogans.

Dr Jitendra inaugurates International Conference, shares India's roadmap for climate protection

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NEW DELHI: While inaugurating the 3-day International Conference on 'Systems Analysis for Enabling Integrated Policy Making' here on Wednesday, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh shared India's roadmap for climate protection and that noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is playing a leading role in addressing this issue at global level.

Dr Jitendra said, under Prime Minister Modi, India has presented a roadmap to the world about the mitigation measures by building upon the principle of Common but



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh delivering inaugural address at International Conference at New Delhi.

Differentiated Responsibility (CBDR). He pointed out that India is committed to reducing its aggregate greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) by one billion tonnes by 2030, decreasing its dependency on fossil fuels by 50 per cent of the total con-

sumption in 2030; reducing carbon to GDP intensity by 45 per cent from the 2005 levels and making entire country carbon neutral by 2070.

The Minister said, India has been traditionally vulnerable to natural disasters on account of

its unique geo-climate conditions. Floods, droughts, cyclones, earthquakes, and landslides have been a recurrent phenomenon, but recent events have become erratic with an unpredictable frequency and intensity that are being attributed to climate change. The Minister, however added that India being a leader in disaster management, the world looks up to us for global challenges such as climate change.

Dr Jitendra Singh underlined that the battle against this mammoth climate change cannot be fought alone and the scientific communities need to talk in harmony toward a shared

goal of mitigating climate change and achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Minister called for building up strong regional collaboration for systems research and design policy directives with collective efforts to deal with climate change.

Dr Jitendra hoped that the deliberations in the form of panel discussions, plenaries and talks, the scientific community will enrich itself with the discussions in different domains of Systems analysis and would further strengthen the collective resolve for a sustainable future.

'Pension Adalat' for August 2022 conducted by EPFO Jammu

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JAMMU: "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" and "Pension Adalat" for the month of August, 2022, were conducted by EPFO Regional Office, Jammu on Wednesday here to resolve the claim of stakeholders of Jammu & Kashmir.

Mahesh Chander Padha, VP, Tourist Trade People Federation and Nikhil Padha appeared along with grievances of workers engaged in different Organisation. They were advised to provide relevant documentary evidences to enable the Office to initiate further action.

Some of the employers were advised over telephone to redress grievances/issues being faced by the workers.

Rakesh Kumar, an employee of M/s. BD Security and Shobh Ahmed from M/s. Intex Tech, appeared in the "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" programme with the request to



PF Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin listening to employees issues.

merge their P F account. They were advised to submit offline form-13.

Sourabh, employee of M/s. Regional Research Laboratory School, Canal Road, came with the request to process E-sign. On enquiry, it was found that there was no request pending for approval. He was advised to submit again of E-sign of the authorized signatory of the establishment.

Sunita, an employee of M/s. Shan and Associates visited

the office as the member does not have the UAN. Using the IT tools of EPFO, UAN of the member was traced out and provided to her as the Aadhar of the member was already linked with her UAN. She was also advised to update her bank KYC and apply for claim. Ramesh Kumar Raina -a retired employ of JKSFCL appeared with the request to merge his two UAN as he was unable to apply online. It was found that "Date of Exit" in his pre-

vious UAN was not marked. He was advised to update his date of exit through his employer and apply for "One Member One EPF Account" online. Mahesh Sharma appeared in the programme to update the missing detail of his wife's UAN namely Shivalika Sharma. Rizwan Uddin, RPFC-I ordered to process the Joint Declaration and same was processed. Amar Jeet Singh visited with the request to update missing detail as his joint declaration, whose was employer was not traceable. Based on documentary evidence produced by Amar Jeet necessary directions were issued by Commissioner to subordinate Officers to redress the issue. Son and Wife of Raj Kumar an employee of Highland Automobile visited the office with the request to update the PAN KYC of Raj Kumar which was not approved by employer.

RPFC-I personally talked with the MD of M/s Highland Automobile over telephone and advised him to update the KYC of employees. Two employees of M/s G4s secure solution India private limited appeared as both have the same name and employer updated their KYC wrongly. His employer is advised to provide a clarification letter to make necessary corrections. Sanjeev Kumar, SSSA initiated 802 claims on 09.08.2022 which is a major landmark for any individual in EPFO. Altogether Sanjeev Kumar processed more than three thousand claims on previous Saturdays and this Tuesday (09.08.2022), which is a commendable task. The endeavor of "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" programme has always been to redress the maximum number of cases/grievances the same day or at the earliest.

PVC decorated soldiers have made us secure, worth landing in Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal Will Manoj Sinha atleast name Colleges/Tunnels/Projects/Highways after PVC decorated soldiers?

DAYA SAGAR

Ravinder Raina BJP President UT of J&K has on 3rd August visited Param Vir Chakra (PVC) decorated Indian soldier Honorary Captain (ret'd) Bana Singh {In 1987, the strategically important Siachen area had been infiltrated by the Pakistani forces. The Pakistanis had captured an important position, which they called "Quaid post" (from Quaid-e-Azam, the title of Muhammad Ali Jinnah). The post was located at a height of 6500 metres on the highest peak in the Siachen Glacier area which was later renamed to "Bana Top" by the Indians, in honour of Bana Singh} and launched through him the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign from his house top in village Kadayal near the International Border in R S Pura Tehsil, Jammu district. We in J&K are today going to enter into the streams of "Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal" but have we any time asked ourselves how far we have acknowledged on ground atleast the extraordinary sense of sacrifice and valour Indian soldiers have shown while protecting "US & our Lands" from the enemy attacks (1947,1962,1965,1971,1999) where 16 out of 21 Param Vir Chakra (PVC) awarded so far have been to those soldiers who fought protecting boundaries along Indian state of J&K and 15 out of those can be named as those soldiers

who were not J&K state subjects / permanent residents of J&K ?.

So, far the 'subjects' of J&K have not been courteous enough to open the gates for seeking land rights, seeking government job and seeking admissions in J&K government professional colleges for the families / kith& kin of even the 'non permanent resident' PVC decorated soldiers.

But with J&K BJP getting launched the Ghar Ghar Tiranga Abhiyaan by PVC decorated Adharniye Bana Singh ji from his roof top and J&K government having decided to name schools/ roads after martyrs/ eminent personalities some hopes have emerged.

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha of J&K has initiated a number of programmes and activities worth promoting nationalism and commitment to common Indian cause, particularly making the young generation intimately aware about the martyrs & eminent personalities who had sacrificed their present & future for the cause of Indian people.

Surely it was for the similar cause that LG Manoj Sinha decided to name Schools/roads/buildings in the name of martyrs and eminent personalities . It was on July 29 of 2021 that Deputy Director (F&S) o/o Divisional Commissioner Jammu through letter No. 202/Divcom Misc/ P&S/ 1310-11 dated 29-07-2021 conveyed to Deputy

Commissioners of Jammu Region that as per instructions received by higher authority he was directed to request them for kindly identifying schools that can be named after our martyrs (police/army/CRPF) and provide the list by 5th Aug 2021 (ofcourse that was to be done with the help of a committee to be constituted at local level) . Before that Rajasthan had also cleared a proposal to rename government schools after martyrs and Punjab government had also expressed that it will rename schools after freedom fighters/ renowned personalities. No doubt the process of renaming the schools has not been with in the schedule that the LG might have in his mind but still it is very much heartening that the process has started in 2022 which no other earlier government could conceive even when suggestions were made that in J&K projects / airports should be renamed / named atleast after PVC decorated Indian soldiers where it could be said that out of 21 PVC decorated soldiers atleast 16 PVC decorated soldiers are those who had displayed extraordinary valour / sense of sacrifice while fighting to protect the IB/LOC along J&K state (1947,1962,1965,1971,1999).Now in terms of J&K Administrative council



A Look through the Mist

decision NO 105/08/2022 of 22-08-2022 government has re named 18 Government Schools after martyrs and eminent persons vide order No 885-JK/GAD of 2022 dated 28-07-2022.

With Manoj Singh as LG (since 07-08-2020) and A.K Mehta as Chief Secretary one can hope that some Colleges and some Major Projects in the UT of J&K would be named / renamed after the Param Vir Chakra Decorated Indian Soldiers and that would happen in the first year of the Azadi ka Amrit Kaal that begins in August 2022.

The eminent personalities / martyrs have already been top listed as PVC decorated and only projects/ sites/ colleges have to be selected for that. The decorated personalities for immediate reference could be PVC 1 Major Somnath Sharma (HP) *posthumo. 4 Kumaon November 3, 1947 Battle of Badgaon ;PVC2 Naik Jadunath Singh*posthumous (UP) 1 Rajput February 6, 1948, Taindhara, Battle of Naushera;PVC3 . 2nd Lt Rama Raghoba Rane (Bombay) 08 April 1948 enroute Rajouri;PVC4 Company Havildar Major Piru Singh Shekhawa*posthumous (Rajasthan) . Rajputana Rifles Tithwal (Kupwara), J&K;PVC 5 Lance Naik Karam Singh 1 Sikh October 13, 1948 Tithwal sector

(Kupwara) , J&K; PVC 7 Major Dhan Singh Thapa (HP) , 1/8 Gorkha Rifleskh|October 20/ 21, 1962 Major Ladakh Indo China war; PVC 9 9. *posthumoiMajor Shaitan Singh (Rajasthan) Kumaon Regiment November 18, 1962 Rezang La, Ladakh; PVC 10 10. Company Quartermaster *posthumousHavildar Abdul Hamid (Ghaziabad UP) 4 Grenadiers September 10, 1965 Battle of Asal UttarKhemkaran (Punjab) tank battle ; PVC 11Ardeshir Tarapore Lt ColBlombay)*posthumousPoona Horse 11 Sept 1965 Battle of ChawiPhillora, Sialkot, Pakistan; PVC 13 12. Flying Officer *posthumousNirmaljit Singh Sekhon (Punjab) No.18 "Flying Bullets" Squadron December 14, 1971 Srinagar ; PVC 14 Second Lt. *posthumousArun Khetarpal (Pune only on 6 month service) 16 Dec 1971 Battle of Basantar - Samba (Jarpal, Shakargarh (Jammu Border) in Pakistan); PVC 15 Major Hoshiar Singh Dahiya (Haryana) Grenadiers Regiment December 17, 1971 Battle of Basantar - Samba, Basantar River(Shakargarh, Pakistan); PVC 16 Naib Subedar Bana Singh (R S Pura Tehsil) Action 23 May 1987, J&K Light Infantry|Siachen|1987 Subedar Major and Honorary Captain Bana Singh, operation Rajiv; PVC 18 Lt. Manoj

Kumar Pandey*poshumous (Lucknow): 1st battalion, 11 Gorkha Rifles 07-07-1999 Operation Vijay Khatuber /Juber Top ; PVC 19 Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav (UP) Battle of Tiger HILL Kargil Operation Vijay; PVC 20 Rifleman Sanjay Kumar*. (HP) 13 J&K Rifles July 4 (5)) Ladakh's Mushkoh Valley Kargil;PVC21Capt Vikram Batra*posthumous (HP) . J&K Rifles July 7, 1999.Oeration Vijay Kargil.

The honours could be some thing like naming Srinagar Airport after PVC Major Som Nath Sharma since but for what he did may be whole of Kashmir valley and Ladakh Region would have been in POJK of today . Similarly naming Jammu Airport after PVC L. Nk Jadu Nath Singh since but for his valour & sacrifice may be some more part of Jammu region beyond Sundarbani too would have been part of POJK of today.T he Government Degree Colleges , Engineering Colleges, Medical Colleges and long tunnels in and around preferably the district of 'action/ sacrifice' could be named after. Though belated and still too less to what we owe 'them' let still Manoj Sinha take the lead . which he can surely take.

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