

# JPDA dissolves present body, re-elects Rakesh Gupta as President



JPDA Jammu Province members at a General Body meeting in Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: To dissolve present body of office bearers, Jammu Pharmaceutical Distributors Association (JPDA) - Jammu Province held a General Body meeting at KC Residency, Jammu, under the chairmanship of its President, Rakesh Gupta. All other office bearers including Ajay Gupta Senior Vice President and Manmeet Singh, Treasurer were also present in the meeting.

On this occasion, Rakesh Gupta sought suggestions from members to clear a

confusion created by an advertisement appearing in a section of media by three office bearers and five other members, who self-proclaimed themselves as office bearers of an Association with name quite similar to JPDA. Gupta further said that those members, who had formed a new association, were also invited to GBM but they did not participate clearly manifesting their malafide intentions.

Accordingly, after dissolve present committee of office bearers, JPDA re-elected

Rakesh Gupta as President and authorized him to nominate an adhoc Committee. The association also decided to constitute a committee besides giving a week's time to three ex-office bearers and five other members to sort out differences, if any, and come back to parent association. The house also dismissed the charges leveled by newly formulated body of any misappropriation of funds as all payments made were through Cheques only. Finally, the house decided to hold elections by December, 2022.

## DSS urges civil society, Admn to deal effectively with terrorists

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JAMMU: Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS), J&K has made a fervent appeal to consciences of the civil society of Kashmir & every other grouping & individuals to rise up and defeat the evil designs of powers inimical to the interests of Kashmir in particular & that of nation in general. Sabha reminded the citizens, of both Kashmir and Jammu regions that blood of Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian or of anybody else for that matter, which is being shed in this brutal manner, is blood of our own brothers & sisters. Condemning brutal killing of another Kashmiri Hindu (Pandit) Sunil Kumar and injuring his brother Pitamber Kumar, President DSS, Gulchain Singh Charak stated that under the present circumstances, it's incumbent on civil society of Kashmir and Jammu to rise up against these atrocities as tomorrow we'll be judged very unkindly by history & generation next if we do not stand up to eliminate brutality from society in general & Kashmir in particular. In a meeting of Sabha, Charak also condemned the killing of another migrant labourer, Mohd Amrez, son of Mohd Jalil, a resident of Bihar, by unidentified gunmen in Sadunara village of Ajas Tehsil in Bandipora. "Infrastructure that supports the terrorists & their sympathizers should be dismantled including their source of funding & no room left for them to operate with such impunity.

The terrorists & their sympathizers should be made to understand that there will be consequences if they don't leave the evil path," said Charak.

## Petition regarding dearth of staff in High Court: DB directs Law Secy to appear in person

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JAMMU: In a petition filed by Joginder Singh, Bench Secretary of the High Court regarding dearth of staff at various levels i.e., High Court and District Courts, pay anomaly in respect of officers and staff and promotional avenues to Law Graduate Readers of High Court, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Sindhu Sharma observed that since Law Secretary to the Government, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Union Territory of J&K has failed to appear in person despite issuance of order dated 14.07.2022 and has taken it very lightly, as such before taking any coercive measure, Law Secretary is directed to appear before the Court positively on next date of

hearing. When the matter was taken up for consideration, DB observed that none appeared on behalf of respondents nor Secretary to the Government, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Union Territory of J&K is present in person. DB also reproduced relevant portion of order dated 14.07.2022, which stated 'At this stage, Amit Gupta, AAG submitted that as per statement of the Secretary to the Government, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Union Territory of J&K, he may be given three weeks' time to produce the order regarding sanction of posts before the Court'. Reluctantly, three weeks' time as a last and final opportunity is granted to Amit Gupta, AAG to produce the order regarding sanction of posts, failing

## Kavinder flays Mehbooba over remarks against voting rights to outsiders

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Thursday flayed PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti over her remarks against giving voting rights to ordinarily residing people in J&K. In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP stahwart said that there is no illegitimacy in allowing people living in the UT to exercise their right of franchise.

He said that the PDP leader should first make her facts right because already in the UT of J&K there is a provision for giving voting rights to outsiders dwelling in the region.

He said that after abrogation of Art 370, Representation of People Act 1950 & 1951 is applicable in J&K, which allows ordinarily residing persons to get registered in electoral rolls of UT of J&K, provided he/she gets the name deleted from the electoral roll of his/her native constituency.

He further said that even prior to abrogation of Article 370 those ordinarily residing in UT were eligible to get registered in electoral rolls as they were categorized as Non Permanent Resident (NPR) voters. He said that the PDP chief should first check the facts as during the last Parliamentary elections there were approximately 32,000 NPR voters in J&K. Going a step further, Kavinder reminded her about the Resettlement Bill, in which there was provision for Pakistanis to get settled in the erstwhile State of J&K. He said that if a person from J&K can avail all benefits and rights in other parts of the country then why not countrymen from other parts including security forces personnel, central government employees and others can do the same in the UT of J&K?

He accused Mehbooba of provoking the common man in J&K because her last stint as CM of the erstwhile state of J&K being fruitless has made her irrelevant in the region and through such tactics she wanted to regain political footing, which is next to impossible under present political scenario for BJP Government at the centre has won hearts of the people in Kashmir and they are in no mood to look at any other political entity because their aspirations are getting fulfilled without any break.

## DLSA Udhampur awares jail inmates about plea bargaining, rights of prisoners, bail provisions

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: District Legal Services Authority Udhampur on Thursday organised an awareness programme for District Jail inmates on "Plea Bargaining, Rights of Prisoners and bail provisions" under the guidance of Chairman DLSA Udhampur, Y. P. Bournay (Pr. Distt. & Sessions Judge Udhampur) and overall supervision of Secretary District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, Sub-Judge Rajni Sharma in collaboration with District Jail Udhampur.

Chief Guest of the programme was Advocate J.D. Salathia, Bar President Udhampur and Advocate A.K. Salaria was the special invitee to the awareness programme.

Advocate Pawan Gupta and Advocate Akhil Dubey (Panel Lawyers) were the resource persons for the programme who threw light on the importance of the topic and shared their valuable knowledge on the subject with the



Secy DLSA, Sub-Judge Rajni Sharma along with resource persons during the programme at Udhampur District Jail.

participants of this programme.

The objective of conducting this programme was to encourage the jail inmates to understand the importance of Plea Bargaining and Bail provisions provided by the Criminal Procedure Code.

Resource Persons discussed all the provisions pertaining to Plea Bargaining lucidly along with its practical aspects.

While speaking on the occasion, Panel Lawyer Adv. Pawan Gupta and Adv. Akhil Dubey explained basic Rights of Prisoners like pro-

tection from torture and violence, terms and conditions for parole etc.

The Secretary District Legal Services Authority Udhampur, Rajni Sharma reiterated the mission of Legal Services Institutions to provide legal aid and legal awareness to all the distressed sections of the society including jail inmates.

Besides others, all the jail inmates, along with Superintendent and staff members of district Jail Udhampur were also present in the awareness programme.

## HC upholds registration of FIR regarding illegal appointments in Municipal Committee Shopian

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JAMMU: Justice Sanjay Dhar, while dismissing two petitions seeking quashment of FIR No.28/2018 for offences under Section 5(1)(d) read with Section 5(2) of J&K Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 120-B of RPC registered at Police Station Vigilance Organization, Kashmir, observed that from perusal of case and status report submitted by respondents, one thing became clear that the subject matter of investigation in FIR No.19/2011 of Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir, regarding illegal appointments and engagements etc made in Urban Local Bodies Kashmir, pertains to years 2000 to 2011. The investigating agency has not expanded scope of investigation beyond this period, because FIR came to be registered in 2011 and the subject matter of investigation would obviously be the period prior

to registration of FIR and not the period subsequent thereto. Justice Sanjay Dhar further observed that the question that falls for determination is as to whether petitioner Umaya Jahangir was appointed in 2009, as claimed by her; or whether she was appointed in 2014, as has been claimed by respondent Vigilance Organization. If it is found that petitioner Umaya Jahangir was appointed in 2009, then the submission of learned counsel for the petitioners that registration of FIR No.28/2018 is impermissible in law in view of ratio laid down by the Supreme Court in the cases referred to and relied upon by the counsel, deserves to be accepted.

Justice Sanjay Dhar further observed that it is clear that so far as the appointment of petitioner Umaya Jahangir is concerned, the same is not subject matter of investigation of FIR No 19/2011 of Police Station, Crime Branch,

Kashmir. "Her joining Municipal Committee, Shopian in 2014 on the basis of a fake appointment order is distinctly a different offence. The said offence cannot be stated to be part of the same transaction which is subject matter of investigation of FIR No.19/2011 of Police Station Crime Branch, Kashmir. Thus, it is a case of distinct incidents which do not form part of the same transaction. I am unable to persuade myself to hold that the subject matter of the second FIR is the subject matter of investigation in the first FIR. Therefore, there is no prohibition in the registration of impugned FIR in the instant case," he observed.

Justice Sanjay Dhar further observed that it has also been contended by learned counsel for the petitioners that there is no material on record to suggest involvement of petitioner Ghulam Mohammad Lone in the alleged occur-

rence as, according to counsel, he has only released the salary in favour of petitioner Umaya Jahangir and co-accused Abdul Majeed Bhat, which he was duty bound to do as they were working in Municipal Committee Shopian. "The argument is without any merit for the reason that petitioner Ghulam Mohammad Lone, despite there being notings from concerned Dealing Assistant that the appointment order of petitioner Umaya Jahangir and co-accused Abdul Majeed Bhat needs to be verified as same is not on the records of the Municipal Committee, ignored the same and went ahead with release of salary in favour of both accused. Thus, it cannot be stated that there is no material against petitioner Ghulam Mohammad Lone to involve him in the alleged offences. With these observations, finding no merit in the petitions, the Court dismissed the same.

## Voting rights move legally correct: BJP

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JAMMU: The decision of Chief Electoral Officer to give voting right in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Legislative Assembly to all persons who ordinarily reside in Jammu & Kashmir is legally and constitutionally correct. It recognizes and follow the same procedure as applicable in rest of country, said BJP J&K Chief Spokesperson Sunil Sethi in a press statement issued on Thursday.

Sethi further said that under law anyone, who is citizen of India and not barred by any law, can choose to be voter in any area, state or Union Territory where he or she may ordinarily reside and same is being made applicable to Jammu and Kashmir. No doubt, post abrogation of Art-370, there has to 'One India One Law', he added. Sethi further said that opposition parties are trying to project a wrong picture and are still living in pre

August 5, 2019 era. "They are trying somehow to create exceptions in J&K which is not permissible. People of Jammu and Kashmir has welcomed decision of complete jelling of Jammu Kashmir to Indian Union without exception or reservation and political parties has to realize it and live with it," he added.

Sunil Sethi further asserted that if person from Jammu and Kashmir, who is ordinarily residing in any part of country, can get himself registered there as voters then how can there be reservation for same thing happening in Jammu & Kashmir. BJP Chief Spokesperson urged to see through separatist agenda of opposition parties and defeat it. "As per Law anyone can choose place where he can register as voter provided he will lose his right at his residential state and this should be applied in J&K without exception," he maintained.

## Team BJP dedicated to serve people of India: Sham Lal

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JAMMU: Team BJP is dedicated to serve the people of India under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said Sham Lal Sharma. J&K BJP Vice-President & former Minister accompanied by Coordinator Grievance Committee & BJP Secretary Arvind Gupta and BJP Secretary Rekha Mahajan, listened to the grievances of a large number of people belonging to different areas of Jammu & Kashmir at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Sham Lal Sharma while listening to the grievances reiterated on the commitment of the

party and its leaders to serve the common masses at every moment.

"Team BJP is dedicated to serve the people of India under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which is always there to reach out to common masses in their daily administrative and personal chores," Sharma added.

Listening patiently to the problems put forth by the masses, BJP leaders gave the patient hearings to them after which the problems were taken up with the concerned officials of the departments stressing for early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer.



J&K BJP Vice-President, Sham Lal Sharma listening to public issues.

## CWS JU organizes Gender Sensitization Workshop for Political Science Students

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JAMMU: The Centre for Women's Studies (CWS), in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, University of Jammu (JU) organized 2nd workshop under ongoing series for the PG students of the department on Thursday, 18th, August 2022.

Dr. Garima Gupta, Faculty, Department of English, University of Jammu was the resource person.

To facilitate gender awareness and sensitivity among the students and scholars on the campus of the university, the

workshop was planned under the guidance and vision of Prof. Vishav Raksha, Director CWS.

At the very outset, Dr. Saranjit Kaur, Faculty, CWS welcomed the participants and introduced the Resource person. Further, she apprised the participants regarding the importance of such workshops.

Dr. Garima Gupta, the key speaker for the workshop spoke about the concept of gender, and how it is seen and defined in newer contexts.

She further explained that how the ideologies and structures are oppressive in nature and how there is a dire need to

break the stereotypical presumptions regarding particular gender.

While interacting with students she also conducted brainstorming activities to clarify the difference between sex and gender and stressed that gender sensitization will surely inculcate gender-neutral thinking among the students which would lead to harmonious gender relations for a better future.

A large number of participants comprising of students, scholars and faculty members of the Political Science department attended the workshop.

The workshop was very well received by the participants who enthusiastically took part in the interaction which was followed by the lecture.

The participants shared their views and observations on the issues like gender discrimination, gender neutrality, safety rights, stereotypical roles, etc.

The workshop was conducted by Dr. Saranjit Kaur, faculty, CWS who also presented the formal vote of thanks.

The office staff of the Centre for Women's Studies and Political Science department looked after the digital modalities of the workshop.

## Seventh Hockey Intramural organized at GDC Kathua

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KATHUA: In continuation to our series of organizing Sports Intramurals under Azaadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav and 75th Year of India's Independence, a sixth Intramural match in the discipline of Hockey was organized by the Department of Physical Education, GDC Kathua.

The Intramural was inaugurated by the Principal GDC Kathua Prof. Sumanesh, along with Prof. Romila Guleria, Prof. Seema Malpotra, Prof. Raj Kiran Convenor Sports Board, Prof. Jaswinder Singh HOD Physics, Prof. Rakesh Singh Jasrotia HOD Chemistry.

The Principal appreciated the efforts made by the Physical Education Department for channelizing and motivating the students to take part in sporting activities.

He also praised the students for their active participation in sports, especially the Physical



Winner team receiving trophy from faculty members.

Director Dr. J. S. Soodan for channelizing the students in sports activities.

There were two teams each in Men & Women Category.

MEN: Department of Physical Education beat Science Department by 7 points. Final: Science Department beat NCC boys by 07 points and clinched the trophy/

WOMEN: Physical Education beat NCC Girls by 09 points; Physical Education beat NCC girls by 07 points. Final: Physical Education girls thrashed NCC girls by 09 points.

The matches were offici-

ated by the Navjot Singh, Abhishek Sharma of GDC Kathua and coordinated by the elite players of GDC Kathua Rajan Singh Rajput, Akriti Dhanwal, Mamta Sharma, Riya Jasrotia, Neha Rani, Tania Bhadwal, Neha Rani. The runner and the winner trophies were distributed by the Physical Director/PTI Dr. J. S. Soodan alongwith Dr. Pinky Sharma from the Department of Physical Education.

Among others from the faculty, who were present Dr. Sumit Dubey, Dr. Kamaldeep Singh and Dr. Shamsher Singh.