

New CVC briefs Dr Jitendra about declining case pendency

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NEW DELHI: Newly appointed Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) of India, Suresh N. Patel called on Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh, and briefed him about constantly declining case pendency in recent years.

The CVC was later also joined by the two Vigilance Commissioners, Arvind Kumar and Praveen Kumar Srivastava, who submitted detailed data substantiating timely disposal of disciplinary actions against employees



Newly appointed CVC of India, Suresh N. Patel calling on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh at New Delhi.

NABARD signs MOU with J&K Grameen Bank to finance 700 JLGs in J&K, Ladakh

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JAMMU: A Memorandum of Understanding on promotion and financing of 700 JLGs was on Thursday signed and exchanged between NABARD, J&K Regional Office and Jammu & Kashmir Grameen Bank in the conference hall of NABARD, J&K Regional Office.

Sandeep Sharma, General Manager, NABARD and Sanjay Gupta, Chairman, J&K Grameen Bank, signed the MoU on behalf of NABARD and J&K Grameen Bank respectively. The MoU signing ceremony

J&K Bank expands delivery network for Gold Loan Scheme

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SRINAGAR: J&K Bank Managing Director & CEO Baldev Prakash on Thursday rolled out the sealing up of Gold Loan Scheme under the slogan "Cash in Need, Gold Indeed" to 150 designated branches in an event held at the Bank's corporate headquarters. The launch event was attended by Bank's General Managers, Deputy General Managers and other senior officials. The scale-up will see 152 designated J&K branches extending easy, economical and speedy loan facility to customers simply after pledging their Gold Ornaments and Jewellery. The bank offers concession of 50 bps (1/2 percentage point) to women borrowers under the revised scheme which has been aligned with the requirements of borrowers at competitive pricing.

MD & CEO said, "We have always strived for devising loan/deposit schemes that cater to the business/personal/domestic needs of our customer base spread across the country. And the product that enables customers to retain ownership of their gold without worrying for its safekeeping, while meeting

Jammu city records 189.6 mm rain in 24 hours, highest in 26 years: Met Deptt

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JAMMU: Jammu city recorded 189.6 mm rain in 24 hours, the highest downpour in a day in almost 26 years, causing landslides and flash floods, meteorological department officials said on Thursday.

There were flash floods in most of the rivers, including Tawi and Chenab, which inundated low-lying areas and damaged infrastructure.

Two landslides were reported -- in Panjirthi and Circular Road -- causing damage to road, a building and some vehicles, the officials said.

The flash floods damaged small bridges in Kalika Colony, washed out a wall of Satsang Garh, a spiritual centre, and a vehicle in Buntalab, they said.

Hundreds of houses in several colonies in low-lying areas were inundated and traffic came to a halt due to water-logging, prompting the district administration to sound a flood alert, they said. According to the Met department, this is the highest 24-hour rainfall in August for Jammu city since 1996. The city had recorded 218.4 mm of rainfall on August 23, 1996. The all-time highest rainfall, 228.6 mm, in Jammu city was recorded on August 5, 1926, it said. The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was closed for traffic due to landslides and mudslides, triggered by heavy rains in Ramban.

ny was presided over by Dr Ajay Kumar Sood, Chief General Manager. Dr Sood highlighted that main objective of the signing of MoU is to enhance the flow of credit to tenant farmers/oral lessees/sharecroppers, SF/MF etc., who may not have proper title to their land holding and to meet the credit requirements of the lower strata of the society by formation and credit linkage of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs). He applauded J&K Grameen bank for successfully financing 500 JLGs under the MoU signed between

NABARD and J&K Grameen Bank during the last financial year. Sanjay Gupta, Chairman, J&K Grameen Bank praised the initiatives of NABARD for promoting financial inclusion in the UT and thanked NABARD for its continuous support to the bank. Under this MoU, J&K Grameen Bank will form and finance 700 JLGs in J&K (UT) and Ladakh (UT) and NABARD will provide a promotional grant support of Rs. 4000 per JLG to J&K Grameen Bank.

period prior to December 2018 had been reduced to 227 by June 30, 2022 due to a special campaign initiated by the Commission in 2020.

Similarly, overall outstanding disciplinary matters which on an average as on December 2019 used to be around 5,000 at a given point of time has come down drastically in the range of 1,700 now due to cooperation of the authorities at different levels.

Dr Jitendra said, by appointing CVC and two Vigilance Commissioners as mandated under law in the first week of this month itself, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sent out a message of policy of zero tolerance for corruption.

Dr Jitendra lauded the special efforts of the Commission and said that this has brought positivity amongst the Government employees which shall encourage them to take decisions in the interest of the organisation while following procedures without any fear of unwarranted disciplinary action.

Also, the timely disciplinary action would work as a deterrent for those whose intentions/actions may not be in the interest of the Organisation and deserve to be punished, the Minister pointed out.

BJP Disciplinary Committee serves show-cause notice to President MC Kathua

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JAMMU: Taking a serious note of an audio clip of Naresh Sharma, President Municipal Committee Kathua, which went viral on social media and wherein unparliamentary and abusive language has been used against Bhartiya Janata Party and its leaders, J&K BJP Disciplinary Committee, has served a show-cause notice to President Municipal Committee Kathua, directing him to explain his position within 24 hours.

The notice issued by J&K BJP Disciplinary Committee, with Sunil Sethi as Chairman

and Virenderjeet Singh and N D Rajwal as members, reads,

"An audio has gone viral in which you have been using unparliamentary and abusive language against Party and national leaders. Clip enclosed. This is gross indiscipline of highest order and shows you have no regard for principles and ethos of party. This may lead to your expulsion from party you are given opportunity to explain your behaviour. Your reply should reach Disciplinary Committee within 24 hours positively failing which appropriate action will be recommended against you to Party President."

Jammu Admn gears up for Har Ghar Tiranga campaign; distributes 3 Lakh flags among households

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JAMMU: More than Three Lakh National Flags have been distributed in district Jammu as the district machinery gears up for the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign to commemorate the 75th year of India's Independence.

Tricolours will be flown at every private and commercial establishment as part of the 75th anniversary of the country's Independence from 13th to 15th August 2022.

Fifty thousand tricolours have been prepared locally by 3500 Self-Help Groups of the district under the Jammu & Kashmir State Rural Livelihoods Mission (Umeed).

For hassle-free distribution, the district administration has made the Tiranga available at the Block Development Offices, Rations Depots and with the sanitation supervisors, which the people can get at Rs 20. Besides, Tiranga has also been made available at all the government and private schools in the district.

The campaign, being conducted under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa, has witnessed a

series of awareness activities across the district.

Chief Education Officer Jammu has organized awareness activities involving all the schools of the district through education competitions, National Anthem singing competitions and Rangoli competitions

Corporation, in coordination with the higher education department, has coordinated mass awareness events including rallies and awareness events in different educational institutions in the district.

A sizable Cycle rally will be organized from the Bus stand to Kala Kendra Jammu on 12th August and events will be organized at Bahu Fort Jammu on the 13th of August.

The Social Welfare department, in coordination with the higher education department, organized awareness programmes in Old Age Homes, homes for destitute Nari Niketan and Bal Ashrams.

Awareness Rallies taken out by the school children holding the National Flag were also witnessed across the district.

A mega rally was also organized by school children from Raghunath Mandir to Mubarak Mandi.

The Rural Development Department conducted special Gram Sabhas to generate mass awareness in rural areas about the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. The department also distributed the National Flags in rural areas through Block Development offices and public representatives.

Activities to promote Amrit Sarovars have been launched in each block of the district.

Jammu Municipal

Chinese Manja; seize-release

DETAILS OF CASES REGISTERED WITH REGARD TO GATTU SEIZED

S. No.	Name of PS	FIR No. with date	Section of law	Name of accused	No. of Gattu seized
1	Pacc Danga	91/22 Dt. 01.08.2022	188/IPC	Paramdeep Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o H.No.280 Old Rehari Jammu	245 Nos.
2	-do-	94/2022 Dt. 06.08.2022	188/IPC	Ajay Singh S/o Subash Singh R/o Janipur Colony Jammu	30 Nos.
3	-do-	95/2022 Dt. 09.08.2022	188/IPC	Tanveer Khan S/o Manzoor Ahmed R/o Mohalla Ustad Jammu	37 Nos.
4	-do-	96/2022 Dt. 10.08.2022	188/IPC	Ashish Nair S/o Bittu Nair R/o R.S Pura A/P Resham Ghar Colony Jammu	10 Nos.
5	Nowabad	89/2022 Dt. 31.07.2022	188/IPC	Gourav Gupta S/o Rakesh Kumar R/o 646 Main Chowk Talab Tillo, Jammu	36 Nos.
6		94/2022 Dt. 05.08.2022	188/IPC	Rakesh Kumar S/o Banarsi Dass R/o 710 Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu	32 Nos.
7	-do-	95/2022 Dt. 10.08.2022	188/IPC	Pawan Kumar S/o Om Parkash R/o 189 Dogra Mohalla, Jammu	33 Nos.
8	Bakshi Nagar	144/22 Dt. 11.08.2022	188/IPC	Dheeraj Kumar S/o Jinder Lal R/o Village Pargwal, Akhnoor, Jammu	13 Nos.

TOTAL FIRS = 8 TOTAL ACCUSED PERSONS = 8 TOTAL GATTU SEIZED = 436

Credit would certainly go to the police for its claims of seizing heaps of the banned strings. Had there been any credibility in such reports, the skies would not have witnessed Dragon making its presence felt on every roof-top.

Anyway, the question is not how successfully the



Dr Darakhshan celebrates AKAM with special-children; felicitates Padma Shri Awardee Javed Ahmad Tak with Tricolour

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B I J B E H A R A : Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board & National Executive Member of BJP, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Thursday visited Bijbehara in South Kashmir and participated in a programme at Zeba Aapa Educational Institute in connection with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM).

Dr Andrabi felicitated the Padma Shri Awardee social activist and the Chairman of this Institute Javed Ahmad Tak and presented him the Tricolour as part of Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyaan.

Dr Andrabi dined with the special children and gave them presents too. These children with special abilities

presented the National Anthem & the patriotic songs and acted on their tunes.

The children unfurled the National Flag along with Dr Andrabi and performed different items related to the glory of India and the



Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi celebrating AKAM at Zeba Aapa Educational Institute.

glory of our education system.

Dr Andrabi said after seven decades, we have a government at the centre which searches for the deserving for every felicitation.

"It was Modi himself who talked about the noble cause of Zeba Aapa Institute & also the contribution of Javed Ahmad Tak for education & sustenance of the children with special abilities in his Mann Ki Baat programme. Later the Government of India awarded him with the

prestigious civilian award Padmashree in recognition of his services. Such people are undoubtedly inspiring and we need to respect them so that their noble mission spreads around," said Dr Andrabi.

While interacting with the children Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi said that these children with special abilities are our treasury of talent and we all need to encourage them to fight the challenges of life and excel like Javed Ahmad Tak. SDM of Bijbehara Jahangir Ahmad was also present.

"It was settled law that the suspicion, however strong it may be, cannot take the place of proof beyond reasonable doubt. An accused cannot be convicted on the ground of suspicion, no matter how strong it is, the bench said.

The apex court said in the present case, the prosecution has utterly failed to establish the chain of events which can be said to exclusively lead to the one and only conclusion, i.e., the guilt of the accused.

In that view of the matter, we find that the judgment and order of the learned sessions judge and that of the high court are not sustainable, the bench said.

The top court was hearing an appeal filed by a man challenging an order passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana convicting him for

the offences punishable under Section 302 (murder) and Section 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of the Indian Penal Code, 1860), and sentencing him to rigorous imprisonment for life.

Advocate Rishi Malhotra, appearing for the man, submitted that from the perusal of the post-mortem report, it is clear that it is not proved beyond reasonable doubt that the dead body on which the postmortem was conducted was of deceased. The additional advocate general for the state on the contrary, submitted that the high court and trial court have concurrently found the accused to be guilty of the offences charged with. The top court said there has to be a chain of evidence to complete so as not to leave any reasonable ground for a conclusion consistent with the innocence of the accused and must show that in all human probability the act must have been done by the accused.

It has been held that the circumstances should be of a conclusive nature and tendency.

This court has held that the circumstances should exclude every possible hypothesis except the one to be proved. It has been held that the accused 'must be' and not merely 'may be' guilty before a court can convict, the bench said.

to be disposed of according to laid out procedure but does it happen? At this stage, the script of seizures gets changed. What happens to the seized material next never comes out in the public domain.

One wonders what would be the response of the police if any overenthusiastic RTI activist dares to ask for the status of the seized material. Grapevine stories go on claiming that the seized Chinese Manja finally goes back to the vicious market, reminding of the couplet, 'Palanchi Waheen Pe Khaa Jahaan Ka Khameer Tha.' Most of it goes to the families of the senior officers to oblige kids to enjoy kite flying.

According to sources privy to police circles, there is seldom regular monitoring of these seizures and very few people keep track of all this. Therefore, the chances of the seized Manja getting entry into the market places via well connected nexus again remains crucial.

However, police needs to keep more vigil. There must be some deterrent. All this process should be supervised by senior police officers. The seizures should be duly recorded in the inventories and disposed of as per the procedure.