

# AJKTWA delegation calls on LG

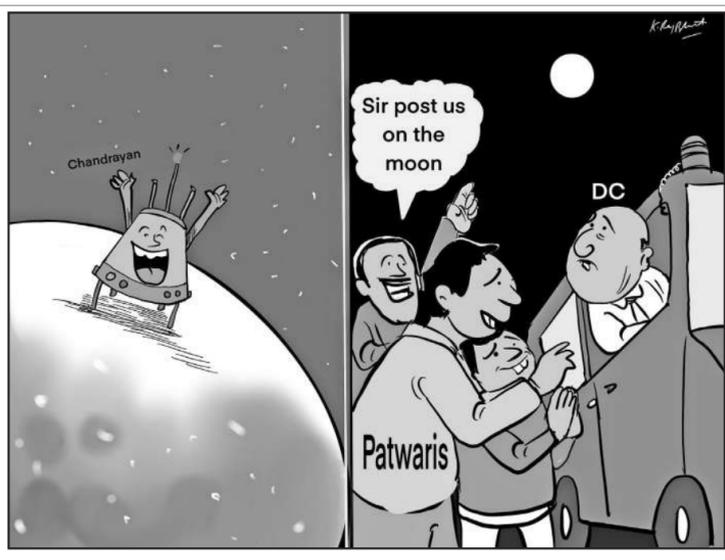
**Demands immediate suspension of Toll Tax collection at Sarore toll plaza till restoration of Jammu-Kathua National Highway**

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Chairman, All J&K Transport Welfare Association (AJKTWA), Ajit Singh called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Tuesday. The members of the delegation apprised the Lt Governor about various issues and demands pertaining to smooth operations of public transport and welfare of transporter community. Ajit Singh requested the Lt Governor for immediate suspension of Toll Tax collection at Sarore toll plaza in larger public



AJKTWA delegation presenting memorandum to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

interest till the restoration of Jammu-Kathua National Highway is completed. They also apprised the Lt Governor on the problems being faced by the transporters and general public due to the damage caused to two vital bridges on Jammu-Kathua National Highway owing to incessant rains. The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegation of appropriate action on the issues projected during the interaction.



# Rashmi Singh felicitates officers, officials of STD for achieving revenue targets

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Commissioner, State Taxes department (STD), Dr. Rashmi Singh on Tuesday remarked that the department has significantly contributed in the overall growth and development of Jammu and Kashmir. The Commissioner made these remarks while speaking at a function organised by the department to felicitate officers and officials of department who have shown outstanding contribution in achieving the revenue targets as well as in their respective fields here today as part of the celebrations under 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' at State Taxes complex Rail Head here. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Rashmi called upon all the officers and officials of the department to work with greater zeal and dedication to achieve the revenue tar-



Commissioner STD, Dr. Rashmi Singh and other dignitaries releasing a book.

ment captured was also unveiled by Commissioner State Taxes on the occasion. Pertinently, under AKAM fortnight celebrations, State Taxes department organised various events like plantation drives, GST awareness drives through various means, kite flying, rangoli and poetry competition, exhibition etc. The department's participation in this celebration highlights its commitments to upholding the values that India's struggle for independence has taught. The dedication and hard work of its employees have been pivotal in ensuring effective tax administration and fostering economic growth. The ceremony among others was attended by Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, State Taxes Officers and all the employees of the State Taxes Department.

# JNEG Executive meets Jt Director Information Jammu



JNEG Executive during meeting with Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Jammu Newspapers Editors Guild (JNEG) Executive met Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta, here on Tuesday. Raj Daluja Editor-in-Chief STATE TIMES, Chairman, Advocate A.K Sawhney, President JNEG, Kazmi Editor Udan Senior

Vice President, Vishal Chopra Editor Jammu Metro, Chief Spokesperson and Joint Secretary JNEG, Ram Dubey Editor Kattu Satya Vice President, Punnet Arora Editor Early Post & Cashier, Anshuman Bureau Head, Abhishek Kapoor Bureau Head, Yassen Mir Bureau Head Young Bites, Himanshu from Truly Times present in the meeting. They highlighted various problems being faced by the press. Joint Director Information Department heard passionately and assured that the same will be considered and some problems the government needs to take call.

# DC Jammu urges officers to be punctual, strengthen public outreach



DC Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing a meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Tuesday chaired an introductory meeting of district officers here in the DC office. Speaking to the officers, the Deputy Commissioner stressed on punctuality in government offices, saying timely attendance is crucial for public services. He directed officers to be available for public interactions until 2 pm daily. Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner emphasised the need for meticulous handling of the files, advocating for their diligent disposal and prompt resolution. He also underlined the need for prompt redress of issues of rural and border areas, recognising their unique chal-

lenges. The DC acknowledged Jammu district's remarkable performance in good governance indices and urged all officers to maintain this distinction. Sub Division Magistrates and Tehsildars were tasked with actively managing the affairs of their respective jurisdictions. The DC highlighted the essential nature of close collaboration among the officials and engineering departments to expedite developmental projects. The Deputy Commissioner also encouraged district officers to review the functioning of their respective departments on regular intervals. He called for a realignment of their focus on communication with the public and enhancing public welfare.

# Congress continues protest over smart meters, toll plazas People of J&K will return back tax gifts in forthcoming elections: Bhalla

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** In view of no response from Govt, Congress leaders led by JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla and accompanied by former Minister Mula Ram, Former Minister and InCharge District President Jammu Urban Yogesh Sawhney, District Rural President Hari Singh Chib, on Tuesday continued protest to highlight the issue of deployment of smart meters in Jammu, power outages, price-rise, imposition of property tax, Toll Plazas and other such issues which are hampering the daily lives of people in Jammu and Kashmir. The protest was organized by Manmohan Singh General Secretary PCC. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Uttam Singh, Kewal Krishan Yogi, Rajinder Singh Janwal, Raj Kumar, Vijay Kumar besides others. The protest march went through Bazaar of Talab-Tillo covering nearly five Kilometer on foot. Bhalla said people of J&K are already distressed both economically and politically in view of the long spell of ter-



Senior Congress leaders taking out protest rally.

rorism and the prevailing security situation coupled with the Centre's experiments to deal with the problem as a result the normal business and other activities remain derailed to great extent. "In such a situation, J&K can't be equated with other UTs or states in the matter of taxations, especially when no facilities of the like are available here," he added. He said bureaucratic regime under the command of the central government is harassing the common man by issuing series of anti-people orders. Bhalla supporting Sarore agitation also joined Yuva Rajput Sabha agitation for abolishing the toll plaza and demanded immediate removing the same besides seeking white paper over the time period of other toll plazas in Jammu. Extending full support to the agitation launched by people under aegis of YRS, Bhalla said that this demand was being raised by the different organizations especially transporters, who had held strong agitation also in the past but the government remained adamant. Yogesh Sawhney said that the people are suffering due to the tax regime of BJP and people face difficulty in meeting both ends during the manifold increase in prices of all commodities. Hari Singh Chib and Manmohan Singh also briefed on other major issues including withdrawal of old age and widow pensions is another cause of concern, they said.

# CCI expresses concern over Sarore toll plaza, calls for release of activists

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** A meeting of the office bearers and Senior Members of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) was convened on Tuesday at the Chamber House, with Arun Gupta presiding as President. The gathering vehemently condemned recent actions by the administration, particularly the imposition of Section 144 and the detention of activists from the Yuva Rajput Sabha. The detained individuals were engaged in a peaceful and democratic protest advocating for the removal of the Sarore Toll Plaza situated on the Jammu-Pathankot National Highway. The meeting emphasized that peaceful and democratic protest is a fundamental right accorded to every citizen. The CCI had previously raised concerns over the toll tax being collected at Sarore and had urged authorities to halt such collection until the damaged TarnahNalah bridge on the National Highway is fully restored. The diversion of traffic due to the damaged bridge has led to increased transportation costs for transporters, along with delayed receipt of



CCI President Arun Gupta speaking at a meeting.

goods. The CCI strongly upholds the significance of open dialogue and communication among all stakeholders. The organization encourages relevant authorities to initiate constructive discussions with concerned parties, seeking a resolution that not only respects the rights and interests of the citizens but also ensures the seamless functioning of public infrastructure. The Chamber of Commerce & Industry urges the LG Administration to promptly release the apprehended activists of the Yuva Rajput Sabha and suspend toll collection at the Sarore Toll Plaza until the National Highway is fully reconstructed and operational. Prominent figures present at the meeting included Sh. Prithvi Raj Gupta, Shiv Partap Gupta, Ravinder Goel, Ravinder Sawhney, Jagdish Langer, Anil Gupta (Sr. Vice President CCI), Rajeev Gupta (Jr. Vice President CCI), Manish Gupta (Secretary General CCI), Rajesh Gupta (Secretary CCI), and Rajesh Gupta (Treasurer), among others. The gathering demonstrated the unified concern and determination of CCI members to address the pressing issue at hand. As this situation unfolds, all eyes are on the developments and actions of both the administration and the Chamber of Commerce & Industry, in the hope of a resolution that aligns with the interests of the community.

# Secretary RDD celebrates Heroes and Unity in Nimoo (Leh) in MMMD Event

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**LEH:** A special "Meri Maati Mera Desh" event was held in Nimoo village of Leh district on Tuesday which witnessed a poignant gathering of dignitaries, officials, and local residents paying tribute to the valor of martyrs and fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie within the community. As a sequel to the prime event of the UT held under chairpersonship of LG Brig Dr B.D Mishra (Retd) at Leh few days back, this event was led by Amit Sharma, Commissioner Secretary of the Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department whose presence underscored the significance of the occasion, symbolizing the Government's commitment towards honouring those who have selflessly served the nation. Other participants in event with prominent figures,



Amit Sharma, Commissioner Secretary RDD&PR Leh felicitating family of the martyr.

including the Additional District Development Commissioner of Leh Sonam Nurboo, Lieutenant Colonel Rajput Battalion Nimoo Ashish Choubey alongwith Jawans, Chairperson of Nimoo's BDC Tashi, DPO Leh Junaid Amin and several other officials of the Rural Development Department. The presence of school children and staff from Government High School Nimoo added a touch of youthful reverence to the proceedings. The most poignant moment of the event was the tribute paid by Amit Sharma to the martyrs who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. Their unwavering dedication and bravery were remembered with solemn respect.

In a heartwarming gesture, the families of the martyrs were felicitated and tokens of appreciation were presented to them as a mark of gratitude for their sacrifices by Secretary RDD Amit Sharma. This gesture not only expressed the nation's deep indebtedness but also highlighted the unbreakable bond between our bravehearts and the community they protected. As the event unfolded, the attendees, led by Secretary Amit Sharma, collectively took the Panch Pran Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to the ideals of unity, diversity, and nation-building. The event culminated with the harmonious strains of the National Anthem, a reminder of the shared pride and identity that unites us all. Amidst the solemn proceedings, Amit Sharma, in his presidential address, praised the valour and spirit of local heroes of Nimoo, who were honoured in this programme and he termed them as role models for all in the Union Territory. It was followed by a cultural event organized by school children which lent a touch of vibrancy and creativity through performances that paid homage to the martyrs and their families, the young talents showcased their artistic expressions while honoring the sacrifices that make our freedom possible. This special "Meri Maati Mera Desh" event was celebrated here in Nimoo village as an occasion of profound significance, fostering unity, gratitude, and a shared sense of purpose among all attendees. It highlighted the indomitable spirit of our nation and the unwavering commitment to preserving the legacy of our heroes.

**NOTICE**

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) hereby informs that the online computerized draw for selection of LPG distributor for the locations mentioned below will be held on 28/08/2023.

Applicants who have qualified for the draw are requested to be present in person with a photo identity card issued by any Government Department at the specified date, venue and time given against each location.

Sr. No.	Oil Marketing Company	Location Name	Block	District	Category of Distributorship	Time of Draw	Venue
1	IOC	Charote/Korara	Gundna	Doda	Open	10:00	DC Office Jammu
2	IOC	Aishmuqam	Kavnipora	Anantnag	Open	10:15	
3	IOC	Ghagwal	Ghagwal	Samba	SC (W)	10:30	
4	BPC	Chowkibal	Kralpora	Kupwara	Open	10:45	
5	BPC	Pogal	Ramsoo	Ramban	ST	11:00	
6	BPC	Zethan	Kandi Belt Rafiaband	Baramulla	Open	11:15	

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