

All abandoned, non-productive assets of Waqf being transformed into productive units: Dr Darakhshan

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UDHAMPUR: Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi was on Tuesday given a rousing welcome by the minority community in Udhampur on her arrival to inspect the Waqf assets & properties in the town. She began her visit from the campus of the Jamia Masjid of Udhampur which has been constructed locally by the people from the public donations.

Praising the Masjid Management Committee for this magnificent construction, Dr Andrabi thanked the people for their support to the Waqf Board.

Dr Andrabi was accompanied by the Waqf Board member Nawab Din along with Waqf officials & officers from different departments of the district administration.



Chairperson of JKWB, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi being honoured at Udhampur.

Dr Andrabi inspected the land sites owned by Waqf in the district and asked the district administration to co-operate with the Waqf Board in demarcation & proper utilization of the land for public welfare. Later, Dr Andrabi addressed a gathering at Udhampur in which she informed the public about her future plans to re-demarcate, retrieve the abandoned Waqf owned land at prime locations in the district.

"Waqf Board authorities have been directed to start work on demarcating the Waqf owned land so that new infrastructural plans are soon executed to make the land productive & beneficial for the public," said Waqf Board Chairperson.

Dr Andrabi added, "We have chalked out many plans to create huge assets on the land of Waqf in Udhampur district and soon we will be able to ensure that not an inch of

Waqf owned land is misused, abandoned, encroached."

She assured the people that the new Board is putting in all possible efforts to throw out all rot out of Waqf so that this resourceful body becomes not only self-reliant but also a hugely benefitting organization equipped enough to cater to the spiritual, social & public needs in the changing times.

"Waqf is in a state of huge transformation in J&K. Public support is a must for hard steps required to streamline the management system. J&K Government departments are extending their full support to the Board but more important is the public support which will strengthen us to take tough decisions required for putting the train on the track," said Dr Darakhshan.

Billawaria expresses concern over transfer of 28 Health Workers from Gangyal Hospital

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JAMMU: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Chairman Sanitation Committee JMC, Baldev Singh Billawaria on Tuesday expressed concern and dismay at the transfer of 28 Health Workers from Gangyal Hospital in Ward 56.

Billawaria, while addressing a press conference at Gangyal, condemned the casual attitude of authorities of Health Deptt for withdrawing medical facilities for people from Gangyal Hospital where virtually locks have been put and people are allowed to suffer.

He said that on the one hand administration claims that health facilities in the Union Territory are being improved and greater infrastructure for better health services to the people are



Senior BJP leader, Baldev Singh Billawaria talking to reporters.

being added, on the other hand, bureaucracy in J&K is bent upon denying basic health facilities to the people.

He stated that Gangyal Hospital was inaugurated last year by Lt Gov Manoj Sinha and this hospital has the unique distinction of successfully conducting Spine Surgery.

Billawaria said that it is astonishing that staff of Gangyal Hospital has been

shifted as a result of which patients numbering about 300 every day are deliberately being denied OPD Facilities and allowed to suffer.

He also told newsmen that at the time of inauguration of Gangyal Hospital by Lt Gov Manoj Sinha, he had personally appealed LG for upgrading this hospital to district level in due course of time so as to provide better health care to

the people of RS Pura-Jammu South Assembly constituency.

Billawaria hoped that Lt Gov would take cognizance of this aspect of grave problem afflicting people at the earliest and will take appropriate decision to provide adequate Health Care to people from Gangyal Hospital Jammu.

Roghi Kalyan Smiti Member Puran Varma was also present in the press conference.

He stated that people of Gangyal would agitate vigorously and would be compelled to stage Dharna if staff is not brought back in Gangyal Hospital. Ranjit Singh, Mulkh Raj, Dr Indra, Harpal Singh Bali were also present.

JKNPP condemns lathi-charge on PHE daily-wagers

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JAMMU: Vilakshan Singh, President of J&K National Panthers Party (JKNPP) has condemned brutal lathi-charge on peacefully protesting PHE daily-wagers. In a press statement issued here on Tuesday, Vilakshan Singh said that Government has utterly failed to do justice with daily-wagers employed in various departments. "Daily-wagers are made to do work more than their regular counterparts as they don't enjoy statutory protections as enjoyed by regular incumbents. Even after that they are made to suffer by administration by denying them their rights and ignoring their genuine demands," said Singh, adding that Government is exploiting daily-wagers who have given almost their entire youth for serving the masses and Government.

ASCOMS conducts orthopaedic camp at Ramgarh



Doctors interacting with patients at a camp.

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SAMBA: Departments of Orthopaedics and Anaesthesia, ASCOMS & Hospital, Sidhra in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Orthopaedic Association, on Tuesday organized a free orthopaedic camp at Vidhya Physiotherapy Clinic, Ramgarh.

The camp was inaugurated by D.K Manyal, Ex-MLA Samba, D.K Batra, Secretary, ASCOMS & Dr Rajesh K. Gupta, Prof & Head,

Orthopaedics ASCOMS & President, J&K Orthopaedic Association.

This Free Orthopaedic Camp is part of Bone & Joint Day activities. To celebrate Bone & Joint Day, Indian Orthopaedic Association and Jammu & Kashmir Orthopaedic Association have planned number of activities all over the State for the benefit of poor and needy people.

Around 400 patients were examined in the camp by a

team of Orthopaedic Surgeons of the Department of Orthopaedics namely Dr. Shafiq Haekla, Dr. Nitish Sharma, Dr. Sunny Sharma and Dr. Akshay Khajuria, headed by Dr. Rajesh K. Gupta.

The patients were also screened for free surgeries which will be conducted at ASCOMS & Hospital, Sidhra. Moreover, training to the general public on Basic Life Support was also given by a team of Doctors from Department of Anaesthesia, ASCOMS & Hospital which included Dr. Aman, Dr. Owais and Dr. Aqib and a Nukkad Natak explaining Basic Life Support steps was also performed by the Interns of the Department of Orthopaedics namely Mahima, Irfan, Manik, Mahroof, Nitin Pal and Lovish.

J&K: All Parties Morcha demands restoration of statehood, early elections

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JAMMU: Opposition parties Tuesday demanded the Centre restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and hold election at the earliest.

The All Parties United Morcha (APUM) -- comprising the Congress, NC, PDP, CPIM, IDP -- met at Jammu under the chairmanship of veteran politician and former MP Sheikh Abdul Rehman.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi should announce restoration of statehood to J&K and go for elections to the state assembly at the earliest," an AUPM spokesman said.

It was said in the meeting the PM should announce the restoration of statehood on Independence Day,

if the BJP government is sincere about restoring trust among the people of J&K.

The meeting also decided to go ahead with the scheduled programming of holding series of protest dharnas at all districts to expose the betrayal of BJP govt with the people of Jammu and Kashmir especially the youth and farmers and common man of cross sections, on various fronts.

"Every time it is said that statehood shall be restored at an appropriate time but what is the appropriate time and conditions for that is not disclosed. If the situation has improved why delay the statehood," it said.

16 ASIs, 13 HCs promoted

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police Headquarters on Tuesday promoted 16 Assistant Sub Inspectors and 13 HC of Telecom cadres of J&K Police to the next rank.

The DGP congratulated the promoted officers and their families. He has expressed his hope that the promotion will serve as an inspiration for the officers to perform their duties with enhanced dedication and zeal.

Those who have been promoted as Sub Inspectors include Surinder Singh, Gh. Nabi, Mohd Ramzan, Mohd Syed, Ali Mohd, Malik Ab. Haq, Tariq Ahmad, Mohd Maqbool, Rivaz Ahmad, Mushtaq Ahmad, Ram Saroop, Farooq Ahmad, Ab. Qayoom, Bashir Ahmed, Ab. Rashid and Zahoor Ahmad and those who have been promoted as Assistant Sub Inspectors include Farida Bano, Rajeev Singh, Vijay Kumar, Gulshan Kumar, Sanjay Kumar, Showkat Qutub, Ashok Kumar, Bashir Ahmad, Akshay Kumar, Abrar Ahmad, Mohammad Mehmood, Raj Kapoor and Azad Hussain.

Bar Association Jammu takes out protest rally, urges Admn to fulfill demands

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JAMMU: J&K High Court Bar Association (JKHCBA) Jammu, pursuant to unanimous decision taken in a meeting under the chairmanship of its President, Senior Advocate M K Bhardwaj, took out a protest bike rally from District Court Complex Janipur Jammu on Tuesday, in support of its long pending demands. The rally was attended by all office bearers including Mohinder Pal Singh Pali, Surjeet Singh Andotra, Aditya Sharma, Amandeep Singh, Rohit Sharma, Gagandeep Singh Lucky, Yaseer Farooq Khan, Karanjeet Singh Johal, Naresh Kumar Treasurer besides a number of senior & young lawyers namely D S Saini, H C Jalmeria, Abhishek Wazir, Umesh Sharma, Jyoti Saroop Misra, Narinder Sharma, Sanjay Verma, Virranshor, Monish Chopra, Daljeet Singh Manhas, Baldev Singh (Jr) Mandep Singh, Kabir Kotwal, Anoop Parihar, Aman Mahajan, Amarpal, Arvind Bandral, Atul Raina, Kamal Mangotra, Nitin Bakshi, Sachin Dev Singh, Manjeet Pratap Singh, Gourab Sarangal, Ravinder Parihar,



Jammu Bar members taking out bike rally.

Azhar Usman Khan, Arjun Manhas, Nitin Sambyal, Rahul Sharma, Rajeev Chargoitra, Rohit Kotwal, Divya Ishan, Tarun, Yaser Javed, Dakshesh Sharma, Munish Shamra, Sukhvinder Singh, Shiv Dev Singh Thakur, Bindusar Abrol, Virender Chib, Brjesh Badyal, Harmit Mehta, Vikram Singh, Tarun Dutta, Amit Sharma, Arjun Singh Salaria, Amzad Khan, Gagandeep Sharma, R.D. Bandral, Sushil Chandel, Zahid Bhatti, Paervaiz, Syed Touyab Bukhari, Mukesh Kumar, Mehak Thappa, Aman Bhagat, Sahil Sharma, Raman Kumar Bhagat, Meenu Khajuria, Suhail Bharti, Neeraj Kumar, Sarita Kumari, Kapil Gandhi, Aanish Dubey, Manisha Kumari,

Karan Sharma, Ravi Kumar Sharma, Natvar Singh, Sanjeet Bhagat, Parvinder Singh, Gagan Kohli, Dilbagh Singh, Nitin Dubey, Shray Bakshi, Ayushman Sharma, Amit Raina and Majid Shah. Holding black flags in their hands, the members of J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu abstained from work in all Courts including High Court of J&K, District Courts, Revenue Courts, Commissions & Tribunal etc and raised slogans in support of demands during the rally.

He urged UT administration to take immediate steps to resolve all long pending demands/ issues of lawyer fraternity failing which Bar Association shall be forced to intensify its agitation.

Congress vows to fight for farmers' issue: Mula Ram Conducts survey of flood-affected areas in Marh

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JAMMU: Former Minister and Vice President J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) conducted a survey of Marh block to take stock flood-affected areas on Tuesday. He visited Phallian Mandal, Kirpalpur, Sardari Chak, Sum, Malke Chak, Sandwan, Lohri Chak, Chargali, Pangore areas of Marh and interacted with people.

While interacting with people, Mula Ram said that Congress in J&K will fight relentlessly to ensure Minimum Support Price for farmers and firmly opposed anti-people policies of BJP government and failure of LG's administration in J&K. He also demanded adequate com-

pensation for crops damaged due to recent heavy rains and flash-floods. While expressing serious concerns over the emerging situation, Mula Ram said, "LG's administration and BJP Government at Canter should take a serious note of people's problems." He assured locals that no stone would be left unturned, in extending help to affected people of Marh block.

Others present on the occasion included Rajinder Kumar Happy, Rattan Lal Sharma, Bittu Rampal, Sagar Choudhary, Deva Choudhary, Gharu Ram Bhagat, Sham Singh, Balkar Singh, Karanjot Singh, Tara Chand Pradhan and Zinda.

HC quashes FIR against then CEO JMC, others registered by VOJ

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JAMMU: Justice Javed Iqba Wani of Jammu & Kashmir High Court quashed FIR registered by the then Vigilance Organization Jammu (now ACB) against Rajesh Gupta, the then CEO, Madan Lal the then AEO and Kuldeep Kumar, the then EI of Municipal Corporation Jammu & beneficiary. The case, succinctly, put by petitioners is that while performing duties, petitioner no.3 on June 18, 2014 observed that one Manju Gupta, wife of Vinod Mahajan, resident of Plot no.341, Bakshi Nagar started unauthorized construction at ground floor and on demand, no building permission was shown on spot, and accordingly, on report of petitioner no.3, petitioner no.1, in exercise of powers vested in him

under Section 12(1) of J&K Control of Building Operation Act, 1988, issued Notice no.JMC/CEO/197/2/2014 dated 18th June 2014, calling upon the defaulter to discontinue unauthorized construction, failing which action required under law would be taken against her. In reply to notice, Manju submitted reply on 20th June 2014, stating that site plan was duly approved and construction was being raised as per approved site plan. Thereafter, Khilafarzi Inspector Incharge of area concerned carried out inspection of construction and observed major violations and accordingly provisions of Section 7(1) of Act of 1988 were invoked and notice dated 26th August 2014 was issued to defaulter requiring her to show cause within a period of 48

hours from the date of service of notice as to why Khilafarzi/violation should not be demolished, followed by another notice. Against aforesaid notices, a statutory appeal was preferred by Manju Gupta before the J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu (for brevity 'Tribunal') in which vide order dated 27th November 2015 read with order dated 17th December 2015 unauthorized structure of 1778 sq ft @ 30 per sq ft for being used for residential purpose, was regularized by Tribunal. It was further averred that respondent on 17th April 2017 has abruptly registered FIR no.12/2017 against petitioners against Manju Gupta for commission of offences made mention of therein with allegations that during verification conducted by Vigilance

Organization into allegations that on plot no.341, situated in Bakshi Nagar, a huge commercial building has been constructed in residential area in utter violations of Master Plan and Municipal Laws. It was found that a residential building permission was issued by BOCA on 10th April 2013 vide no.49/BS/2013, in favour of said Manju Gupta, with permission for build-up area as ground floor, 1st floor and 2nd floor, 1140 sq ft. respectively and that it was further alleged in the FIR that verification revealed that beneficiary in active league with accused officers/official of JMC and in utter violation of approved plan, raised construction as ground floor, 1st floor and 2nd floor of 1736 sq ft, FAR 95.9 and height 38 ft. with setbacks 1.6 ft only. It has

also been alleged that in order to cover up the violation and to provide sufficient time to beneficiary to raise said construction, a mere formality of issuing notice under Section 7(1), 12(1) of the Act of 1988 was undertaken and intentional inaction by accused public servants in league with beneficiary has paved way to beneficiary and allowed her to raise the construction in blatant disregard and violation of building permission, rules/law.

Justice Javed Iqba Wani after hearing Sr. Adv Sunil Sethi with Advocates Navyug Sethi and Parimoksh Seth for petitioners observed that facts emerging from the record indisputably tends to show, as already discussed herein before as well, that petitioners have acted within their bounds and have not

indulged in any act that would attract provisions of Sections 5(1)(d) or Section 5(2). "Leveling an allegation of conspiracy without mentioning as to how, where and which of the conspirators hatched conspiracy and for what purpose or circumstances warranting inference of existence of conspiracy is not enough to constitute an offence of conspiracy. An FIR should make out a prima facie case of conspiracy against accused persons as one cannot have the construction of fine superstructure without a foundation. Neither the impugned FIR nor the record tends to show commission of offence of criminal conspiracy by petitioners. Having said that, impugned FIR is liable to be set-aside," the Court observed and allowed the petition, quashing FIR No 12/2017.