Excise Department takes Pledge for Cleanliness on onset of Swachta Pakhwada

JAMMU: On the occasion of Swachhta Pakhwada 2024, the Excise Department. Jammu and Kashmir took a pledge and rolled out schedule for the upcoming Swachta Pakhwada which is to be celebrated from August 1 to 15 with full vigour.

The pledge-taking ceremony was held in the presence of Excise Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma and Deputy Commissioner Executive, Kusum Sharma alongside various officers and officials of the Excise Department.



Excise Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Sharma and Deputy Excise Commissioner Executive, Kusum Sharma and officers and officials of Excise Department taking pledge.

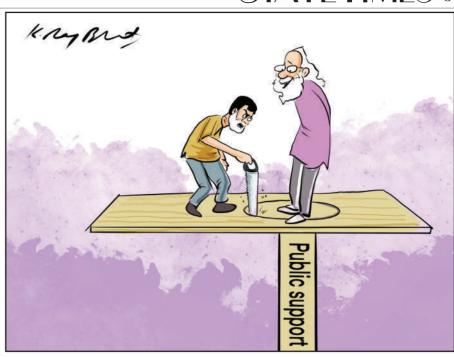
ceremony, Excise Commissioner empha-

office space but also at home and in the community.

He highlighted that the pledge was a commitment to uphold the principles of cleanliness as espoused by Mahatma Gandhi.

He said that all of us should inspire others as well and work towards this mission with full intent.

The pledge was a collective commitment by the department to foster a cleaner and more hygienic environment. reinforcing the role of each individual in contributing to a



CCI welcomes revised policy on 'Gair Mumkin Khads'

JAMMU: Arun Gupta, President Chamber Commerce & Industry (CCI) welcomed the decision of administrative council headed by LG UT of J&K Manoj Sinha regarding approving revised policy on "Gair Mumkin Khads" which was the long pending demand of Chamber of Commerce & Industry Jammu.

Arun Gupta said that the Chamber had time and again taken up the issue that where no water bodies are passing through these lands the registration and construction activities should be allowed. He also said that the decision shall pave way for establishment of new industries on these lands. Arun Gupta further said that as per the decision of administrative council, the concerned Dr. Commissioners shall delin-

State Taxes Dept conducts searches, inspections in Srinagar,

Gulmarg, Pahalgam **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Enforcement

teams from State Taxes Department, Kashmir on Thursday conducted search and inspection actions on various Hotels suspected of tax evasion and tax fraud across Kashmir division.

During this action various physical and electronic records available at the place of business were seized on the spot, and are being scrutinised by the officials authorised to determine amount of tax evasion in the instant cases.

was based on technical analysis of Hotels that were reflecting dip in sales declared in their returns despite a bumper tourist season.

State Taxes Department has impressed upon the taxpayers to reflect their actual sales and pay the necessary amount of GST in their monthly/quarterly returns to avoid enforcement actions and subsequent penalties.

eate upto 200 kanals per khasra on the recommendations of the district level Divisional Commissioner can delineate 200 to 500 kanals per khasra and all other proposals/ cases shall

He appealed the concerned Commissioners, Divisional Commissioner as well as UT level committee that this process should be carried on without any hindrance and in a transparent

be approved by the UT level

committee.

Arun Gupta also appreciated the announcement of LG Manoj Sinha wherein he has directed the officials to expedite the pending grievances of the people on fast track

He also demanded that government should constitute a grievance redressal committee to resolve the

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice

President Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP) Jammu and

Kashmir has asserted that

BJP stands fully committed to

address the day to day prob-

lems being faced by the people

The BJP leader stated this

while addressing a routine

public grievances camp at Pt

Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan,

Kacchi Chawni here on

Yudhvir Sethi accompanied

by Parveen Kerni-Mandal

President East, General

Secretary East Arun Sethi,

Amita Kumari Ex Panch Jagti

and Naseeb Singh, Shakti

Kendra Parmukh Aithem lis-

tened to grievances of the peo-

of this nation

Thursday.

issue of excess billing of PDD consumers of smart meter areas at the earliest.

Arun Gupta expressed displeasure for closing window two months earlier on 31st July 2024 instead of 30th September 2024 for availing the Central Package of incentives of Rs. 28400 crore from 2021 onwards as announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

He said this is serious matter and demanded that the window should be restored and kept open upto 2028 as requested by us earlier also.

He also appealed LG Manoj Sinha to take up the issue for restoring the window for availing the above central package and also appeal for enhancement of the amount of package atleast upto Rs. 1.00 lakh crores and the window should be kept open upto

ple who had come to the party

Dozens of people visited the

party office to put forth their

amenities, etc before the senior

BJP leaders seeking resolu-

tion to their issues. Most of the

people highlighted issues relat-

ed to the development in their

pertaining to basic

office.

Sham Lal for promotion of Dogri at Admin level,

JAMMU: Sham Lal BJPSharma, President and formerMinister, conducted a Janata Darbar at the BJP headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, here, accompanied by party members including BJP spokesperson Rajni Sethi, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Convenor Er. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal, Health & Medical Cell Convenor Puneet Mahajan, and Mahila Morcha Secretary Prerna Nanda.

During the Sharma praised the LG administration for its recent initiatives, such as granting land rights on government land to West

respective areas besides vari-

Yudhvir Sethi along with

other party leaders after giving

a keen and patient hearing to

the people assured to take up

their issues with the concerned

authorities and get the same

However he got some of the

ous other concerns.



(WPRs) and the decision address the Gair Mumkin Khads issue by issuing an order for the segregation of Khads.

He commended these moves as part of the Modi government's commitment to resolving public issues promptly.

He also noted that BJP

issues resolved instantaneous-

ly by talking to the authorities

Yudhvir Sethi said that

Bharatiya Janata Party is

fully committed to address the

day to day problems being

faced by the people in general

and that of Jammu City in

He said that the PM

Narendra Modi led Govt at the

Centre being fully aware of the

changing trends has been tak-

ing due care of accommodat-

ing and addressing the con-

cerns of every section of the

society irrespective of the

caste, creed, colour, region or

religion. He asserted that BJP

believes in selfless service of

the people as service of the peo-

ple is the service of God.

concerned on phone.

Sharma emphasized the need for proactive measures to enhance the use of Dogri in the region and addressed concerns from Dogri scholars about the

> schools. deputations brought forward numerous local issues, including the non-availability of doctors at NTPHC, the need for a link road in Mathwar, new electric poles in Dewal Mahore, and repairs to infrastructure in different

limited advertisement of

posts for Dogri Lecturers,

with only one post available

for 466 Higher Secondary

bills, relief for fire incident victims, and upgrades. Rajni Sethi affirmed the party's commitment to addressing public problems, while Er. Dil Bahadur Jamwal noted that over 40 deputations had presented their issues.

Gangval. Issues also

included excessive electric

Puneet Mahajan reported that several issues were resolved on the spot, with further communications initiated with relevant departments. Nanda documented all the

Div Com inaugurates Swachhata Pakhwada, 'Ek Ped Shaheedo ke Naam' plantation drive

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Jammu & Kashmir is

actively engaging with the

public through regular

Janata Darbars to address

A significant portion of

promoting the Dogri lan- areas such as Sungal

the discussion focused on

orievances

calls for more Dogri Lecturers at HS level

JAMMU: CommissionerJammu. Ramesh Kumar Thursday launched the Pakhwada Swachhata (Jashn-e-Safai Utsav) and a Plantation Drive under the banner "Ek Ped Shahidon Ke Naam" at Hari Singh Park and Balidaan Stambh.

The campaigns organised by district administration, in collaboration with $_{
m the}$ Jammu Municipal Corporation $_{
m the}$ Forest Department saw the participation of Deputy Jammu, Commissioner Commissioner JMC, along with other senior district, sectoral officers, DFO, Students and staff from different schools.

The tree-planting session under 'Ek Ped Shaheedo ke Naam' marked by the enthusiastic involvement of School students, senior officers, included the planting of various indigenous saplings.

In his address, the Divisional Commissioner highlighted the indispensable role of trees in maintaining ecological balance



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar launching Swachhata Pakhwada and plantation drive.

and fostering sustainable development. remarked on the adverse effects of modern lifestyles on the environment and stressed the urgency of taking corrective measures. "Untimely rains and high temperatures are alarming signs. In such a situation, plantation becomes crucial," he stated. The Div Com appealed everyone to actively participate in the campaigns that are being observed from August 01-15, 2024, He articulated that the

green Environment. The Div Com further emphasised that these initiatives contribute significantly to increasing green

to honour the Martyrs &

contributing to clean &

cover and mitigating the impacts of climate change. He also underscored the importance of communitydriven efforts in achieving lasting positive changes for the environment and society.

During th cleanliness drive, the Div Com called upon participants to commit to maintaining cleanliness in their surroundings and to actively spread awareness about hygiene practices.

holistic approach aims to cultivate a cleaner, greener and more conscientious community, honouring the nation's heroes, increasing the green cover and promoting cleanliness.

DC Jammu calls for year round cleanliness efforts, behaviour change

BJP committed to address people's day to day problems: Yudhvir

BJP J&K Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi listening to public

grievances at Jammu on Thursday.

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Thursday launched the celebrations of Swachhata Pakhwada 2024 at Teachers Bhawan. The event saw participation from key district officers including SSP Dr. Vinod Kumar, ADDC Sher Singh and ADC Shishir Gupta, alongside students and the public along with their representatives and former PRI members.

Emphasising the need for cleanliness to become an integral part of daily life, beyond

the fortnight-long campaigns, in his address, the DC stressed that the annual exercise should not remain merely symbolic. "Swachhata must transcend this fortnight and become ingrained in our everyday routines," he stated, calling for widespread public involvement and multilateral participation from all sections of society.

The Deputy Commissioner outlined a comprehensive approach to cleanliness, emphasising the need for effective liquid and plastic waste management, reduction

in plastic use and increased focus on afforestation and urban greenery.

"True change begins at home," the DC remarked, urging students and attendees to initiate cleanliness drives in their homes. schools and neighbourhoods. He highlighted the importance of behavioural change in realising the vision of a cleaner nation. During the gathering, participants collec-

tively took the Swachhata pledge, renewing their dedication to ensuring the initiative's

SMART CITY: Why still unscheduled power cuts in Jammu? I currently work at a skin-care clinic that specializes in 'laser treatments'



Babita Sharma, Shopkeeper

The smart city project has been a total failure on the part of the government Despite the installation of smart meters and regular payment of dues, there is no relief for common people, as the issue of prolonged and unscheduled power outages remains stagnant. Even during this intense heat, residents are grappling with daily routines due to inadequate power supply while the authorities remain indifferent towards this issue, as they fail to do their job rightfully.



Rajan,

Power cuts are a critical issue that needs to be immediately addressed by the authorities as it is causing a lot of distress to both individ-

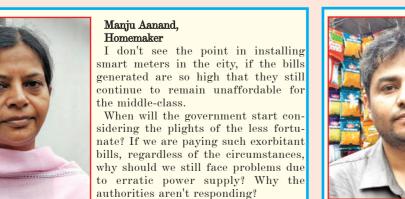
As a businessman, my work heavily relies on the regular use of machinery and the frequent power outages bring everything to a halt, resulting in loss of productivity and dwindling

Through the column of your esteemed newspaper, I urge the authorities to provide us with the much-needed relief.



Deepika Jain,

Shopkeeper I am deeply disappointed with the government's handling of the 'smart city projects', as the problems faced by residents remain unsolved. Erratic power supply is a major irritant, as we are facing long unscheduled power cuts. In addition to the already oppressive heat and humidity, these outages make it extremely difficult for people to even get a good night's sleep On behalf of all the Jammuties, I request the authorities to ensure a reliable elec-





Anupam Chadda

The issues extend beyond just poor supply of electricity and malfunctioning of smart meters; improperly generated high bills are also significant problems. Very recently, hard copies of bills began to be issued once again. Otherwise; no proper information was available on the bills calculation and components. There is a need for improvement in the bill payment process as clearer details should be provided to the general public about the bills breakdown, making the process a little transparent.