

VC SKUAST-K, former legislator, BJP ST Morcha call on LG

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir; former Legislator and BJP ST Morcha delegation on Sunday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here.

Prof Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Kashmir briefed the Lt Governor on various issues of academic and administrative importance.

The VC discussed with the Lt Governor the intake of National and International admissions; promotion of sericulture and establishment of 2nd KVKs in Baramulla and Anantnag.

He also informed about the positions advertised in the University.

The Lt Governor advised the VC to take necessary measures to promote excellence in the field of academics, innovation, and research



Former legislator, Dr. Shenaz Ganai submitting memorandum to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

activities for bridging the critical gaps in specialized disciplines.

Similarly, **former legislator, Dr. Shenaz Ganai** also met the Lt Governor and submitted a memorandum of

ment of Engineering college, Nursing college & Kendriya Vidyalaya at Poonch and an ITI at Mandi; completion of Polytechnic College & University Campus, Poonch & Mendhar; strengthening of road connectivity; double laning of Betar Bridge Poonch; all weather connectivity from Mughal Road by way of constructing a tunnel; compensation to the farmers who have suffered losses during recent flash floods.

She also drew Lt Governor's attention towards vacancies in the medical sector and urged for a special recruitment drive in Rajouri-Poonch in armed, paramilitary and police forces.

Later, a **delegation of BJP ST Morcha** headed by Ch.

Roshan Hussain, BJP's J&K General Secretary (ST) called on the Lt Governor and projected various issues related to Seasonal Teachers, FRC and other local issues of Kokernag area.

The Lt Governor gave a patient hearing to the issues projected by Dr. Shenaz Ganai and the members of the delegation of BJP ST Morcha and observed that the UT Government is committed to inclusive and equitable development of all the regions and every section of the society.

He assured them that all the genuine issues and demands would be taken up for examination and urged them to continue working towards promoting public welfare.

Introductory programme on 'Object of Vulnerable Witness Deposition Scheme' held

Justice Gita Mittal imparts training to participants from UTs of J&K, Ladakh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh on Sunday successfully organized an introductory programme on 'The object of the Vulnerable Witness Deposition Scheme' in the conference hall of District Court Complex (DCC) Moominabad, here.

The programme was aimed at training Judges and other stakeholders of UT of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh on the subject.

The introductory training was imparted to all Principles District Judges and Principal Magistrates of UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and other stakeholders by Justice Gita Mittal, Chairperson of the Vulnerable Witness Deposition Committee appointed by the Supreme Court of India. Her Ladyship provided an in depth analysis of the guidelines for recording of evidence of vulnerable witnesses.

Justice Gita Mittal demonstrated a detailed powerpoint presentation emphasizing the need for ensuring special facilities in subordinate courts in the country, to assist and aid free and fair deposition of vulnerable witnesses, especially children, during trial proceedings, so as to minimize contact between the accused and such witnesses. In her presentation, Justice Gita Mittal also made reference to important judgments of the Supreme Court on this subject highlighting the importance of having witness friendly infrastructure in courtrooms. To further demonstrate the importance and ramifications of such sensitization, her Ladyship also took aid of audio visual materials to amplify her message. Earlier, Justice Sanjiv Kumar, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, gave a brief introduction of the aim of the training programme. Justice Sanjay Dhar and Justice Moksha Kazmi-Khajuria, Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh also graced the occasion by their presence in the introductory session. The Principal District Judges and Principal Magistrates of Kashmir Province physically participated in the programme whereas the Principal District Judges and Principal Magistrates of Jammu Province and UT of Ladakh and all other District and Subordinate Court Judges of UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh participated through virtual mode in the programme. More than 100 stakeholders also took part in the training programme.

Murugan holds review meeting with media units of Ministry of I&B at Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Dr. L. Murugan on Sunday chaired a review meeting with the media units of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting at Jammu.

Terming radio as the best medium of reaching out to rural populace, Murugan emphasized that besides media publicity of the government, All India Radio and Doordarshan should focus on revenue generation as well.

During the meeting, the Minister further directed all the media units of the Ministry of I&B at Jammu to promote the use of Khadi and discourage the use of single use plastic.

Additional Director General, Region, Rajinder Chaudhary gave a detailed powerpoint presentation on the media activities and campaigns carried out by Press Information Bureau, Jammu and Kashmir & Central Bureau of Communication, J&K, Ladakh along with its



Union MoS for Information and Broadcasting and Fisheries, Dr. L. Murugan during visit to fisheries farm.

field units.

During the meeting, the Minister listened to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Man Ki Baat program and instructed all the media units to promote this program further through social media handles and other important means available.

Besides officials and officers of different media units, the meeting was attended by Cluster Head AIR/DD Jammu, Rajesh Kumar, Director Doordarshan Jammu, Ravi Kumar, Joint Director, Central Bureau of Communication, J&K,

Ladakh, Ghulam Abbas, Joint Director, Publication Division, Miss Neha Jalali, RNU Head AIR/DD News, Jammu Ramesh Kumar Raina.

The Minister who was on a three day visit to Jammu also paid obeisance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and Bawe Wali Mata. Murugan yesterday visited the fisheries farm at Reasi, distributed fish seeds among the fish farmers. The Minister also launched a vaccination drive against Lumpy Skin Disease at Jyotipuram Gaushala, Reasi.

Waqf creating digital record base of all assets & properties: Dr Darakhshan

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Sunday visited Hajibal Shrine in Tangmarg area and paid obeisance at the Sufi Shrine at Hajibal in Tangmarg area of Gulmarg Tehsil in North Kashmir.

SDM & Tehsildar of Tangmarg along with Chief Executive Officer of Waqf Board Dr Syed Majid Jahangir & Administrator of Waqf Board were accompanying Waqf Board Chairperson.

Dr Andrabi later inspected the Waqf School Hajibal and took stock of the facilities there. She also inspected the land assets of Waqf associated with the shrine.



Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi during visit to Hajibal Shrine in Tangmarg.

Many public delegations of the vicinity and other hamlets of Tangmarg met Dr Andrabi and presented their views about the development of the facilities at the shrine and in

the area.

Dr Andrabi issued many orders on the spot for implementation which was hailed by the local population.

"Waqf is creating a digital

record base of all assets & properties which will remain in public domain. The process of digitization is in full swing. New database in the public domain will end all possibilities of any encroachments in future," said the Waqf Board Chairperson.

Dr Andrabi said that Waqf has shifted to e-office & we will be hundred percent digital within a few months.

"Waqf Board is updating its website and soon we will upload information about all departments of Waqf including incomes & expenditures for public audit. The era of transparency has begun in the Waqf Board," said Dr Darakhshan while talking to media persons.

She said that the Waqf Board has many responsibilities in J&K and the Board has prioritized public welfare initiatives to be undertaken in future so that the common citizen is benefitted.

"The sufi-spiritual traditions need to be revived & we will not tolerate any compromise with this mission," said Dr Andrabi.

She later paid obeisance at the shrine of Baba Rishi also as a follow up of her recent visit to inspect the implementation of the orders issued during her last visit.

She chaired a joint meeting of the Waqf Board officers & the officers of other departments for the timely implementation of the decisions of the past meeting.

12 vehicles including 3 excavators seized from Lalyal for illegal mining

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Continuing series of raids to contain illegal mining and putting a check on sand mafia, a joint team of Geology and Mining department led by Gulshan Kumar (JKAS) District Mineral Officer Jammu, Harjeet Singh Tehsildar South and Rajinder Singh Chib, Chowki Officer Chatha, NT Satwari carried out a raid at village Lalyal on Sunday.

The team seized 12 vehicles including three heavy machines (excavators) and 9 tractors & trolleys found engaged in illegal excavation and transportation of minor minerals. The department of Geology & Mining was receiving regular complaint that a large number of excavators and other vehicles are engaged in illegal dumping and transportation of sand in the area, after which the raid was conducted to nab violators. Pertinent to mention here that Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa has already directed officers of Mining, Revenue and police to conduct inspections of areas and seize vehicles, if found indulged in violation of rules of Geology and Mining department.

The official of Geology & Mining Department have urged masses to abstain from practices of illegal mining of minor minerals, as it is illegal and don't enter Nallahs, rivers and Khads especially during rainy season, as there is risk of flash-floods and massive water flow any time. The overall operation was undertaken under close coordination of Geology & Mining, Police and Revenue Departments.



Harjeet Singh Tehsildar South interacting with officials.

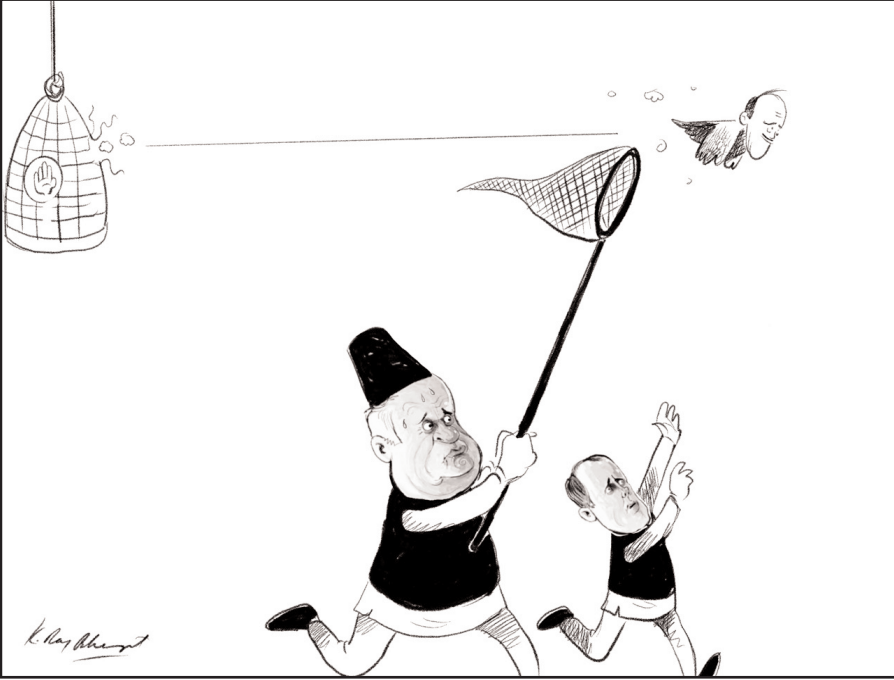
Bar Association seeks people's support for success of 'Jammu Bandh'

Transporters abstain from Bandh call, to carry out routine activities

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu held a meeting on Sunday under leadership of its President, senior Adv M K Bhardwaj to finalise preparation for its Jammu Bandh call on Monday. It was also informed that formal letters of support have already been received from all District Bars of Jammu province including Kathua, Samba, Udhampur, Reasi, Rajouri, Poonch, Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar, besides from Akhnoor, Bishnah, R.S.Pura, Billawar, Basholi, Sunderbani, Nowshera, Bhadarwah, Katra, Surankote & Hiranagar Bar Associations etc. J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu expressed gratitude towards these Bars and requested them to make Bandh call a success in

(J&K), Gou Rakshak Organization (J&K) Jammu & Kashmir, Gujar Bakerwal Youth Welfare Conference (JKGBYWC) and many others. The Chamber of Commerce, Traders Federation, Retailers Association, Transport organizations have already extended unconditional support to Bar for observing Bandh on August 29, 2022 as per call given by Jammu Bar Association. Senior Adv M K Bhardwaj urged all people of Jammu province to make Jammu Bandh call a grand success besides showing broader unity for identity and integrity of people of Jammu.

Meanwhile, Transporters Associations' Union has decided to abstain itself from the Bandh call and has decided to carryout normal activities on August 29, like other days.



Cardiac ailments in rural women, Tip of Iceberg: Dr Sushil



Dr Sushil Sharma with team member examining patients at a medical camp.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: With evergrowing need for creating awareness and screening rural population especially women for cardiac ailments a day long cardiac awareness cum Health checkup as well as screening camp held at Village Channu Chak ,Block Marh, Jammu with special focus on women with high risk for cardiovascular diseases . Masses were educated about the importance of primary prevention in cardiac ailments especially in this era when healthcare is already overburdened with increasing morbidity and mortality due to cardiovascular diseases. While interacting with the people Dr Sushil stated that The Global Burden of Disease Study has reported that ischemic heart disease and stroke are the most important causes of death and years of life lost and one of the most important causes of disability and mortality in women, of the more than 10 million deaths annually in India, almost two million are due to diseases of circulatory system, of which 40 per cent are women. Among women, these diseases are the major cause of death, in the middle age, in urban and in rural women living in poor or rich States. More than half of the 800,000 annual CVD deaths in women occur prematurely.

He further added that among women, smoking causes less population attributable risk (due to its low prevalence) while metabolic risk factors such as dyslipidemia, hypertension, diabetes and high waist-hip ratio are more important. Clearly, women in India are at a much higher cardio metabolic risk of CVD than men, especially after they lose their hormonal protection at menopause. Population based epidemiological studies in India have reported significant gaps in the awareness, treatment and control of various risk factors. Hypertension awareness ranges from 20 to 60 per cent, is lowest in rural women and highest in urban men; less than a quarter subjects with hypertension are treated in rural areas while about half are treated in urban locations. Blood pressure control status is dismal and varies from 10 per cent in rural locations to 20 per cent in urban locations.

Besides Dr Sushil Sharma in his concluding remarks told that Cardiovascular diseases both CHD and stroke, are the most important causes of mortality and morbidity in Indian women. Standard risk factors that are operative in men are equally important in women and these are driven by changing lifestyles, low physical activity, high calorie intake and high fat diet. Status of awareness, treatment and control of these risk factors is low, especially among rural women, and organizing more and more such camps will go a long way in paving path for decreasing prevalence of these diseases.

More than 200 people were examined, evaluated and advised during the camp. ECG, Blood Sugar and HBA1C were conducted and free medicines were also given as per the requirements.

Prominent Members of the area Sh Prem Singh (Sarpanch), Rekha Rani (Panch), Kewal Krishan (Panch), Madan Lal (Panch), Sandeep Kour (Panch), Daya Ram (Panch) and Sohan Lal (Secy Panchayat) appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil and his team for conducting Cardiac Awareness Cum health check up camp in their area .

Others who were part of this camp included Dr Dhaneshwer Kapoor, Paramedics and Volunteers include Kamal Sharma, Rajkumar, Manoj Sharma, Raghav Rajput, Maqsood Ahmed, Akshay Kumar, Vikas kumar, Gourav Sharma, Harvinder Singh, Milan Kapoor , Mukesh Kumar and Paramveer Singh.

Public figures, film celebrities, students join Beach Cleaning campaign: Dr Jitendra

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: Senior public figures, film celebrities, students and people from all walks of life have joined the ongoing pan-India Beach/Coastal Cleaning campaign, resulting in an overwhelming response to this 75 days exercise which is to conclude on September 17.

This was stated by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh who, encouraged by this huge response on such a large scale, today launched a dedicated Website www.swachhsagar.org to give further boost to the Cleaning Mission.

The Minister also launched the Campaign Logo-Vasuki, dedicated to the youth of the country, as they are along with the school students taking keen interest and joining the coastal and beach cleaning activities.

Briefing the media about the progress so far of this longest ever campaign of



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launching a dedicated Website www.swachhsagar.org to give further boost to ongoing Coastal Cleanup Campaign, at New Delhi on Sunday.

its kind, Dr Jitendra pointed out that the campaign has been designed on the model of "whole of government" approach, often reiterated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and said that apart from the executing Ministry of Earth Sciences, Ministries of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Jal Shakti, Health and Family Welfare, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, External Affairs, and Information and Broadcasting are actively participating in the campaign.

He also added that many Ministers and MPs have pledged full support to the first-of-its-kind and longest running coastal clean-up campaign in the world.

Dr Jitendra Singh also noted with satisfaction that so far more than 52000 volunteers from 24 States have already registered for the 75-day long campaign launched on 5th July, 2022, to raise awareness about "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar", which will culminate on "International Coastal Clean-up Day" on 17th September 2022.

The Minister directed the officials of the Ministry of Earth Sciences to rope in NGOs, citizen groups, children and youth forums, corporates, non-profit organizations, consular staff as well as the Municipal Corporations of the Coastal States to convert it into a Jan Andolan.