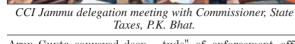
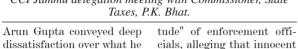
CCI Jammu raises concern over harassment of traders by enforcement officials

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A delegation of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) Jammu, led by its President Arun today Commissioner, State Taxes, P.K. Bhat to raise pressing concerns regarding the alleged harassment of local businessmen by Enforcement Wing of the State Taxes Department in Jammu province. The meeting also witnessed the pres-Commissioner Enforcement, Madam Namrata Dogra.





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Congress leaders during a campaign.

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JAMMU: In a determined push for people-centric dialogue and political awareness, the Youth Congress on Friday organised a large-scale public outreach programme titled 'Chourahe Pe Charcha' under the banner of 'Hamari Riyasat Hamara Haq'.

The initiative spanned from High Court Chowk in Janipur to Paloura Chowk, engaging residents across Ward Nos. 35, 38, and 60.

Led by Youth Congress leader Raghav Khajuria, scores of enthusiastic youth volunteers participated in the campaign, interacting with the general public at various chowks (intersections) along the route. The campaign aimed to raise awareness about democratic rights, unemployment, inflation, and the erosion of constitutional values, particularly in the context of Jammu & Kashmir's unique identity and aspirations. The procession reached

where it was warmly welcomed by prominent Congress leader and Vice President JKPCC, Hari Singh Chib, who also serves as the Incharge District President of Jammu Rural.

He was joined by senior party functionaries including Block Presidents Som Nath Sharma and Parshotam

Several notable leaders and local representatives also marked their presence, including Kaka Ram, Madan Singh, Tarun Vaid, Parshotam Singh, Viiav Kumar, and Surinder Singh, who collectively boosted the momentum of the campaign with their active engagement and public interactions.

Hari Singh Chib emphasized the significance of such grassroots-level public dialogues in reviving democratic participation and holding the government accountable.

"The 'Chourahe Pe Charcha campaign is not just a political initiative, it is a people's movement. We are here to remind everyone-especially the youthabout their rights, their voice, and their power. The government must answer for the rising unemployment, spiralling prices, and the lack of developmental progress in Jammu & Kashmir post the abrogation of Article 370," said Chib.

He further added, "Through 'Hamari Riyasat Hamara Haq', the Congress is committed to restoring the dignity, statehood, and constitutional safeguards of the people of J&K. Our fight is not for power, but for justice and democratic values. The restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir is our foremost demand, and we will continue to raise this voice until the Centre heeds the aspirations of the people.

Raghav Khajuria expressed gratitude to the people for their participation and support. "This campaign has shown that the youth are not silent. They want answers, they want accountability, and they want their voices to be

grounds. He cited common ssues such as minor discrepancies in E-way bills or vehicle numbers, stressing that such unintentional lapses should not result in

heavy penalties. Highlighting the honest compliance of Jammu's business community, Gupta asserted that the traders are dutifully paying their GST and fulfilling all legal obligations. He firmly stated that punitive actions for minor procedural errors are discouraging and counterproductive, especially at a time when the business community is striving to recover from economic setbacks. Gupta further alleged that when the CCI approached the enforcement team for clarification, they were informed that officials had been instructed to meet specific revenue targets, which involved penalizing even minor defaults to fulfill mandates. This approach, he argued, not only erodes the confidence of the trading community but also disrupts the trustbased environment necessary for smooth tax admin-

istration. Responding to the concerns, Commissioner P.K. Bhat assured the CCI delegation that the department would not impose penalties for minor and unintentional errors. He emphasized the importance of a cooperative relationship between the

department and the busi community acknowledged the need for clarity and sensitivity in enforcement practices.

To address the ongoing issues and prevent such grievances in the future, the Commissioner announced that a joint meeting would soon be convened between the Chamber of Commerce Industry and the Enforcement Wing of the State Taxes Department. The purpose of the meeting will be to understand concerns from both sides, streamline compliance processes, and ensure a business-friendly environ-

ment in the region. The CCI delegation included office bearers Anil (Senior Vice President), Rajeev Gupta (Junior Vice President), Manish Gupta (Secretary General), Rajesh Gupta (Secretary), and Rajesh Gupta (Treasurer), all of whom echoed the need for a more facilitative and less punitive approach enforcement officials.

The Chamber reiterated its commitment to supporting transparent tax practices and urged the department to differentiate between wilful evasion and minor procedural lapses. The positive response from the Commissioner has raised hopes among the business fraternity for a more balanced and just enforcement policy moving

DC Jammu reviews arrangements for Independence Day celebration at MAM Stadium



DDC Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing a meeting.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Development Commissioner Jammu Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Saturday chaired a highlevel meeting at MAM Stadium to review the preparedness for the Independence Day celebra-

Police, Joginder Singh; Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Harbaksh Singh: Additional Commissioner Revenue, Dr. Rajesh Kumar; Tehsildar Jammu Khas, Paramdeep Singh; Executive Engineers from line departments, and senior officers from other departments.

tural events.

District

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of

During the meeting, the DC took a comprehensive review of critical arrangements, including foolproof security, traffic regulation, crowd management, logistics and essential amenities for both students and visitors. Special directions were issued for deployment of medical teams, installation of emergency services, maintenance of sanitation, drinking water and uninterrupted power supply. The officers were tasked to ensure robust safety and seating measures for students participating in the parade and cul-

The DC emphasised the need

DLSA Jammu organises Special Lok Adalat for Bank, MACT, Matrimonial Cases



Jury members during a Special Lok Adalat at Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In Compliance to the directions of Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, a Special Lok Adalat on Bank Cases, MACT and Matrimonial Cases was held on Saturday under the

Chairmanship of Y. P. Bourney (Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Jammu) and supervision of Smriti Sharma, Secretary District Legal Services Authority Jammu in the District Court complex Janipur Jammu. Total 23 benches

matters of Bank Recovery, MACT & Matrimonial cases were taken up today in the District Court Complex, Janipur Jammu. The aim of conducting

the Special Lok Adalat was to provide access to the common masses in settling their long pending cases in an amicable manner.

The total number of 328 cases pertaining to different nature was taken up, Out of which 156 cases were settled. A total amount of Rs. 3,50,85,587

Municipal Workers Employees Union demands immediate elections

ference today urging the department to conduct long-overdue elections. The union's president, Rinku Gill, voiced strong concerns over

"We are deeply disheartened by the department's continued inaction and lack of transparency," Gill stated. "More than six years have

sentatives, our ability to address the issues faced by municipal workers has been severely compro-

The union insists that the depart-

the delay, noting that elections ini- passed since the elections were ment fulfill its commitment and ... The JAMMU: The Municipal Workers tially promised in 2018 have yet to stayed, and without elected repre-organize elections without further Employees Union called on the delay. Gill highlighted that democratic representation is essential for safeguarding the welfare and improving the working conditions of municipal employees.

enable the election process, emphasizing that true progress for workers and the community depends on active and accountable leadership.

Day 3 of Viksit Bharat Youth Connect Programme at JU

India's journey towards 2047 must be powered by imagination, creativity, cultural consciousness: VC

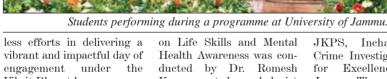
STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Emphasizing the importance of holistic development in shaping the future of a developed India, Prof. Umesh Rai, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, on Saturday said that true progress cannot be achieved by infrastructure and innovation alone.

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2047 must be powered

equally by imagination, creativity, and cultural con-Vice $_{
m the}$ sciousness. Chancellor said while addressing students during Day 3 of the Viksit Bharat Youth Connect Programme (VBYCP) held in the Campus. Prof Rai underlined that activities such as sports, NCC, NSS, music, and arts-once considered extracurricular-are integral to the curriculum the National Education Policy (NEP), nurturing well-rounded individuals ready to contribute meaningfully to nationbuilding. He said that skilling must extend beyond data science and artificial intelligence to include artistic and cultural competencies. Commending the efforts of the Utsah Clubs. the Institute of Music & Fine Arts, and the participating students from various departments of the University, Prof. Rai praised the organizers, faculty, and media teams for their relent-



Viksit Bharat banner. A wide array of activities. including academic lectures. heritage visits, creative competitions, and wellness sessions, were organized on the third day, drawing enthusiastic participation from students across schools, colleges and university teaching departments.

The highlight of the day 'Yuva Rhythm', a vibrant musical event that brought together students from the Institute of Music & Fine Arts (IMFA) and various University Teaching Departments. The performances showcased India's rich musical traditions and conexpressions, reflecting the creative aspirations of the youth.

The Vice Chancellor, who attended the event as Chief Guest, appreciated the performers for their artistic excellence and their contribution to promoting cultural consciousness among peers. Earlier, a special session on Life Skills and Mental Health Awareness was conducted by Dr. Romesh Kumar, noted psychologist and Head, Department of Education, DIET. He highlighted the significance of key life skills such as selfawareness, empathy, critical thinking, communication, and stress management in navigating modern challenges. Citing WHO and NCRB data, he drew attention to the rising incidents of mental health issues and suicides among youth.

"Marks are important, but mental well-being is equally vital," he said and outlined key government initiatives Manodarpan, Tele-MANAS, and the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) aimed at strengthening institutional mental health support systems. Practical strategies for students to maintain emotional resilience were also shared during the session.

An important lecture on "Cybercrime Awareness and Prevention" was delivered by DySP Ms. Albeena Malik,

JKPS. Incharge, Cyber Crime Investigation Centre Excellence (CICE), Jammu. The session focused on emerging cyber threats such as phishing, vishing, SIM swap frauds, ransomware attacks, digital arrest scams, cybers talking, revenge porn, and cryptocurrency-related frauds. DySP Malik cited real case

studies, including the 2025 New Account Fraud in Lucknow and the 2024 Pig Butchering Scam, to illustrate the sophistication of recent cybercrimes. She underscored the far-reaching impact of these crimesfinancial loss, data breaches, psychological trauma, and threats to national security.

The session also covered the limited awareness among victims regarding their rights and reporting mechanisms. Students were guided on using the 1930 Cyber Helpline, official reporting portals, and tools as the Cyber Coordination Centre (14C), CRIMAX Database, and the Golden Hour Protocol to

ensure timely intervention and redressal. A Poster Making Competition on the theme "My Idea of Viksit Bharat" witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 80 students, who presented visually compelling interpretations of a developed and inclusive India. A Quiz Competition focused on Viksit Bharat aslo saw spirited participation from around 10 schools across Jammu. DPS Jammu secured the top position, followed closely by KV Gandhi Nagar. As part of the programme's experiential learning component, a Heritage Yatra to the historic Mubarak Mandi complex was organized offering students a rare opportunity to step into the region's living history.

Led by Prof Suman Jamwal, the visit brought together around 50 students from various institutions, who engaged directly with Jammu's architectural and cultural legacy. With expert insights from historian Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal and heritage advocate Shri Kripal Singh Ji, the students explored the Dograera palace not just as a monument, but as a dynamic symbol of political, cultural, and administrative life. The visit sparked thoughtful discussions around heritage

conservation in the face of

modern development, high-

lighting the role of youth and academia in preserving the region's past for the future. The Directorate of Sports

and Physical Education organized a range of sporting activities throughout the day to promote physical engagement and team spirit. The day concluded with an evening Yoga session, promoting mindfulness and holistic well-being among students and staff. The session saw active participation from university leadership, faculty, and students alike, setting a motivating example for the academic community. Led by yoga expert Sanjeev Kumar and his team the participants engaged in a sequence of asanas, breathing exercises, and meditation practices focused on stress relief and inner balance.

Among others who were present on the occasion included Prof. Anju Bhasin, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Neelu Rohmetra, Dean Research Studies, Prof. Naresh Padha, Prof. Pankaj K. Srivastava, Convener, VBYCP, Prof Yash Pal Sharma, Prof. Prakash C. Antahal, Dean Students Welfare and Co-convener, VBYCP, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Registrar, JU, Deans, Rectors, Directors, faculty members, conveners of various committees, officers, staff, scholars and students.

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