

Sarore Toll Plaza: Protests continue in Samba, YRS demands immediate release of detainees



DPAP leaders briefing media, NC leaders holding protest and YRS workers sitting on hunger strike.

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: The series of demonstrations in Samba regarding the closure of Sarore toll plaza is heating up day by day, but the government has not yet taken any action on this issue. On Thursday the activists of Rajput Sabha and other political organizations also took out a protest rally from Chohatta Chowk in Samba to Main Chowk Samba. Protesters demanded that the detained activists of the Yuva Rajput Sabha should immediately be released and the closure of Sarore Toll Plaza. People from the border area of Samba and near-

by villages also participated in the protest rally and reached Samba shocked in their vehicles as a rally and expressed anger against the central government. Meanwhile, Members of the Yuva Rajput Sabha have sat on a hunger strike in the main square of Samba. Members who were sitting on hunger strike, Lablu Sambyal, Sugreev Singh, Lucky Sambyal, Amardeep Singh, Maheshwar Raj, Dheeraj Guleria and Happu Singh. In view of the matter, SSP Samba Benam Tosh also reached the main square Samba and met the mem-

bers sitting on the hunger strike and urged them to end the hunger strike and said that the government should be given a few days' time, but the members sitting on the hunger strike refused to end their strike. They clearly said that he will continue to sit on hunger strike until his demands are met. **Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP)** General Secretary R.S Chib and Senior leader Jugal Kishore, while addressing a press conference here on Thursday, told reporters that party to take out protest rally tomorrow from

Jammu towards Samba in support of Yuva Rajput Sabha activists, who are detained by Kathua police. DPAP leaders demanded suspension of toll plaza at Sarore. Jugal termed the decision anti-people and anti-friendly and said no such decision imposed on the people of Jammu Kashmir would be acceptable. Similarly, former Minister and Senior National

Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra led a protest here asking the government to roll back of levying toll tax at Sarore on Jammu highway and stop installation of smart meters. He described the levying of toll at Sarore as an avoidable burden on the common people and called for its immediate winding up in the larger interest of traders, industrialists, tourists, pilgrims and above all the common commuters. Sadhotra assailed the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) for ignoring the resentment being registered by the stakeholders in a peaceful manner and urged the Double Engine Sarkar to shun confrontational approach, see reason in the overwhelming demand and roll back the decision to toll collection at Sarore Toll Plaza and Lakhampur, as the Express Highway is still under construction.

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STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday interacted with 19 young leaders from 9 democratic countries, who are visiting India under ICCR's Gen Next Democracy Network Programme. The Lt Governor welcomed the young delegates from Ireland, Namibia, USA, Iceland, Luxembourg, Italy, Denmark, Albania and

Moldova to Raj Bhavan. During the interaction, the Lt Governor shared his views on transformational journey of Jammu Kashmir. He said the J&K UT is moving ahead on the path of development with ambitious goal of building digital society and inclusive, sustainable development. He also highlighted the historic landing of India's Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar surface. "The his-

toric achievement belongs to the entire world, the humanity and to the young leaders like you," he said. The Lt Governor responded to the questions of the members of the foreign delegation. Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudde, President ICCR; Dr Mandep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor were present during the interaction.

Hindustan Shiv Sena asks Govt to remove Sarore toll post



Hindustan Shiv Sena activists raising slogans during a protest.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Hindustan Shiv Sena, while extending party's full support to Yuva Rajput Sabha, Jammu in their fight against toll being charged at Samba toll post, staged a protest at Gurha, Bakshi Nagar under the directions of HSS J&K President Vikrant Kapoor and Vice President Rakesh Bhardwaj. HSS City President Rohan

Malwal and Sagar Sharma along with hundreds of party members staged a protest against detaining the Yuva Rajput Sabha members. They condemned the imposition of Section 144 and also he said that it is really brutal to register FIRs against the core members of Rajput Sabha. Vikrant Kapoor said that general public is on the roads in such a hot atmosphere and the

people are demanding the removal of Samba toll plaza as the government has failed to provide the proper road infrastructure to the people but they are continuously charging the toll tax for the same. Bridges on this road has been washed away by the rains and roads are in bad conditions. So the people of the state are right in saying that if there are no roads and bridges and the general public is suffering in absence of the proper road infrastructure, then for what should they pay toll tax? Vikrant Kapoor added that he and his party has already extended full support to Yuva Rajput Sabha members and general public as a whole. He said that Hindustan ShivSena is of the opinion that this toll post must be removed on urgent basis so that the people of Jammu can have their share of justice.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Jammu is all set to witness a fashion extravaganza like never before with the upcoming DernierCri Fashion Week 2023. Powered by sponsors Rakesh Jewellers, Bhatia Sons & Talla Jewellers, and co-powered by Nimbarak, Mahavir Watch Co., and Film City Jammu, this event is poised to redefine the fashion landscape in the city. Organized by DernierCri, Devrishi Krishna Sharma, and Team, the Fashion Week aims to ignite awareness and motivation within the Indian fashion and lifestyle sphere. With a strong focus on nurturing young talents, DernierCri Fashion Week 2023 seeks to provide a dynamic platform for India's youth to showcase their creative potential. The opulent Anreum Grand five-star hotel in



Participants and officials at DernierCri Fashion week celebration at Jammu.

Jammu will play host to this groundbreaking event, marking the city's inaugural Fashion Week. At its core, DernierCri Fashion Week 2023 aspires to revolutionize the perception of fashion. Through the participation of visionary designers and supermodels, the event promises to redefine elegance and innovation. This creative direction is spearheaded by Mohit

Kapoor, an influential figure shaping this remarkable event where trends are born and models grace the runway with awe-inspiring grace. Furthermore, participants can look forward to expert guidance from industry veteran Syed Khizar Hussain, who brings over a decade of experience to provide training and grooming. The event's esteemed

sponsors include Rakesh Jewellers, known for unveiling exquisite jewelry collections that add a touch of glamour to the occasion. Talla Jewellers will also captivate the audience with their innovative jewelry designs. Introducing the Bhatia Sons Wedding Collection, "Vivaah," at DernierCri Fashion Week 2023! Bhatia Sons, renowned for quality and tradition,

presents a blend of classic and contemporary wedding attire. Their collection showcases rich embroidery techniques such as chikankari, zardozi, and Kanjivaram, with a range of regal hues and trending pastels. Celebrity fashion stylists Nakshu (@stylistnakshu) will infuse their distinctive blend of love and empowerment into the show. Jain Anshula from SanyaAnshula takes on the role of the official styling partner, ensuring that every model exudes confidence and style on the runway. Lakmé Academy Jammu steps in as the official makeup partner, promising artistic flair and stunning transformations that will elevate every runway look. Photography partners @harryfashionfoto and @nkfstudios will capture the essence of style and elegance.

Autowings Toyota hosts Mega Glanza Delivery Mela in Srinagar

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Autowings Toyota, an authorized dealer of Toyota Kirloskar Motors Pvt Ltd, orchestrated a grand "Mega Glanza Delivery Mela" at its headquarters in Baghi Hyder, Hyderpora Bypass, Srinagar.



Chief Guest, Amit Mishra (Field Service Manager, Toyota Kirloskar Motors Pvt Ltd) presenting a key.

The delivery event was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest, Amit Mishra (Field Service Manager, Toyota Kirloskar Motors Pvt Ltd), and Azhar Majid Mir (Managing Director, Autowings Toyota Pvt Ltd). The top management of Autowings Toyota Pvt Ltd, along with a large gathering of customers and dignitaries, were also in attendance. Younis Bashir, CEO of Autowings Toyota, expressed his immense pleasure in organizing the Mega Glanza Delivery Mela.

He mentioned that the event is part of Toyota's initiative to provide a heart-touching guest experience to their customers. During the event, fifty Glanza cars were delivered to esteemed customers for both personal and commercial use. The customers were overjoyed to

receive their new cars, and they were treated to gifts and refreshments. An interactive session was also conducted, where experts from sales, service, and insurance provided useful tips to customers about post-sale and after-service aspects of Glanza. The Glanza,

available in S, M, and G variants with both manual and automatic transmission options, boasts a 1200 cc engine with a power output of 66 kW @ 6000 rpm. It features high-tech functionalities such as remote check and control, voice assist compatibility, auto collision notification, tow alert, geo-fencing, Find My Car and Valet Profile, HUD (head-up display), 360-degree camera (surround view), cruise control, vehicle stability control (ESP), hill hold control (HHC), and more. Glanza also comes with an exclusive service package that includes a warranty cover of 3 years/1 lakh kilometers, extendable warranty up to 5 lakh kilometers/2.2 lakh kilometers. The event not only marked the delivery of vehicles but also exemplified Autowings Toyota's commitment to providing a holistic and memorable customer experience.

Reliance Jio launches True 5G Service at ASCOMS

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As the fast roll-out of True 5G services continues across Jammu, Reliance Jio has commenced Jio True 5G transformative journey in major educational campuses, harnessing the immense transformative potential of True 5G in the field of education and Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences & Hospital became the first Educational Institution in the Jammu region of UT of J&K with True 5G Service by organizing an Event.



Reliance Jio officials with ASCOMS management members during launch of True 5G service.

The programme started by the D.K Batra, Secretary, ASCOMS, Manik Batra, Trustee, ASCOMS, Dr. Pavan Malhotra, Director Principal, ASCOMS and Aashutosh Bajaj, State Business Head, Reliance JioInfo comm, Jammu. As part of this event,

YOUTH PASS Program was launched wherein students get access to exclusive offers. The other dignitaries present on the occasion were Dr. Ravinder K Gupta, Prof & HOD, Paediatrics, and Vice Chairman, Sports & Cultural Activities, ASCOMS, Dr. RabinderRattampal, Medical Superintendent, ASCOMS, Dr. Meraj Din Chauhan, DGM (Hosp. Adm. & Audit),

ASCOMS, Davinder Kaur, Vice Principal, ASCCON Education, Dr. Vikaram Parihan, Vice Principal, ASCOPS. In an interactive session with students at ASCOMS, Jio Jammu team presented multi-faceted benefits and potential of True 5G and elaborated on the transformational possibilities of True 5G with emphasis on the

immense scope to revolutionize digital learning, fostering an environment of innovation, collaboration, and knowledge sharing. D.K Batra, Secretary ASCOMS thanked and appreciated the initiative of Reliance Jio Team Jammu for making ASCOMS Campus First True 5G enabled educational institution of UT of J&K.

Take number of Ayushman Bharat Gold Cards at least par with Aadhar Cards in JK: CS

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday impressed upon the officers of the Health Department to make concerted efforts to take the number of Ayushman Bharat- PMJAY (Gold Cards) at par with that of Aadhar Cards in J&K. Dr Mehta was speaking in the 7th Governing Council Meeting of State Health Agency (SHA) here which besides the Secretary Health was attended by Principal Secretary, Finance; Principal Secretary, H&UDD; Secretary, Labour & Employment; CEO, SHA; Secretary in RDD; Principal, GMC Srinagar/Jammu; Director General, Codes; Director Health Kashmir/Jammu and others concerned. During the meeting, Dr Mehta emphasised on running campaigns in the educational institutions and government offices for satu-

rating the coverage of whole population under the scheme. He directed for dedicating a helpline to assist the general public in availing this benefit. In order to decongest the public health institutions and shorten the waiting period for general public for appointments, the Chief Secretary asked for creation of online appointment management system for providing time slots each patients. He also directed creating other online services. He advised people to take care of their health before it worsens. He also asked for taking full advantage of the online services like e-Sanjeevani and Tele-MANAS for taking the best medical advice from the comforts of their homes instead of taking the pain of visiting hospitals to the extent possible. Dr Mehta also stressed on taking quality certification of all the hospitals under

Kayakalp. He asked for ranking all the health institutions on parameters to give window to each of them to make improvements continuously. He advised for giving due weightage to the feedback from public. On the occasion it was given out that since the universal health coverage of the population of J&K the insurance companies had authorized treatment to the tune of Rs 1484.39 Cr at a premium of Rs 990.88 Cr. It was revealed that for all these years the cost of treatment paid in favour of patients is greater than the amount paid as premium to these companies. It was further added that out of a total of 8,99,999 claims submitted 8,05,804 had been paid till date. It was also learned that the total of 99,86,962 eligible beneficiaries are there in the UT out of which 82,71,870 Ayushman Gold Cards had been issued.

JKSCERT's four days training programme for Principals concludes

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A four days training programme on 'Induction Capacity Building Programme for Principals of Higher Secondary Schools on S L D P / C on d u c t i v e Environment in the Schools' organised by EPMM Department Academic Unit III, JKSCERT, Jammu, concluded on Tuesday. The training programme held under the mentorship of Director SCERT J&K Prof. (Dr.) Prikshat Singh Manhas and the overall guidance of H.R Pakhroo, Joint Director SCERT Jammu was attended by 37 principals from 10 Districts of Jammu Division participated. The Resource Persons of the program were Prof. Surjeet Kumar Sharma, N.P Singh Associate Prof., Monica Sharma AO, Suresh KumarGouria Sr. AO, Dr. Harpreet Kour Sr. AO, Navneet Gupta AO, Rakesh



H.R Pakhroo, Joint Director SCERT Jammu posing with principals after the training programme.

Chobber AO, Dheeraj Jandial (JKAS) FA JKBOSE, Utkarsh Sharma CA, Rajesh Hali Sr AO, Rohit Sharma AO, Dr. Balgar Singh AO, Vinay Dhar, Dheeraj Salathia from PFMS, Anil Sharma AO and Yogesh Kumar AO.

The program was conducted under the overall supervision of Prof. Surjeet Kumar Sharma Head AU- III and with the cooperation of the members of coordinating team - Navneet Gupta AO, Dr Balgar Singh AO, Rohit

Sharma AO, Rakesh Chobber AO, Dr. Harpreet Kour Sr. AO, Bindia Balwal AO and Ram Dayal (MTS). The purpose of this workshop was to enhance and upgrade the knowledge of principals regarding many

aspects like functioning of GeM Portal, PFMS, PM e-Vidya, VVM, Income Tax Rules, Leave rules, Pension Rules, GFR, Leadership skills, Soft skills, ECCE, Vocational Education, Assessment Scheme and HPC etc. On the last day of the program the participants shared their valuable feedback. Pakhroo stressed on the participants to disseminate the knowledge and experience gained in the program in the field and work as per the vision of NEP 2020. In the valedictory session, Puneet Thukral Sr. AO, Coordinator of this Programme presented the vote of thanks. The Report of the Day workshop was compiled by Bindia Balwal AO and Dr. Balgar Singh AO. The program culminated with the distribution of appreciation certificates.