

LG attends launch of book ‘A New India-Selected Writings’ of Arun Jaitley

Says Jaitley left lasting impression on Indian politics

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NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday attended the book launch of 'A New India-Selected Writings' of Arun Jaitley.

The event was presided over by M Venkaiah Naidu, former Vice President of India.

Paying his tributes to the stalwart of Indian Politics and Padma Vibhushan Arun Jaitley, the Lt Governor said that Jaitley has brought immense grace to public life.

His pursuit for reforms under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ensured that the dream of making India a developed nation is realized soon, added the Lt Governor.

Arun Jaitley was a man with vision, who vociferously supported the true integration of J&K with India, removing the discriminatory practices prevalent in the erstwhile state, the Lt Governor observed.

As voice of the people of J&K, Arun in his blog on 2 Dec 2013 had highlighted their plight, demanding abro-



Former Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu, Lt Governor J&K UT, Manoj Sinha and Union Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia launching 'A New India-Selected Writings' of Arun Jaitley.

gation of Article 370. His last blog on 6 August 2019 was also on J&K. Through, his writing, he contributed immensely to bring equality and social justice to people of J&K, said the Lt Governor.

His foremost priority was to enrich the nation and his voice for social justice, his priceless legacy will live. His writing and this book will be a beacon

light for the new generation to follow his ideals and contribute towards nation building, the Lt Governor said.

Prime Minister's resolve of removing discrimination from J&K, which was strongly advocated by Arun Jaitley is bearing fruits now. The development is taking place in every nook and corner of the Union

Territory, the Lt Governor affirmed.

A towering man of ideas and ideals, Arun Jaitley was undoubtedly one of the greatest speakers with a sensitive and compassionate heart. From domestic, foreign policy to economic reforms, from a caring human being to a charismatic leader, he left a lasting impression on Indian politics, the Lt Governor said.

Today, Arun Jaitley is not amongst us. But his vision and dream of a progressive nation will continue to guide coming generations, the Lt Governor added.

Sangeeta Jaitley, wife of Arun Jaitley, threw light on the life of the former union minister and also talked about the public welfare endeavours of Arun Jaitley Foundation.

The book launch was attended by Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister for Civil Aviation & Steel; Ravi Shankar Prasad, former Union Minister; Manoj Tiwari, Member Parliament, besides political leaders, prominent citizens from all walks of life.



CCI honours SPIC MACAY Founder Dr Kiran Seth



CCI members honouring Padamshri Dr Kiran Seth, Founder SPIC MACAY.

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JAMMU: Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) Jammu honoured Padamshri Dr Kiran Seth, a founder SPIC MACAY during a function held at Chamber House here today. The traditional ritual of honouring Dr Kiran Seth was conducted by the CCI President, Arun Gupta. It is pertinent to mention here that SPIC MACAY is a Society for the promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture among the Youth which was founded by Dr. Kiran Seth in the year 1977.

In his address on the occasion the Chamber President, Arun Gupta while asserting that it was a privilege and honour for the Chamber to host the great personality in the City of Temples, highlighted the achievements of Dr Kiran Seth in detail. He said Dr Kiran Seth (born 1949) is an Indian academician, ex-Professor and ex-Professor Emeritus at the department of Mechanical

Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, since 1976, and is widely known as the founder of SPIC MACAY (1977), a non-profit organization which promotes Indian classical music, Indian classical dance, and other aspects of Indian culture, amongst youth across the world.

CCI President informed that Dr Kiran Seth started his career working as a Member of the Technical Staff (MTS) at Bell Laboratories, New Jersey in 1974, a job he gave up to return to India in 1976, to teach and carry out research at IIT Delhi, where he served till his retirement in 2021. It was at IIT Delhi that he founded SPIC MACAY in 1977, a society that has done phenomenal amount of work in the area of promoting Indian heritage amongst school and college students in India and different parts of the world, he added. SPIC MACAY is the biggest, non-profit, voluntary, cultural,

youth movement in independent India.

It is pertinent to mention here that the stature of Dr Kiran Seth can be well judged from the fact that he has received Padma Shri from the Govt, Distinguished Alumnus Award by the IIT Kharagpur, NDTV Indian of the Year under Arts and Culture category, Sahitya Kala Parishad Award, Sanskriti Award, Harballabh Sangeet Sammelan Award, Keshav Kothari Smriti Award, Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award, Chand Khan Award and Modernites Excellence award by Modern School Delhi besides a long list of other awards.

Dr Kiran Seth in his brief speech on the occasion impressed upon the youth to work relentlessly and with full devotion for the nation by fully using their potential. He also thanked the CCI members for hosting a function to felicitate and honour him.

Lawyers take out candle procession to garner support



Lawyers taking out candle march in Jammu.

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JAMMU: The agitation of the J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu has entered into new phase with the broader involvement of the people of Jammu.

The Bar Association, Jammu on Wednesday in furtherance of its decision for Jammu Bandh on 29th of August, 2022 took out a torch and candle procession in the Gandhi Nagar Gole Market and Apsara Bazar in the evening with massive participation of lawyers including sizeable participation of women lawyers.

They were appealing to

the people particularly the business community to make the 29th August, 2022 Bandh call a grand success.

The procession was led by the President of the Bar Association M.K Bhardwaj, Senior Advocate along with the entire team of the office bearers of JKHCBAJ and the YLA. Many senior and young lawyers participated.

Earlier, a delegation of the Bar Association visited the office of Traders Federation at Ware House, Jammu to participate in the meeting of the Federation where Presidents and other office

bearers of the various Bazar Associations of Jammu and Retailer Association were present.

President of the Traders Federation Deepak Gupta along with General Secretary Sham Langer and President of Retailer Association Yash Pal Gupta were prominent leaders of the business community present in the meeting.

They expressed full support to the Bar Association and assured that there will be complete Bandh in the entire Jammu City on 29th August, 2022 in case the LG Administration does not concede the demands projected by the Bar Association.

The work remained suspended in the High Court, Subordinate Courts, all Revenue Courts, Commissions and Tribunals in support of the demand of the Jammu Bar Association for construction of multi storey complex inside the Janipur Court Complex for housing CAT, DRT, APT, Consumer Courts and Registration Authorities etc.

DC Jammu reviews digitisation of Jamabandis, status of revenue services

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa on Wednesday reviewed the progress of digitisation of Jamabandis and delivery of other services of the Revenue department, here at a meeting. ADC L&O, Minga Sherpa; ADC, Satish Sharma; ACR, Vijay Kumar; ACG, Rakesh Dubey; SDMs, Tehsildars along with senior officers from Revenue department were present in the meeting. The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review regarding writing and digitization of Jamabandis, their proof reading and certification, besides disposal of revenue court cases on RCCMS portal, issuance of online Fard and other serv-



DC Jammu, Avny Lavasa chairing a meeting.

ices, compensation for losses caused in recent rains/flood, disbursement of rent etc. The DC directed the Tehsildars to complete the writing of Jamabandis and digitization within stipulated time. "The proof reading of Jamabandis followed by certification shall be completed at the earliest" she directed. Regarding construction of Solid Waste Management projects, the DC directed the revenue officers to identify the land for the same in their respective areas. The DC also inquired about disbursement of rent for the buildings used by departments and compensation for the losses due to recent rains/floods the Tehsildars.

Meanwhile, the Tehsildars were asked to take measures for speedy disposal of court cases related to revenue and uploading of the same on the designated portal.

J&K Bank hosts 84th Annual General Meeting

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SRINAGAR: J&K Bank on Wednesday hosted its 84th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of shareholders - webcast live on the Bank's Website - for the financial year 2021-22 at its corporate headquarters through video-conferencing mode.

The Bank's MD & CEO Baldev Prakash chaired the meeting that was attended by Directors-on-Board, General Managers, Deputy General Managers and Company Secretary besides a large number of shareholders through VC mode from across the country. Representing the Bank's majority share-holder and promoter i.e. J&K UT Government, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance, Vivek Bhardwaj - who is also the Government-nominated director on the Bank's Board - attended the Bank's AGM virtually. While highlighting the surpassing of Rs 500 Cr annu-



J&K Bank's MD & CEO Baldev Prakash chairing Annual General Meeting.

al-profit milestone for FY2021-22, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash underscored the Bank's vital importance for the economy of two union territories at the 84th AGM themed - Aiming beyond the Horizon. "J&K Bank continues to be the major financial player in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with a leading market-share of over 64% and 58% respectively as of March 31, 2022", he said.

Detailing the recent steps that the Bank has taken to

increase business while streamlining its systems and services, he said, "During the last financial year, your bank has embarked upon a transformational journey and some major initiatives have been undertaken. Your bank achieved the long cherished goal of rollover to Finaele 10 joining the league of major banks using the most advanced core banking solution. With the new platform, your bank shall be able to benefit from enhanced digital offerings

to customers, CRM functionality, customers segmentation, API integration and other advanced functionalities." "By establishing Large Credit Units, your bank has pooled large corporate borrowers at one place across the Zones with Relationship Manager Modules aimed at enhanced appraisal standards and compliance besides highly personalized service. In order to increase the market share and tap into the huge market potential outside the UTs of J&K and

Ladakh, the bank has also established clusters in major cities of Mohali, Lucknow and Bengaluru to capitalize on business opportunities in rest of India", he added. On corporate governance, he said, "Your Bank has established a tradition of exemplary practices in corporate governance and high standards for compliance."

Acknowledging the support and loyalty of around 20 Million esteemed customers across the country, he said, "Your support, encouragement and faith have instilled in us the confidence required to pursue excellence in our journey forward. Your support drives us and always helps us to overcome the hurdles, meet challenges and emerge successful." While expressing his sincere gratitude to all the stakeholders, particularly the governments of UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh for their unflinching support and faith in the institution, he

appreciated the directors-on-board for their guidance and Bank-staff for their commitment and dedication towards the institution.

Earlier, the Bank's Company Secretary Mohammad Shafi informed the shareholders about the code of conduct and proceedings of the virtual meeting. He referred to comments from Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) and Secretarial Auditor besides placing agenda items for approval of the shareholders at the virtual AGM.

Notably, the meeting concluded with a question-answer session, wherein MD & CEO Baldev Prakash listened and responded to a range of share-holder queries to the satisfaction of participants. Meanwhile, the results of e-voting along with the scrutinizer's report will be available on the website of the Bank within two working days from conclusion of the AGM.

ADGP Armed promotes 754 CTs to rank of SgCTs

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SRINAGAR: ADGP Armed J&K, Syed Javid Muftaba Gillani issued the promotion orders of 750 Constables of J&K Armed Police to the rank of Selection Grade Constables.

The promotion orders of the Constables to the rank of Selection Grade Constables have been issued after the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) headed by ADGP Armed J&K as its Chairman assessed the

cases of eligible Constables as per their seniority and found them fit for promotion to their next rank in light of the relevant promotion norms.

It is pertinent to mention herethat during the current year till date 1573 Police Personnel of different ranks have been promoted to their next-ranks including promotion of 29 ASIs as SIs, 170 HCs asASIs, 524SgCTsas HCs and 850 CTs as SgCTs.