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Chirag Kumar

Class:- 9th 'B'

D.O.B:- 20-08-2010

JKPS Panjtirthi

NOTICE

My my father's name has wrongly been written as Krishan Chand instead of Krishan Kant Sharma in my Driving Licence bearing No. JK-0220020157944. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to RTO Jammu within 7 days.

Pankaj Sharma
S/o Krishan Kant Sharma
R/o H.No.129, Pacci
Dhakki, Jammu

NOTICE

My my son's name has wrongly been written as Aarif Hussain instead of Aariz Hussain in his Aadhar Card bearing No. 935152477825. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within 7 days.

Mohd Salim
F/o Aariz Hussain
R/o Kot Kalakam Kot,
Jammu J&K 181122

NOTICE

I, Shobha Devi W/o Sawan Kumar R/o Goha, Kahal Jugasar, Tehsil Bhalessa (Gandoh) District Doda is applying for issuance of New Contractor Registration Card (D) Class in the office of S.E. PWD (R&B) Circle Doda, Kishtwar. Anyone haviang objection, convey in their office of S.E. PWD (R&B) Circle Doda, Kishtwar within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE

This is to inform that the name of the proprietor & Licence of Hotel Khushboo has been transferred to Mohammad Suhaib after the demise of Abdul Aziz. I have applied for the transfer of name of proprietor in the Licence to the concerned authorities. Any body having any objection may be conveyed to the concerned authority within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Mohammad Suhaib
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STATE TIMES

HC allows manual filing of chargesheets in J&K, Ladakh amid ICJS glitches

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a significant order aimed at ensuring smooth functioning of the criminal justice system, the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has permitted manual acceptance of chargesheets and challans in exceptional cases where technical glitches hinder online filing through the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS). The ICJS application, which is operational across criminal courts in both Union Territories, is the designated platform for electronic filing of chargesheets and challans. However, frequent technical issues have been hampering the process, preventing police from filing challans or courts from retrieving them. To prevent any undue advantage being taken due to such disruptions, the High Court has directed that challans may be filed manually before criminal courts. This, however, will be allowed only after certification from a technical team consisting of the Senior System Officer of the concerned High Court wing and the Nodal Officer of the Police Department, confirming that the case could not be filed online. The order, issued by the Registrar General, will remain in force for three months during which technical teams from the High Court and Police Department have been tasked with resolving the glitches. The High Court also pulled up Presiding Officers of criminal courts for delays in uploading final disposal orders (F6) on the Case Information System (CIS). It noted that such lapses cause hardship to litigants, particularly in cases requiring verification of character and antecedents by the Police Department. "All Presiding Officers must ensure that disposal orders are uploaded within a week of the final disposal of a case," the directive stated, emphasizing timely compliance. The order has been circulated to all Principal District and Sessions Judges across J&K and Ladakh for strict implementation and further dissemination at the district level.

DSS executive body meets, deliberates on Jammu issues

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS) held an emergent meeting of its executive body under the chairmanship of Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, soon after his return from an 18-day visit to the United Kingdom. The meeting deliberated on pressing issues concerning the Jammu region. At the outset, members expressed deep grief over the recent twin cloudburst tragedies in Paddar (Kishtwar) and Kathua districts. They observed two minutes of silence in memory of the victims and urged the government to ensure the best possible care for the injured, proper rehabilitation for those who lost homes, and adequate compensation and job support to families who lost their breadwinners. Charak, former J&K Minister, reminded the government that several areas in Jammu division have



DSS executive body under chairmanship of Th. Gulchain Singh Charak at a meeting.

become prone to landslides due to hill cutting for new road alignments. Stressing the urgent need for preventive measures, he reiterated DSS's long-standing demand for the constitution of an expert body on the lines of Uttarakhand to survey fragile hillsides and recommend steps such as soil preservation, retention walls, and large-scale reforestation. He warned that the situation was akin to a "ticking time bomb," particularly with unpredictable monsoon patterns. Briefing the Sabha about his UK visit, Charak

informed members of his interactions with the British Parliament and his meeting with Seema Malhotra, UK's Minister for Legal Migration. He also engaged with Dogra associations in the UK, underlining the importance of solidarity among Dogras settled abroad. Charak further proposed a meeting of prominent Dogras from various political, social, religious, and trade organizations at Dogra Bhawan later this month. The meeting would focus on issues faced by border residents and communities living near seasonal water

channels prone to flash floods. He stressed the need to strengthen disaster management mechanisms in J&K. The meeting was attended by prominent members including Gambhir Dev Singh, G.A. Khwaja, Abdul Majid, Arvinder Singh Amn, Afaq U. Kazmi, Brig M.S. Jamwal, Col Dr. Virendra K. Sahi VrC, Dr. Nasib Singh Manhas, Amanat Ali Shah, Mohd. Shabir, Narinder Singh Jamwal, Rashid Ahmed, Salman Khan, Ravi Singh Slathia, Majeed Ali, Mohd. Ashraf Mughal, M. Naseem Malik, among others.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta releases souvenir on 'Half Century in Journalism of Pradeep Sardana'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Veteran journalist, poet and art & film critic Pradeep Sardana met Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and presented her a souvenir of his golden jubilee in journalism. Pradeep Sardana's wife Sangeeta Sardana, daughter Stuti Sardana and son Kritarth Sardana were also present on this occasion. While releasing the souvenir, CM Rekha Gupta appreciated the achievements of Pradeep Sardana and congratulated him. The souvenir 'Half Century in Journalism of Pradeep Sardana' has a pictorial glimpse of Pradeep Sardana's golden journey of 50 years. Along with this, there are also some articles by eminent personalities on his life and his journey of writing and journalism, such as Atul Tare, Group Editor of 'Swadesh', Vikas Mishra, Editor of 'Lokmat Samachar', former Director General of Indian Institute of Mass Communication Professor Sanjay Dwivedi, Principal of Hansraj College of Delhi University, Professor Rama, renowned educationist and litterateur Ratan Chand Sardana and popular Doordarshan-DD News anchor Mamta Chopra. The souvenir also comprises of congratulatory messages to Sardana from some of the most distinguished personalities of the country. These include messages from former Deputy Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Lal Krishna Advani, Union Ministers Rajnath



Singh, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Mansukh Mandaviya, Governor of Gujarat Acharya Devvrat, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Mohan Yadav, Indian Ambassador to Ireland Akhilesh Mishra, Chairman of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Nirman Samiti and Prime Minister Museum Nripendra Mishra, Delhi State BJP President Virendra Sachdeva, MP Ravi Kishan and Bansuri Svaraj. The attraction of the souvenir is also the pictures of His Excellency Governor of Bihar Arif Mohammad Khan when the Governor himself reached Pradeep Sardana's Delhi residence to congratulate him on the golden jubilee of journalism. The souvenir has been published by 'Aadharshila', a group of writers, journalists and artists, and the news portal 'Punarvas online. com'.

IGNOU extends last date of admission & re-registration till 31st August, 2025 on surging student demand

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Taking into account the surging demand from the student community expressing their inability to submit their admission and/or re-registration forms online owing to havoc caused by the ongoing monsoon affecting roads, infrastructure, internet, etc, the Vice Chancellor has again extended the last date for fresh admission as well as re-registration for the July 2025 session till 31st August, 2025. However, the extension of last date is not applicable for admission to six months certificate and semester based programmes and stands closed. To enroll in the next year or semester, learners need to register on the Portal and click "New Registration" button to proceed and provide the correct mobile number and e-mail ID so that the University is able to send confirmation and other important updates only if the correct mobile number and e-mail ID are entered. In case the

learners face difficulty in registering on the portal (not getting OTP/ forgot Username/Password or any other difficulty), they need to approach Regional Centre Jammu for re-setting of their account/updating email ID or mobile number at rcjammu@ignou.ac.in. They can apply for IGNOU re-registration July 2025 by visiting the official website of the IGNOU www.ignou.ac.in. The direct link for online re-registration is https://online.ignou.ac.in/ which can be accessed under the drop-down menu option "Register Online" on IGNOU website. "The desirous candidates who wish to seek fresh admission or re-register themselves for next year/semester can avail this opportunity of date extension and apply for any of the programmes of their choice well before the last date", said Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director. For filling the admission form online, candidates need to create a User ID and Password on the SAMARTH portal

and be ready with a Mobile No., Email ID, properly scanned academic documents, photograph and Bank Debit /Credit/Net Banking for payment of fee. Applicants can access the IGNOU admission portal 2025 at IGNOU website www.ignou.ac.in or by directly following the link https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in. The UGC mandates every student enrolling into online and distance education courses to register for DEB ID. Students who are planning to apply for any of the IGNOU programmes are now required to create a DEB ID at the time of admission. DEB ID is helpful when students plan to change their university and transfer their accumulated credits to the new university. "The students must provide their own email ID and Mobile Number at the time of admission in order to rule out any cyber fraud in future", said Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director, Regional Centre Jammu.

Engagement under temporary scheme does not create any vested right for permanent continuance: DB

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Srinagar has ruled that engagement under a temporary scheme does not confer any vested right for permanent continuance, while dismissing an appeal filed by two instructors of Government Women's College, Baramulla. A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Arun Palli and Justice Rajnesh Oswal upheld the order of the Writ Court which had directed the release of legit-

imately earned wages but declined the prayer for continuation of service. The appellants, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat and Saleema Bano, were engaged as instructors in the Boutique Technology Centre of the college in 2015. They argued that since they had served for nearly a decade, their engagement should continue until the scheme lasted, and they also sought minimum wages under law. The respondents, however, contended that the Boutique Centre was initiated on the directions of the

then Education Minister to run on self-sustaining lines without burdening the college. Payments were made from student fees and later from NSS funds. From 2021, the course was formally added to the curriculum with modern machinery, requiring appointment of certified trainers through open recruitment. The Court noted that the appellants were never part of the college staff and their engagement was outside the sanctioned framework. It held that once the course was included in the official

curriculum, only skilled and certified instructors selected through a transparent process could be engaged. "The appellants, if eligible, can apply and compete along with other aspirants. Their earlier engagement under the scheme does not entitle them to automatic continuation," the Bench observed. Finding no merit in the appeal, the Court dismissed the case, reiterating that temporary or scheme-based engagements cannot be converted into permanent service rights.

Enforcement team inspects medical shops in Banihal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: On the directions of the District Administration, a joint inspection was conducted by the Drug Control Officer, Ramban and Police Authorities in various areas of Banihal to check the misuse of psychotropic drugs and identify any unregistered chemist shops. During the inspection, the team verified licenses and records of chemist shops, scrutinized sales registers and reviewed CCTV installations to ensure proper dispensing of medicines. The drive also aimed to detect and take action against any medical establishments operating without requisite permissions. The inspection revealed that all chemist shops checked were operating with valid licenses and proper documentation. No unlicensed medical establishments were found and the sales records showed no evidence of diversion of psychotropic drugs. The joint exercise by the Drug Control Department and Police authorities was focused on preventing drug abuse and illicit trafficking. Officials reaffirmed that such inspections will continue as part of ongoing efforts to enforce compliance with drug regulations and to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the public.

CLUJ concludes Anti-Ragging Week with valedictory function at SPMR College of Commerce



VC CLUJ, Prof. K.S. Chandrasekar with faculty, officers and winner students.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ) organized the valedictory function of Anti-Ragging Week (12th-18th August 2025) at Government SPMR College of Commerce, marking the culmination of a week-long series of awareness activities. The function was graced by Prof. K.S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor CLUJ as the Chief Guest, and Ankur Mahajan (JKAS), Registrar, as the Guest of Honour. The awareness drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across the constituent colleges through competitions such as Slogan Writing, Essay Writing, Street Play, Photography, Poster Making, and Symposium, along with interactive sessions, all aimed at amplifying the collective voice of youth against ragging. Prize

winners included Taniya Sharma, Aditi Angral, and Ridham from SPMR College of Commerce and Ruchiara Verna from GCW Gandhi Nagar in Slogan Writing; Muffiza Chaudhary from GCW Gandhi Nagar; Randeep Meena and Raman Pawan from GCOE in Essay Writing; Aakash Katoch from MAM College and Divya & Manya from MAM College in Street Play; Shalizi Singh from GCW Gandhi Nagar; Ansh Dev Singh from School of Sciences, and Dev Satyam from GGM Science College in Photography; Sonakshi from SPMR College of Commerce, Zaigham from GGM Science College, and Mansi Rajput from GCOE in Poster Making; and Manpreet Kour from GGM Science College, Priyansha Gupta from the School of Social Sciences, Mahi

Gupta from GCW Gandhi Nagar; and Taranpreet from SPMR College in Symposium. Prof. D.S. Manhas, Dean Student Welfare, steered the week-long programme and delivered the welcome address, earning appreciation for mobilizing youth towards awareness and social responsibility. In his remarks, Prof. Chandrasekar emphasized the importance of sensitizing young learners about the ill effects of ragging, while fostering a safe and inclusive campus environment. He also lauded the contributions of event coordinators and directed that all participants be declared Ambassadors of Anti-Ragging and awarded certificates for their commitment. Dr. Rajinder Singh, Principal SPMR College of Commerce and special guest, praised the proactive involvement of stu-

dents and encouraged them to uphold peace and inclusivity on campuses. The detailed report of activities was presented by Dr. Shubra Jamwal, Assistant Dean Student Welfare, while the proceedings were anchored by Dr. Deepshikha Sharma of SPMR College of Commerce. The event was attended by distinguished dignitaries including Dean Academic Affairs, Controller of Examinations, Dean Sciences, Dean Arts, Principals of GCW Gandhi Nagar, GCOE, and MAM College, FA/CAO, Director Sports, Associate and Assistant Deans, Activity Coordinators, and faculty members. The programme concluded with applause for the winners, followed by a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Rajni Sharma of SPMR College of Commerce.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has ruled that mere recovery of contraband from an accused cannot establish the offence of financing illicit traffic under Section 27-A of the NDPS Act, while granting bail to a Samba resident arrested in a narcotics case. Justice Rajesh Sekhri delivered the judgment while hearing three connected petitions arising from FIR No. 99/2024 of Police Station Vijaypur, in which police had intercepted a Swift car and recovered 16.82 grams of heroin, cash of Rs 6.13 lakh and a weighing machine from its driver, Mohd. Aslam. The trial court had earlier framed charges under Sections 22 and 27-A of the NDPS Act and declined bail to the accused. Observing that Section 27-A prescribes stringent punishment of 10-20 years for financing illicit trafficking and harbouring offenders, the Court said that such a charge could not be invoked unless there was clear evidence of continuity, regularity or financial support in drug trafficking. "A solitary transaction or mere possession of narcotics does not amount to financing trafficking. Mere

recovery of drugs cannot automatically qualify as proof of financing illicit traffic," the Court observed. Since the heroin recovered fell in the intermediate quantity category, the Court also held that Section 37 NDPS Act, which applies to commercial quantity, was not attracted. Accordingly, the accused was directed to be released on bail on furnishing a surety bond of ₹1 lakh and subject to strict conditions, including regular attendance before trial court. In a related petition, the Court also directed release of the seized vehicle (Swift car JK09P/1912) to its registered owner Hassan Din, noting that he was not involved in the offence and that the trial court had wrongly refused interim custody. The car has been ordered to be released on superdnama with restrictions on its disposal until conclusion of the trial. The Court emphasized that while drug trafficking remains a grave menace, courts must distinguish between mere possession and financial backing of illicit trade, and Section 27-A should be invoked only where substantial evidence exists.

and directed officers to ensure quality standards and community participation. Special focus was laid on the settlement of Audit Paras and Social Audit observations to maintain transparency and accountability. The ACD directed that all records be properly handed over to the Panchayat Account Assistants (PAAs) for better monitoring and financial management. Further, he emphasized timely payment against SOS works to avoid delays and to encourage effective execution of programmes. During the deliberations, the ACD took stock of the supplementary plan under MGNREGA, the preparation of estimates under the Capex budget, and the status of Administrative Approval (AA) accorded projects. He also reviewed the process of verification of beneficiary cases under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), plan proposal under Rural Connectivity (RC). The ACD also discussed the progress of works already started under MGNREGA

ACD Doda reviews progress on developmental works, scheme implementation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD) Din Mohammad Afaqi today reviewed the status of developmental schemes and related activities at a meeting attended by the Executive Engineer, Rural Engineering Wing (REW) and Block Development Officers (BDOs) of the district. The meeting was aimed at assessing the progress, addressing bottlenecks, and ensuring timely implementation of works under different flagship

programmes. During the deliberations, the ACD took stock of the supplementary plan under MGNREGA, the preparation of estimates under the Capex budget, and the status of Administrative Approval (AA) accorded projects. He also reviewed the process of verification of beneficiary cases under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), plan proposal under Rural Connectivity (RC). The ACD also discussed the progress of works already started under MGNREGA

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works at the grassroots level. The meeting also discussed ways to strengthen grievance redressal mechanisms, improve coordination between field functionaries, and adopt innovative measures to accelerate development in rural areas. ACD Din Mohd Afaqi urged all BDOs to maintain close liaison with panchayats, ensure proper documentation, and adhere to timelines, so that the benefits of various welfare and developmental schemes effectively reach the people of Doda district.

Kathua: DLTCF approves 45 JKREGP cases

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: The District Level Task Force Committee met here today to review loan applications under J&K Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP). The meeting was chaired by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Surinder Mohan at the DC Office complex. The Committee securitised the applications posted online by the unemployed youth of the district seeking loan under the J&K Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) to set up ventures across different

sectors. The scheme is being implemented by J&K Khadi & Village Industries Board. After scrutinizing 71 applications, the Committee approved 45 cases found complete in all respects. Among the rest, 24 applicants were absent, 1 application was rejected and another was deferred for the next meeting. General Manager DIC Mushtaq Chaudhary; District Officer KVIB Surinder Paul Sharma; LDM SBI Kathua, Superintendent ITI Kathua Cluster Head J&K Bank and J&K Graman Bank attended the meeting.