

Namrta appeals LG to hold public Darbars in Jammu City, peripheral areas

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In view of failure of the administration to redress public issues, Apni Party Provincial President Women Wing Namrta Sharma has appealed to the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to hold public darbars to restore confidence among the people.

"There is anger among the people because bureaucrats have become unapproachable and the issues of public concern remain unsolved. The situation has not changed from last one year. The governance is missing on ground," said Namrta Sharma.

Sharma was speaking before the group of women who joined Apni Party in



Newly joined women posing with JKAP leaders.

presence of Provincial President Jammu, Manjit Singh, Aijaz Kazmi, Abhay Bakaya, Raqeeq Ahmed Khan, Vaibhav Mattoo, Gourav Kapoor and other leaders.

The grievance redressal mechanism has failed completely, Sharma alleged. She said that the Lt Governor should hold public darbar in

all the districts including Jammu City, its peripheral areas for the issues of locals.

Meanwhile, Sharma said that the gap between people and administration has widened during the last one year in absence of an elected Government in Jammu and Kashmir.

"People can easily

approach their elected MLAs and Ministers and their issues are redressed. However, in the present situation, there is a feeling of helplessness among the people," said Apni Party Provincial President and Former Minister Manjit Singh.

The Apni Party Provincial President Manjit Singh also appealed to the administration of Lt Governor to adopt a public friendly approach. On this occasion, many women joined the Apni Party including Geeta Khajuria, Sapna Sharma, Vipna Devi, Roma, Archana Sharma, Monica Sharma, Sugandha Sharma, Pallavi, Anjali, Premlata and others.

JMC starts home delivery of birth, death certificates

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta and Avny Lavasa, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation took stock of the Birth and Death Section where large numbers of visitors approached the section for getting birth/death certificates.

During inspection certain directions were issued to the staff members by Mayor and Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation with regard to maintain social distancing and timely disposal of the applications received by the Birth/Death Section in view of covid-19 pandemic.

Jammu Municipal Corporation has also started home delivery of Birth and



Mayor, C.M Gupta and JMC Commissioner, Avny Lavasa taking stock of the Birth and Death Section.

Death Certificates under "Doorstep Governance" initiative.

The online system is launched to avoid enormous gatherings of the general public and to promote contactless efficient public service delivery systems.

This initiative is being

taken to promote Digital India and E-Governance initiative of Government of India.

This is a unique type of Government public service delivery initiative in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Only very few States/UTs are providing such type of

Government services at doorstep. It will provide great relief to the general public and also eliminate the requirement to reach the JMC office for such services.

This is in-house technology developed by the Information Technology department of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Commissioner, JMC further appealed to the general public to take advantage of the online services launched by the JMC and to avoid approaching JMC for getting their birth/death certificates in view of Covid-19 pandemic. The applicants can receive their certificates by speed post by paying the charges fixed by JMC at their doorstep.

Mula Ram, Hari Singh flay PM for befooling nation over LAC situation

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former Minister, Mula Ram and DCC President Hari Singh Chib expressed criticism of the PM Modi's statement wherein he had said that China never intruded in Indian soil along Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh. They said PM Modi has befooling the nation by passing over the wrong information.

"Modi has been befooling the citizens of the nation over border tensions with China along LAC in Ladakh," the former minister said, adding that the situation seems to be more tense than it is actually presented by the BJP led Central Government.

In a statement issued here

today, the former minister said that it is right of every citizen to know the truth regarding the actual situations going along LAC and BJP has been fooling people and hiding the actual danger roaming over their heads.

"Continuous statements of Prime Minister, Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh over Ladakh LAC issue remained contradictory which reflects the lies they put in the public domain regarding the situation since Chinese intrusion."

Hari Singh mentioned that the Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, while speaking in the Parliament, himself said that China is in illegal occupation of 38,000

square km of Indian land.

He said that the PM Modi has earlier stated that no one has intruded inside the Indian Territory no area of India is under Chinese army and never did China never intruded in Ladakh.

"But all of this was bogus and lie," Chib said while citing the statement of Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh during the ongoing Parliament session.

DCC Rural President said that lying about LAC situation to people is no less than a betrayal to the nation and demanded the Central Government led by BJP should be transparent regarding the LAC situation in future.

Shiv Mandir Committee slams land-grabbing attempt to encroach temple's property

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Condemning attempt made by some land-grabbers and others in disguise of Sadhus to vitiate peaceful atmosphere of Satwari area, Shiv Mandir Committee Ashok Nagar Jammu on Wednesday warned such elements, their supporters and administration to desist from such activities.

While addressing a press conference, the members of Shiv Mandir Committee including Retired Sessions Judge Pavitter Singh Bhardwaj, General Secretary of Society Vijay Sharma, local

Corporator Pawan Singh and counsel of Shiv Mandir Society Adv Rameshwar Singh Jamwal said that some elements tried to grab Shiv Mandir property by burying dead body of one such person in temple premises. "A MES employee from UP, namely Govind Ram, who used to repair electric connections in Mandir, after retirement from service, donned the saffron robes and styled himself as Mahant Govind Giri besides making false claims on temple's property few years ago, which was resisted by the management committee and locals. The aforesaid person

had forcefully occupied one room in temple premises and managed a stay order. On Saturday, he expired and at behest of some property dealers and some of his so called disciples and co-conspirators, an attempt was made to bury him in Temple's premises, which was resisted by Mandir committee but the Administration caved in under threat of these so called religious preachers and his body was forcibly buried in Temple's premises by threatening official machinery," they said.

The members further added that now the same persons are circulating false videos and

news items in social media for defaming actual worshippers and custodians of the Mandir and want to grab temple's property. Management committee warned also such property dealers, the imposters and their supporters and administration to desist from such activities which can vitiate the peaceful atmosphere of the area as any attempt to defile the sanctity of temple would be thwarted by the management committee and all worshippers of Bhagwan Shiva and Baba Satya Giri Ji, who used to stay in this temple several decades back. The members further warned if

the administration would not oust the land grabbers and fake sadhus from temple's premises, the situation can turn explosive.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Kishore Singh, Jagdish, Nishu Gupta, Yudhir Singh, Bachan Lal, Dharam Pal, Mohan Singh, Rocky Gupta, Naval Kishore and Vinay Kashyap.

Unidentified male body found

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The body of an unknown man of age about 30-31 years was recovered today from railway track at Km 89.21 near Railway Station.

The body of the man was shifted to mortuary room of Government Medical College and Hospital, Jammu for identification/post-mortem.

The deceased is about 5 feet 6 inches tall and wheatish in complexion. He is wearing a blue trouser and white colour check shirt.

Anybody having any clue about the identity/residential particulars of the deceased man may contact GRP Jammu on telephone numbers 0191-2474946 and mobile No 9419160386/9622385227 and PCR GRP Jammu Helpline No 1512.

'Malmas to start from Sept 18'

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Ashwin Adhik Malmas will start from 18th September 2020 and will end on 16th October, 2020 with beginning of Shardiya Navratri from 17th October 2020. It was stated by the President Shri Kailakh Jyotish Evim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri in a press statement issued here.

Elaborating further, Shastri said, "The other names for Malmas are Purshotam Mas and Adhik Mas. Malmas or extra lunar month occurs after every 32 months, 16 days and 8 ghati. Mal Maas is different from reg-

ular months because it does not have a Sankranti (movement of Sun from one Rashi/Zodiac to the other). Every typical Lunar month has a Sankranti, but the Malmas doesn't have any. It is also known as Purshotam Mas. It is said that this month's name was given by Bhagwan Vishnu. At the same time, Adhik Mas is dedicated to Bhagwan Purshotam which is another name of Bhagwan Vishnu. During this month, Puja and Archana of Bhagwan Vishnu is performed." Due to COVID-19 pandemic, we should celebrate all festivals by staying at our homes, he added.

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Sewa Saptah: Priya Sethi distributes ration among needy

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: As part of ongoing 'Sewa Saptah' initiative, former Minister and senior BJP leader, Priya Sethi on Wednesday distributed ration and eatable items among the needy people.

Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi said that today's programme is part of Sewa Saptah. Reminding ancient Indian doctrine 'Sewa Paramo Dharma', which calls for service to humanity that was rendered as divine service, the former minister said that ongoing Sewa Saptah celebration is the most suitable occasion for all



BJP leader, Priya Sethi distributing ration among needy people.

nationalists to render their services towards upliftment of poor and needy, and make them feel that soon their despair will vanish and they will also enjoy

the fruits of development which have been promised by the Prime Minister.

The former minister said though there is a bit delay in

making desired changes in J&K but soon with the visionary and arduous efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi things will take a pleasant turn bringing happiness and contented moments in every resident's life. She said that BJP's core agenda is ensuring a life of dignity and honour to all and making every amenity affordable and available at people's doorsteps. The programme was organized by Amit Mahajan convenor Ward No 11.

Among others were present were Parveen Kerni, Savita Anand, Meenu, Sudhir Anand and Kartar.

Derek Goldman from Georgetown shines in Natrang's Talk show

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Yet another towering personality of the International Theatre arena, Derek Goldman featured in Natrang's International Theatre Talk Show live on its Facebook Page today.

Derek Goldman is Chair of the Department of Performing Arts and Director of the Theater & Performance Studies Program. He is also Professor of Theater and Performance Studies at Georgetown University, USA with a joint appointment in the School of Foreign Service as Professor of Global Performance, Culture and Politics.

Introducing Derek Goldman, Natrang's artist Samarthyia Gupta informed

that in addition to the above mentioned designation, Derek is also co-Founding Director of the Laboratory for Global Performance and Politics, the first signature joint initiative of the School of Foreign Service and Georgetown College.

In 2015 he was honored to receive the prestigious President's Award for Distinguished Scholar-Teachers. He is an award-winning international stage director, producer, festival director, playwright, adapter, developer of new work, teacher, and published scholar, whose artistic work has been seen around the country, Off-Broadway and at numerous major regional theaters, as well as around the world.

In a very inspirational ses-



sion, Derek enlightened his path breaking vision about theatre which is no doubt backed with intellect, experience, dedication and wisdom.

His immense contribution to the field is a source of inspiration for thousands. His works break down stereotypes and reframe today's problems in humanistic terms. His Lab has created a platform for like-minded artists, scholars,

and activists to build a network with each other and to hear voices from around the world as it is very important for all of us to join forces in creating work that decreases polarization, division, and misunderstanding.

"Theater isn't good at everything, but it can be spectacularly good at countering polarization through the empathy it enables in a live, communal setting, and through its capacity to humanize others. Cross-Currents is in many ways the epitome and culmination of his Lab's eight years of work, as we bring together groundbreaking artists and performances from around the world who are tackling society's most challenging issues. These artists give us hope", benevolent Goldman

stated.

With the vision to spread harmony and awareness through theatre, The Lab has partnered with more than 50 theaters, embassies, and cultural, educational, activist and social service organizations and is deeply committed to shaping and being active participants in a group of innovative core initiatives that strengthen the field and foster vital new interdisciplinary, cross-sector, and cross-cultural relationships and opportunities.

Those who are coordinating this mega online event include Anil Tickoo, Neeraj Kant, Suresh Kumar, Sanjeev Gupta, Vikrant Sharma, Sumeet Sharma, Aarushi Thakur Rana, Mohd. Yaseen, Gauri Thakur and Rahul Singh.

Azad's tenure can be remembered as golden period in J&K: Gharu Ram

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former Minister and Chairman of J&K Kissan Congress, Chaudhary Gharu Ram criticized the BJP-led Government at the Centre for its failure to resolve the sufferings of farmer's community.

In the meeting held here, the former Minister said that the farmers in J&K have been reeling under the financial and yearly production crisis and the BJP-led Government has not paid any attention towards their miseries.

The former Minister said that the J&K BJP leadership has failed immensely to provide compensation to the farmers who have massive losses of their crop production due to recent flash floods and incessant rains.

"None of the farmers in

Jammu have been yet compensated, even damage assessments are yet to be taken by the present regime," he alleged.

Highlighting the achievements of Congress regime during Ghulam Nabi Azad was the then Chief Minister of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state, the former minister said that Azad during his short span of time as Chief Minister has taken some revolutionary measures to bring socio-economic transformation back on the rails in the state.

He said that many historic decisions were taken by the Azad led government for the welfare of the farmers' community which BJP has failed to provide.

"A Government which is remembered as the golden period of the state as the work done

by Azad Government cannot be done and will not be done by any other chief minister," Gharu Ram said.

The former Minister has also welcomed the appointment of Rajni Patil as AICC General Secretary and In-charge J&K unit and hoped that her appointment will further prove to be better for the welfare of public and the party.

"Congress will achieve new heights in J&K under the supervision of Rajni Patel," he hoped.

Among others who were present in the meeting include Mohan Lal, District President Jammu, Tarsem Singh Saini, District President Kathua, Ch Sukhdev Singh Convenor J&K, Prabhu Singh, Bachan Singh, Sher Singh, Ch Jeet Singh and others.

BMS seeks immediate clearance of pending medical reimbursement bills, PF payments

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To highlight various issues of working class, a meeting of the industrial workers was held at Bari Brahmana on Wednesday which was addressed by senior leaders of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) including Harbans Choudhary and Ashok Choudhary (General Secretary). The leaders urged the LG for directing the concerned to clear all pending medical reimbursement bills and PF payments for mitigating sufferings of poor workers.

Speaking on the occasion, Choudhary highlighted various issues faced by the workers. He said that medical bills of workers for reimbursement are lying pending since 2018 across J&K due

to negligence of administration, which has adopted a casual approach over the matter, due to which poor workers are suffering a lot. "Same is the position of Provident Fund as workers, who have retired or left services have not been provided their savings in form of PF. Moreover, workers are also facing hardships in advance withdrawal of PF due to non-availability of cash," he added.

It is pertinent to mention here that from November 2019, the Central Govt EPFO has taken over J&K PFO but due to non-seriousness of officials the transfer of subscribers accounts and PF has not been completed till date despite fixing numerous deadlines. "Both ESI and

PF organisations charge administration expenses from employers but are not answerable to workers, which are suffering due to casual approach and malpractices in these organizations," he alleged.

BMS appealed to LG Manoj Sinha to intervene into the matter for resolving issues of workers besides monitoring functioning of these organisations periodically so that poor workers may not suffer. It was further requested that both the organisations should be directed to release funds for disposal of pending ESI bills and PF payments besides holding camps in industrial areas on analogy of Back to Village programme for listening to grievances of workers.

IGNOU to conduct term-end examinations from today

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is going to conduct the term-end examinations from September 17, 2020 with last exam on October 16, 2020.

In the handout issued on Wednesday, it was mentioned that the university has established 718 examination centres including 59 centres in Jail for jail inmates.

Under Jammu Region, 20 Examination Centres have been established which include two in District Jail Kathua and District Jail Amphalla for jail inmates and also one Examination Centre in Northern Command Udhampur exclusively for defence personnel.

Hall Tickets (Examination Intimation Slips) have been issued to Final Year/End Semester Masters, Bachelors, Diploma and Certificate Programmes (as per 22nd July, 2020 notification issued by the University) and who have applied and are found eligible for appearing in the Term-end Examination.

The hall ticket is available on IGNOU website www.ignou.ac.in.

The students may download the Hall Tickets from the University website and appear in the examination.

The Examination Centres have been instructed to allow students to appear in examination, even if they do not possess the Hall Ticket (Examination Intimation

Slips), but their names exist in the list of examinees for that centre.

During the entire period of examinations the examination centres will implement the social Distancing and other measures as per Government of India guidelines in current scenario of COVID-19 to ensure health and safety of the students.

Students are also required to adhere to the guidelines and maintain the social distancing and hygiene to ensure safety and health of their own and fellow students.

Students are advised to be in possession of the valid Identity Card issued by the University/Govt. during the Examination. Mobile phones are not permitted inside the examination hall.

Congress Legal Cell condoles demise of Mohan Sharma

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Legal Cell of Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee has deeply condoled the sad demise of Mohan Lal Sharma (Advocate), Member Legal Cell PCC.

In a condolence meeting held under the chairmanship of K.K. Pangotra expressed deep shock and grief over the sad demise of Mohan Lal Sharma of Pouni Chack Jammu, who had long association with the Congress Party and was member of the Legal Cell of JKPC.

The meeting conveyed deep condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for peace to the departed soul in heaven.

Prominent among those who condoled the death included Senior Advocates

V.K. Magoo, Mohinder Bhardwaj and Bhavishya Soodan.

Meanwhile President JKPC Ghulam Ahmed Mir and other Senior leaders have also condoled the death of Mohan Lal Sharma-Advocate and conveyed their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for the eternal peace to the departed soul.

They include Former Ministers and Vice Presidents PCC Mula Ram and Raman Bhalla, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, Co-Treasurer Rajnesh Sharma, General Secretaries Yogesh Sawhney, Th. Manmohan Singh, Ch. Shah Mohd and Shahnawaz Choudhary, DCC President Jammu Shri Hari Singh Chib and others.