

Construction Agency for AIIMS Jammu awarded by World Safety Organization

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JAMMU: The Administration of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jammu shared the momentous landmark achievement earned by the construction agency of AIIMS, Jammu i.e. M/s. Ahluwalia Contracts India Limited, a nationally renowned construction agency hired by the CPWD, to carry out the construction work of the prestigious AIIMS Jammu project under the EPC mode.

During the State level Occupational Health & Safety and Environment (OHS&E) Awards-2022 held by the World Safety Organization (WSO), National



M/s Ahluwalia Contracts India Limited officials receiving an award.

Office for India in the month of July, 2022 at Chennai India, M/s Ahluwalia Contracts India Limited has been awarded with a 5 Start rating Trophy and certificate for the AIIMS Jammu project in the category of workplace OHS&E Excellence Award, in recognition for developing and implementing the most effective management system and procedures and for achieving most outstanding performance in OHS&E for the Assessment Year 2021.

The WSO Certification Program is internationally accredited by the International Certification and Accreditation Council (ICAC) with ISO/IEC 17024:2012.



Sajjad Lone appeals to Amit Shah to release separatist leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq

‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign: Rally organised at Panchtarni

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PANCHTARNI: As part of the ongoing ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign, a massive Tiranga Rally was held on Thursday at Panchtarni Base Camp enroute Shri Amarnath Shrine.

The rally witnessed a participation of about 3000 people and was held at a height of more than 12,000.

The rally exuded an environment of nationalist and patriotic fervour.

The rally was jointly held by civil and security agencies, over 1000 Shri Amarnathji yatris, Sanitation Workers, and other stakeholders to commemorate 75 years of Independence of the country to celebrate ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’.

The rally was flagged off and led by Thakur Sher Singh, Camp Director Panchtarni.

The participants hoisted flags on the tents in the camp while the environment was reverberated with slogans like



Tiranga Rally being out at Panchtarni Base Camp enroute Shri Amarnath Shrine.

Vande Matram and Bharat Mata ki Jai,

The objective of the rally was to spread awareness regarding the ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ initiative of the Government of India that aims to inspire every Indian to hoist the National Flag at their home and to invoke the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of the citizens and promote awareness about the National Flag.

Yatra Officer, SP Surinder Choudhary, Addl. Camp Directors Sanjay Gupta, Chand Singh, Deepak Kumar,

Deputy Commandant BSF Santosh Singh, Nodal Officer Sanitation Jahid Azad, Magistrate Manzoor Ahmed Wani, Maj Vipin COY, 2IC ITBP Rana, Commander 2/11 GR, Deputy Commandant CRPF Ajay Raj, Cap Khatana CRPF, Deputy Camp Director Daljeet Singh, DyCom BSF Pawan Singh, Cap Khatana BSF, DySP Rajinder, DySP Rishi Singh, Sub Inspector Sunil Verna, SHO Panjtarni Nazir Ahmed, officers from NDRF, SDRF among others were present on the occasion.

DGP inaugurates Containerized Shooting Range, flags-off bullet-resistant light motor vehicles

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SRINAGAR: Director General of Police (DGP), J&K Dilbag Singh inaugurated Containerized Shooting Range besides flagged off Bullet Resistant, Marksman Tactical Intervention Light Motor Vehicles at a function held at Armed Police Complex Humhama on Thursday.

ADG CRPF, J&K Daljit Singh Chodhary, IG CRPF Ops Kashmir, Manvinder Singh Bhatia, ADGsP J&K, S.J.M. Gillani, M.K Sinha, Danesh Rana, IG CRPF Srinagar Ops Sector, Charu Sinha, IGP Traffic Vikramjit Singh, DIG CRK, Sujit Kumar, DIsG CRPF Mathew A John, Randeep Rana, DIG AP/IR Kashmir Shahid Mehraj, SSP Srinagar, AIsG PHQ, SSP Budgam, Commandants of Srinagar based JKAP/IR battalions, officers of Police



DGP, Dilbag Singh flagging-off Bullet Resistant, Marksman Tactical Intervention Light Motor Vehicles.

Construction Division and other senior officers of Budgam district and CRPF were present on the occasion.

The DGP, while inaugurating the Bullet Resistant Light Motor Vehicles, said that these vehicles with high safety requirements would be deployed with CRPF for special duties.

He appreciated ADGP

Headquarters, AIG Provision & Transport PHQ and their team for working in fast track mode for procuring these vehicles.

"A large number of vehicles have come and lot more will follow", the DGP added. The vehicles with

enhanced safety measures have Run Flat Tyre system with PTZ cameras installed.

The DGP later inaugurated Containerized Shooting Range at JKAP 13th Bn., Humhama, Budgam. DGP and Spl. DG CRPF fired some practice rounds on the occasion.

The 40 feet long Containerized Shooting Range (CTSR) meets all international standards of the safety and pollution with software capability of decreasing and increasing firing range of upto 300 mtrs. The air conditioned shooting range which can be utilized 24x7 and can also be easily transported to any other location. The shooter can fire in standing, kneeling and lying positions and it has Electronic Multi-Function

Targets and Virtual targets systems. The CTSR has one Control Station each outside the Container and a monitoring tab near the shooter to monitor the firing and the control station is capable of printing the firing result of the shooter.

The ISO certified system is capable of displaying and recording shot location on the target, possible score, aggregate score, indicate mean point of impact, indicate type of exercise in progress, show group size and MPI etc.

ADGP Hqrs PHQ and AIG Provision & Transport PHQbriefed the DGP about the features of Containerized Shooting Range (CTSR) and its monitor control system. They also briefed about the safety measures of the Bullet Resistant Vehicles.

DC Jammu reviews enforcement measures launched to curb illegal mining

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa on Thursday chaired a meeting of the Multi Department Task Force Committee constituted to deal with the menace of illegal mining. ADC L&O, Minga Sherpa; ACR, Vijay Kumar; DMO, Mohammad Sayeed, DFO, SDMs, Tehsildars were present in the meeting. The DMO informed the meeting that over Rs 8.91 crore revenue was generated in the year 2021-22, while 650 vehicles were seized and Rs 3.8 crore fine was recovered as penalty from the perpetrators. He further informed the meeting that the department generated Rs 4.64 crore revenue, seized 268 vehicles and recovered Rs 2.26 crore as fine in four months of the current financial year. The Deputy Commissioner asked the DMO to ration-

alize existing rates of minor minerals and prevent illegal mining by taking strict enforcement measures. She asked the concerned officers to ensure availability of minerals at reasonable rates to people and the Government agencies for speedy development. The establishment of check nakas at all potential entry points was also stressed upon to check illegal mining. She asked the concerned officers to take strict action against the perpetrators of illegal mining and bring them to the book.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized zero tolerance against illegal mining and asked for conducting surprise visits at all vulnerable points. The DC also asked to conduct an environmental audit of the existing blocks, with special focus on the Tawi river belt.

BJP Govt anti-labour: Bhalla

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JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla has alleged that BJP government led by Narendra Modi is anti labour and working class and it has weakened and diluted the labour laws giving protection to workers in private sectors.

Addressing a convention of unorganised workers Congress of JKPC here which was attended by National Chairman Dr. Udit Raj, K.K Sanjay Gabha (Vice Chairman), Poonia Rana (Media Coordinator) besides JK Unit Chief Rajveer Singh, Shamsu Chand (Coordinator Jammu), Zahoor Ahmed (Coordinator



JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla and others during a meeting.

Kashmir), Kamal Singh (Corporator), Munshi Chand Salalia(Gen. Secy UWC), Latish Sharma, Jatinder Singh, Rakesh Singh, Camres David Bablo, Parshotam Mehra, Sunil Sharma, Vishal Bhau and others, Bhalla said that Modi Government has

diluted and weakened labour laws in the country under pressure of private players, thus labour and working class suffered a lot under BJP's pro employers and pro rich policies.

Dr. Udit Raj said that Suit Boot Sarkar of Modi has no sympathy with the working class, labour and workers.

The unprecedented price rise has hit every middle and poor class citizens and the demonetization followed by COVID has rendered crores of employed in private sectors as jobless, he said adding that Modi's tax regime has left the poor, labour and middle class to great hardships of life.

Langer inspects GMC-J doctors' residential enclave

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JAMMU: Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring Department, Dr. Raghav Langer on Thursday conducted a detailed inspection of Doctor's Residential Quarters of Government Medical College Jammu situated opposite to KC Theatre Complex, Jammu. The said building complex is more than 45 years old and is presently in a dilapidated condition. Secretary Planning took a serious view of the same and directed the concerned Engineers and Departmental officials to immediately prepare the DPRs for major renovation of the said building complex and submit it to the Government for further appraisal. The Doctor's Enclave consists of 14 buildings, comprising 58 flats, besides parks/gardens and common facilities.

Chief Engineer, PWD Jammu, Manzoor Hussain, apprised the Secretary that the

Preliminary Estimates for major internal repairs, exterior work, complete electric fitting and landscaping have been prepared and the DPR's shall be submitted shortly. Administrator Government Medical College Jammu, Ashwani Khajuria and Associated Hospitals, who accompanied the Administrative Secretary, was directed to follow up the same and in the meantime ensure cleaning of drains, bush cutting etc on immediate basis. Rajinder Gupta, Superintending Engineer PDD (JPDC) Jammu was directed to ensure necessary capacity augmentation and renovation of the sub-station building.

Dr. Raghav Langer apprised the officers that Principal Secretary to Government, Health & Medical Education Department, on intimation regarding the state of affairs of the said building complex, has taken immediate cognizance of the issue.

Delegation of Confederation of Indian Industry, Gujarat calls on LG

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Gujarat led by its Chairman Anand Desai met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, here on Thursday.

During the meeting, productive discussions were held on the growth of the Industrial Sector of J&K.

The 14 member delegation comprising of Anand Desai, Chairman CII Gujarat, Vinod Agrawal, former Chairman CII Gujarat, Syed Javaid Syed, Chairman CII J&K, Khurshid Dar, Head CII J&K, besides other office bearers of the organization apprised the Lt Governor of their visit to Jammu and Kashmir to explore avenues for business and building strategic economic partnerships for industries.

The members of the delega-



CII Gujarat Chairman Anand Desai calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

tion appreciated the Industry-friendly and investment supportive policies brought in by the UT administration. The Business delegation also shared pleasant experiences of their visit to Industrial Areas of J&K and the interactions with the representatives of Industries and the UT administration. The Lt Governor while

interacting with the members of the delegation said that

UT administration is steadfast in promoting an Industrial eco-system in J&K for which investment proposals of Rs 56,000 crores have already been received by the Department of Industries and Commerce, J&K, besides the development of private industrial estates.

Observing that the Road and Tunnel projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore are currently under execution in the UT, the Lt Governor said that with the completion of Jammu-Srinagar Highway and the Delhi-Katra express-

way, J&K would have a Greenfield expressway, besides next year Kashmir would be connected to Kanyakumari via rail connectivity. The number of flights to and fro Jammu & Srinagar have also seen significant growth in the last few months creating an enabling environment for the rapid growth of the industrial sector in the UT, he added.

Vivek Bhardwaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department also remained present during the meeting.

J&K witnessing 20.2 pc unemployment rate, with 7.1 pc at national level

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: After a short span of relief, Jammu & Kashmir UT is currently once again at very high risk of unemployment, as according to Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) figures, J&K is at present witnessing a 20.2 per cent unemployment rate, which is worst among other states/Union Territories.

According to CMIE data, the unemployment rate in J&K has jumped from over almost 5 per cent in July. As per data, J&K is on level 2nd in the table after Haryana who is on the top with 26.9 per cent while Rajasthan is on third with 19 per cent of unemployment rate. Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana are the only two states in India which have over 20 per cent unemployment rate. Other states, which have highest

unemployment rate are Bihar, Jharkhand, Goa and Tripura, where it is between 13 to 18 per cent.

Even though J&K Service Selection Board has organized many examinations but most of them were cancelled due to allegedly negligence. "Problem in Kashmir is compounded due to the fact that private sector in the region is yet to realize its full potential. The main source of employment here is government sector which is over stretched to the extent that almost 1 lakh youth is serving as daily-rated workers in government departments and seeking regularization," said officials. It was believed that the government departments remained the highest employers in UT in the absence of a flourishing industrial sector as well as the corporate sector, but

the New Industrial Policy is expected to create 4.5 lakh jobs in J&K, said officials

The new policy has a spending outlay of Rs 28,400 crore (Rs 284 billion), the largest incentive to date, for industrial development of J&K. "It is expected to generate an investment of Rs 20,000 crore (Rs 200 billion) and employment of 4.5 lakh over the plan period," said an official. Similarly, under Mission Youth, the Government has launched a Youth data Portal for creating a database of youth so as to map their support requirements as per their needs and aspirations. A provision for the assistance of youth in reputed coaching institutes for UPSC and state PSC exams under aegis of the Parvaaz scheme has also been established under Mission Youth.

Dulloo calls for multiplying efforts under PMFME

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JAMMU: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Atal Dulloo on Thursday reviewed progress of Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme in Jammu & Kashmir, in a meeting held at Civil Secretariat here.

It was informed that the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI) has sanctioned 3 Common Incubation Centres; for milk and its products in Narwal Jammu, for fish in Achabal Anantnag and at Doabgah Sopore for apples.

The ACS instructed the officers to take substantial steps in implementation of the scheme whose physical and financial progress would be assessed by him.

The ACS expressed displeasure upon unwanted delay and dereliction on approving loans of some candidates. The bank officials were given strict instructions in this regard and were also asked to submit a detailed summary of rejected and pending cases along with plausible reasons.

Viraj Kala Kendra stages play ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’

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JAMMU: Viraj Kala Kendra (VKK) Jammu staged a play titled ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. The play is based on the achievements of India right from 1947 till date. It depicts the main events from the life history as well as political history of great leaders as well as freedom fighters of India viz. Khudiram Bose, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Sarojini Naidu and the event in which Nizam of Hyderabad surrendered before Vallabhbhai Patel.

The play also depicts the speech of Indira Gandhi and Kargil war where in Param Vir Chakra Captain Vikram Batra sacrificed his life for India on the snowy hills of Kargil. The main achievements of P V Narsimha Rao as well as Atal Bihari



Vajpayee are also depicted in the play.

The play has been written by the local writer Rajneesh Kumar Gupta and this was the third stage show of the play. The play was staged at 17 Garhwal Regiment, Central University of Jammu, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, Govt. High School, Katra on the occasion of Navratras 2021 by Tourism Dept, Jammu, At

Income Tax colony, Jammu on 13th July, 2022. It was also broadcasted as a feature from Prasar Bharti, Jammu.

The seasoned and energetic artists who participated in the play were Madan Rangila, Santosh Sangra, Pawan Verma, Rishab Minhas, Tarun Charak, Jiteshwar, Renu Sharma, Sohi Sharma, Suhani Rathore, Amit Bhalla and Sandeep Sharma.