

Mitigate daily-wagers' problems, implement Minimum Wages Act: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Friday asked the LG Manoj Sinha's administration to henceforth resolve the issues of daily wagers in J&K and implement Minimum Wages Act to remove pay anomalies among the working class in the UT.

While interacting with a delegation of daily wagers at Party Headquarters in Jammu, Kavinder vociferously raised the issue of daily wagers who are struggling since last so many years regarding various issues with main being the regularization of those workers having completed the minimum stipulated period in the government departments, removal of pay anomalies and timely release

of the pay and perks.

Kavinder said that though this liability on the government is the gift of successive governments which have allowed such a large section of people to be employed temporarily with only aim of adjusting and handpicking few of the blue-eyed aspirants as otherwise there was no way out to induct them in government service.

He said that the Central Government being the welfare state should find the via-media to resolve this stalemate between the daily wagers and the government because this could not be allowed to continue forever as also the daily wagers are the part and parcel of J&K's indigenous population therefore the government holds the onus to act compassionately to work out

an amicable solution.

The former deputy Chief Minister also demanded early implementation of Minimum Wages Act in J&K to end the pay anomalies. He said that looking into the requirements of the people in today's time, it is necessary that the working class be given a handsome salary as envisaged in the Minimum Wages Act.

Kavinder sought the early implementation of the aforesaid Act in the UT to provide much required succour to the people doing odd jobs in the private sector as well as in public sector. He said that the implementation of the aforesaid Act in letter and spirit is the need of the hour to provide justice to thousands of workers earning bread and butter in private and public sector organizations.

Dr Parneesh hails termination of employees for indulging in anti-national activities

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JAMMU: Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convener Department of Training, BJP J&K has welcomed the termination of services of four government employees including JKAS officer Assabah-ul-Arjmand Khan, wife of top JKLF terrorist Bitta Karate for indulging in anti-national activities.

In a statement issued to media here today, Dr Parneesh said that while the nationalist across J&K have widely welcomed the Govt's decision, it is an irony that leaders of the Kashmir centric parties have started browbeating on the issue saying that being kin or relatives of a criminal or a terrorist does not mean that they should also be punished. By making such statements

these leaders are making mockery of themselves.

The BJP leader said that had these leaders from the valley thoroughly gone through the Govt order in this regard that all these terminated have been terminated only after evidence of their active involvement in activities highly prejudicial to the interests of the security of the State, as found by the law enforcement and intelligence agencies of the UT as well as the nation.

Dr Parneesh said that today's India does not believe in any sympathy to those who work against the nation, and this termination of employees should serve as a warning message to those aspiring to pursue anti India tirade while availing all the benefits from this nation.

Billawaria dedicates newly constructed lane, drain to public at Ekta Vihar

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) senior leader Baldev Singh Billawaria dedicated a newly constructed lane and drain to the public at Ekta Vihar in Jammu South-RS Pura constituency.

This construction work was done under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC). Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that during an interaction with locals, it was found that the area was denied development work for a long time.

He said that there was an old demand of the people to construct the lane and drain here which has been fulfilled now and people will get a lot of relief from this development works.

Ravindra Tyagi joins POWERGRID as Director-Operations

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JAMMU: Ravindra Kumar Tyagi has joined as Director (Operations) at Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID).

He is having work experience of over 32 years in Power Transmission System, out of which over 26 years are in Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Substations and Transmission lines at various key positions in premier CPSUs in power sector such as POWERGRID and NTPC.

He has handled multi-disciplinary functions in various business segments of POWERGRID like Asset Management, Engineering, Business Development (domestic & abroad), Telecom, Load Despatch & Communication, NTAMC, Safety, DMS etc. Prior to this, he was Executive Director (North Eastern Region) in POWERGRID and has handled functions of Project Execution, Asset Management, Finance, Commercial and various other regional functions.

He is an Electrical Engineer from Punjab Engineering College (P.E.C.),



University, Pennsylvania, US. Tyagi is representing India in many International technical committees for preparing various Technical Standards. He is Author of more than 50 technical papers which have been presented in National and International conferences.

He is Chairperson of International Council on Large Electric Systems (CIGRE) National Study Committee C3 (Power System Environmental Performance), Indian representative in various CIGRE study groups on Power Transformers(A2) and Transmission & Distribution Equipment(A3).

He is also a Member of International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)/TC122 (Standardization in the field of AC transmission for voltages exceeding 800kV) & IECTC123 (Standardization of asset management practices in Power networks), Member of MT36-representing India for preparation of International Standard, IEC62271-100 on EHV Circuit Breakers, Chairperson of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Committee, Electro-Technical Division (ETD) 53 on Standardization of the management of assets and member of ETD48 on UHVAC Transmission System.

He was recently conferred with prestigious 1906 Award in Year 2022 for his exceptional contribution in International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)/TC 122 towards development of IEC 63042 -Ultra High Voltage Alternating Current (UHVAC)/Transmission Systems.

He was also honored with CIGRE Paris Award as Distinguished member for development of Technical Standards in the field of Transmission System in the Year 2018.

Kaiths, others pay obeisance to Sankri Devta

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DOMANA: The Batwal Community members including locals on Friday obeisance to Sankri Devta at his shrine in Domana and sought his blessings for the welfare of their families.

R L Kaith said, "I am happy that congregation is held here each year and devotees hailing from distant places come to attend."

It is believed that Sankri Devta pays visit to his followers, listens to their prayers and grants them their wishes as well.

Among those who paid obeisance to Sankri Devta were Subedar Baldev Chand Sandhu, Tilak Raj Bassa, Ram Saran Kaith, Parkash Chand Kaith, Bodh Raj Kaith and Jeet Raj Kaith.

NC Legal Cell extends support to protest of Bar Association

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JAMMU: Extending full support to the ongoing protest of J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, J&K National Conference Legal Cell, Jammu Province, Jammu has urged the LG to fulfill all genuine demands of the lawyers in the larger interest of people. While speaking during a meeting of the J&K National Conference Legal Cell, its President, Adv Dinesh Singh Chauhan and other members said that J&K High Court Bar Association has always stood up for the cause of Jammu Province and has spearheaded many agitations against anti-Jammu, dictatorial and wrongly decisions and policies of Government. "Due to shifting of Courts and Tribunals outside the District Court Complex, the Lawyers' Fraternity and General Public at large are facing insurmountable hardships. Though J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, has already submitted a detailed memorandum to Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in November last year; but Government's insensitivity and maintaining criminal silence in redressing genuine grievances is utterly incomprehensible, which ultimately forced

members of legal fraternity to abstain from work and come on roads," he added. He further said that before enactment of J&K Reorganization Act, 2019 the registration work was being executed by Judicial Officers and everyone in society was well satisfied with system. "However, after abrogation of Article 35-A, the work was transferred to Sub Registrar and Registrar Offices which are now a hub of corruption, wherein, not only work is being delayed for long making applicants to suffer," he alleged.

J&K National Conference Legal Cell, Jammu Province, Jammu urged LG Manoj Sinha to immediately fulfill all genuine demands of the legal fraternity viz construction of multi-storey building housing entire judicial works i.e., Registration Work, Central Administrative Tribunal, Armed Forces Tribunals, Debt Relief Tribunal, J&K State Consumer's Redressal Commission and District Consumer's Forum, Jammu within J&K High Court Complex premises, so that the public at large is not put to further sufferings and inconvenience.

AAROH holds blood donation camp



AAROH members & others during blood donation camp.

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JAMMU: Aradhana - A Ray of Hope (AAROH), a Jammu-based NGO working primarily for education and holistic development of underprivileged children, in association with GMC Jammu organized a blood donation camp to celebrate completion of 75 years of independence at Bahu Plaza. A number of people from different parts of Jammu city, including businessmen, philanthropists, teachers, working professionals and young college-

going students participated in the camp and donated blood. While AAROH members facilitated process, awareness was imparted to passers-by regarding importance of blood donation. At the end, donors were also provided refreshments.

Speaking on the occasion, Monika Mitter, Founder and Chairperson of AAROH expressed her gratitude to people of Jammu for their support and cooperation. "Shortage of blood supply can be very distressing for family of a patient, due to

which we're doing our bit hoping to ease their pain. Blood donation camps are proactive measures and we'll continue to organise more such events in near future," she added.

Other AAROH members present during the event included Shrishti, Devansh, Vandita, Bhanu, Satish, Harsh, Swati, Rashi, Manish, Simran, Janvi, Taranjeet, Chanddeep, Abhay, Vansh, Gurnaz, Ruth, Bavleen, Bhawna, Narinder, Avinash and Kuljinder Pal.

DDC Chairperson Ganderbal visits Faaq; listens to public grievances

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: The District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson, Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq on Friday visited several villages of Faaq area to listen to public grievances and inspect the ongoing developmental projects.

In Shuhama village, DDC Chairperson, kick-started the blacktopping work of the road.

Meanwhile, DDC chairperson met the locals who apprised her of various issues of public importance in their area and sought immediate redressal of the same. They put forth their issues and grievances which include macadamization of roads, sanction of Nayabat, Fire Service station, improvement in drinking water supply and desilting/dredging of Canals.

Among other demands, the people sought intervention of DDC with regard to upgradation of health care facilities at

PHC Shuhama and also highlighted the need of sufficient medical staff in the hospital.

The DDC Chairperson gave a patient hearing to all the grievance and demands that were put forth by the PRIs and locals and assured them that all issues shall be taken into consideration for their timely redressal. She said that 4 crore has been sanctioned this year to remove bottlenecks from the Canals of the area.

Addressing the gathering, Nuzhat said that she will lead a delegation of PRIs and Civil Society members and will meet Lt. Governor, Manoj Sinha for redressal of the issues and demands of people of Ganderbal district.

DDC Ganderbal C, Moulvi Mohd Yousuf, other PRIs, besides Ex MLA Ganderbal Sheikh Ishfaq Jabbar and prominent citizens of the area were also present on the occasion.

Army organizes quiz competition

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KISHTWAR: Army organised a Quiz competition at Village - Chas, Dist - Kishtwar as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The event was aimed at boosting confidence and brainstorming of the students and help in mental development of the children.

The children participated with great enthusiasm in the event which was part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The same proved once again that given an opportunity and a platform, children are able to showcase their inherent talent.

A total of 44 children (26 Girls & 18 Boys) from various schools of Mughal Maidan area participated in the event. The winners of the competition were awarded prizes by Indian Army officials.

The children and the school staff thanked the army for organising such an event. This initiative would help students in developing their reasoning skills and boost their confidence for events in their future academic and professional life.

NBA modifies nomenclature with J&K UT NBF

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Nation Builder Association (NBA) with partial modification change the nomenclature of the association with J&K UT Nation Builders Forum (NBF) with 'better education improves the nation' slogan.

This was stated by UT Chairman NBA/Founder

NBA, Pritam Dhiman in a press conference here on Friday. He was flanked by executive committee of J&K UT NBF.

He said that the agenda of the JK UT Nation Builders Forum is to implement transfer policy in favour of G2, G3 and 3rd Teachers and cabinet decision order No 469.



J&K Nation Builders Forum members talking to reporters.

Army organizes awareness lecture on 'Various Government Schemes'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Army organised an 'Awareness Lecture on Various Govt Schemes' in coordination with civil administration at Panchayat Ghar, Rajgarh, Ramban. Various schemes made by Government of India for the welfare of the people and to assist them financially were elaborately explained to the Awaam of Rajgarh. Awaam populace were encouraged to apply and take benefits of these schemes. A total of 42 individuals attended the informative lecture. Audience was able to extract the relevant schemes to be applied for through the conduct

of the lecture. For the contemplation of the audience and people of Jammu and Kashmir, knowledge on various schemes such as Golden Card, E-Shram Card, Atal Pension Yojna, were imparted to them evidently. Entire programme emerged out to be a valuable platform where the attendees gained an understanding of the future planning, the schemes to be invested in, and also a glimpse of financial management was given by Account Assistance from Rajgarh. For many the lecture turned out to be an eye opener and will surely play a key role in the socio economic upliftment of the society.

Langer flays opposition for raising hue & cry over voting rights to outsiders

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Sham Lal Langer, Convenor Trade & Industries Cell, BJP, J&K, criticized the leaders of various political parties for making hue and cry over the decision of Chief Electoral Officer to give voting rights to ordinarily residing people in J&K. In a statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader said that there is no illegitimacy in allowing people living in the UT to exercise their right of franchise. He said that the Chief Electoral Officer has taken such decision as per the constitution of our Country.

Sham Langer said that the revocation of Article 370 from the erstwhile state has given a new lease of life to various com-

munities residing in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir for the last so many decades. He said that it's a dream come true for the people who earlier were victims of prejudice of successive governments that ruined the future of many under the garb of Article 370. "It is unbearable that political parties having a particular mentality hobnobbed for years together to dent the interests of aforesaid communities in the Union Territory. The BJP after decoupling their evil intentions took revolutionary steps to satiate the desires of WPRs, Gorkhas, Valmiki Samaj and others so that justice prevails in J&K without any prejudice or bias", he said.

The senior BJP leader assert-

ed that 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' will now be visible on ground with the participation and share of all the sections of the society in welfare schemes and developmental projects. He asserted that it is indeed good development that the abrogation of Art 370 has brought smiles on the faces of the people of the State, barring a few, who used to consider themselves as the 'masters' and had no concern for common citizens but always focused on self interests.

Sham Langer said that the decision of government in giving voting rights to non-locals in J&K seems to be good as per the constitution and the same will fulfill their aspiration to cast their vote while staying away from their native places.

Duty of Court to ensure trial is not prolonged: SC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has expressed displeasure over the delay in examination of witnesses, and said it is the duty of the trial court to ensure that the trial is not prolonged as time lag creates problems in the testimony of witnesses.

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and M M Sundresh said the trial court must control the dilatory tactics of any of the parties.

The observations came while granting bail to an man who was accused of facilitating the escape of persons who murdered the Mayor of Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh.

The top court noted that the man is in jail since the last seven years and prosecution witnesses are yet to be examined.

We are troubled by the fact that seven years after the incident the prosecution witnesses have not been examined and the trial is yet to commence. This is completely unacceptable. Time lag creates its own problems in the testimony of witnesses more so the eyewitnesses. It is the duty of the prosecution to ensure that the prosecution witnesses are available and it is the duty of the trial court to ensure that none of the parties is permitted to protract the trial, the bench said.

Duty of Court to ensure trial is not prolonged: SC

ecution to ensure that the prosecution witnesses are available and it is the duty of the trial court to ensure that none of the parties is permitted to protract the trial, the bench said.

The apex court directed the trial court to ensure that post trial, the judgment of the trial court is available within a period of one year from the date of the communication of this order.

We are, however, inclined to grant bail to the appellant considering the role ascribed to the appellant in the charge sheet and the total period spent in custody. Ordered accordingly.

This is subject to such conditions that the trial court may impose. We in addition make it clear that the appellant would be required to be present personally before the trial court on all dates and would facilitate in the trial.

If the trial court finds that the appellant is endeavouring to delay the trial, or thereafter temper with the evidence, we authorise the trial court to cancel the bail, the bench said.