

J&K Grameen Bank signs MoA with NSFDC

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JAMMU: J&K Grameen Bank (JKGB) and National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation (NSFDC) have entered into Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to provide financial assistance for economic empowerment of persons belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) families. The MoA was signed by Ajay Kohli, General Manager on behalf of JKGB and C. Ramesh Rao, Chief General Manager on behalf of NSFDC in the presence of Sudhir Gupta, Chairman JKGB and Rajnish Kumar Jenaw, CMD NSFDC.

MoA with NSFDC includes providing interest subvention scheme to Individual Scheduled Caste Borrowers as well as SHGs under the "Vanchit Ikai Samooh aur Varگون ki Aarthik Sahayta (VIS-VAS)" Yojana of NSFDC



Representatives of JKGB and NSFDC after signing MoA.

and obtaining funds for concessional lending to target group.

On the occasion, Chairman JKGB Highlighted that JKGB, through its vast network and large customer base especially in rural areas, would act as Channelizing Agent (CA) for the loan schemes of NSFDC and this MoA with NSFDC shall be helpful in providing concessional finance for setting up of self-employment projects and Vocational Education and

training Loan Schemes to unemployed SC persons.

Such a collaborative, handholding and flexible approach for the welfare of SC population will invariably augment the national priorities like Agriculture, Skill India, MUDRA and Stand-Up India.

Other dignitaries from both the organizations, Devanand, Chief General Manager NSFDC, Rajesh Bihari, GM NSFDC and Syed Aadil Bashir, General Manager JKGB, were also present.

Nominations open for ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance

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NEW DELHI: The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) has opened nominations for ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance for the year 2021.

"This year the Institute is adding a new category, the Best PCS Firm Award in addition to the existing Awards viz 21st edition of the ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance, 6th ICSI CSR Excellence Awards and 3rd ICSI Best Secretarial Audit Report Award," Director,

Corporate Communication & International Affairs, Preeti Kaushik Banerjee said in a handout issued today.

Since its inception, Preeti Kaushik said, the ICSI National Awards have been acknowledging and rewarding the efforts of both individuals and Corporates in implementing innovative practises towards promoting good governance.

Being one of the most prestigious Awards of the country, the ICSI National Awards foster the spirit of good governance and honour those who practise such professional excellence.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply Sidhra, Malhori Jagir, Mandal and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 9 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Similarly, the power supply to Bishnah, Sarore, Kotli, Deoli and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 09 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

'Saga of grassroots development strengthening BJP'



Councilor, Sanjay Baru chairing booth-level meeting.

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JAMMU: Saga of Development at grassroots level strengthening Bharatiya Janata Party, stated BJP senior leader and Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru in a booth level meeting organised by Bharatiya Janata Party team Ward-41 at Booth No.45(Jammu-West AC) at Hazuribagh.

The meeting was organised by local BJP Unit to make Panna-Parmukh and their teams from voters list at booth level to strengthen the Bhartiya Janta Party at grassroots level by projecting various public welfare schemes of Union Government for the upcoming Assembly Election

in Jammu-Kashmir (UT).

Addressing the meeting Sanjay Kumar Baru said that under the dynamic leadership of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu-Kashmir(UT) administration led by LG Manoj Sinha is now reaching to the doorsteps of general masses by ensuring 100 percent registration of beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat Golden Health Insurance Cards,18+ Covid Vaccination drive, promoting opportunities in departments of Industry, Horticulture, Agriculture, Dairy, Skill Development and other development activities are also in full swing in our Naya Jammu-Kashmir. Baru further said

attracted by the Union Government's Schemes and Public friendly policies of Modi's Government more and more people are joining the Bharatiya Janata Party adding more strength to the largest party in the world.

In the meeting locals appreciated the efforts of their Councillor for the installation of new transformers and replacing the old electrical wires with new Covered Cables at Hazuribagh, Anand Nagar Areas and for sanctioning the much required Deep Drain from Dewan Brewers to Santra Morh Nallah through KC Hazuribagh at the cost of 4.5Crores at Hazuribagh. BJP Ward President Ashok Wazir, Shakti-Kendra Parmukh Rakesh Sharma and Booth President S.Jangeet Singh also spoke in the meeting.

BJP Booth-44 President Jugal Kishore Sharma, Booth Palak Trilokinath Handoo, Lokesh Bhagat, M.K Zutshi, Rakesh Koul and others were also present in the meeting.

DGP J&K reviews security of oil and gas infrastructure in J&K

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SRINAGAR: A meeting of Onshore Security Coordination Committee (OSCC) was on Wednesday held at Srinagar under the chairmanship of Director General of Police Dilbag Singh, who is also chairman of the OSCC J&K UT.

The meeting was attended by IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, DIG BSF Srinagar, M.A Joyee, Rajan Kumar Mohaptra DHR Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Convener OSCC J&K, Sujoy Chowdhary ED &SH Punjab State office India Oil Corporation, Nodal officer J&K, Nissar Ahmad Joint Director Geology & Mines and other officers.

In the keynote address, the chairman OSCC DGP J&K Dilbag Singh complimented the



DGP J&K Dilbag Singh posing with other dignitaries.

officers of police & security forces and to the officers/personnel of IOC for having excellent coordination which is pivotal to securing the assets of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and its operations.

The DGP impressed upon

the officers to use technology for by upgrading the CCTV systems.

He also asked for regular coordination and meetings between Police, IOC and district administration. He said that regular interactions and

exchange of idea of civil/police officers and managers of Oil Industry in J&K would help in taking prompt action wherever and whenever required. The DGP informed that during any law and order situation police and district administra-

tion makes special arrangements for the operation and distribution of petroleum products and LPG to the consumers.

The DGP impressed for strengthening the access control and upgrading the instru-

ments being used for checking of vehicles and people moving into the IOCs installations.

He also directed the concerned stakeholders to prepare contingency plans in case of any emergency or to meet any challenge. He also directed for having a system with regard to the cyber security. He said that more and more use of technology for securing the installations can multiple the security of systems. Rajan Kumar Mohaptra thanked the Chairman OSCC J&K Dilbag Singh for sparing the valuable time for the meeting.

Sujoy Choudhury welcomed the chairman and other guests. During the meeting a power point presentation was also shown regarding Oil and Gas sector in J&K.

Govt committed to equitable development: DDC Chairman



DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan along with delegation members.

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JAMMU: Bharat Bhushan, DDC Chairman Jammu on Wednesday asserted that the government is committed to all round development of Jammu and Kashmir and no fragment of the Union Territory will remain untouched as far as progress and growth are concerned. The DDC Chairman was interacting with a delegation led by BDC Chairmen Chowki Choura and Maira Mandirain here at his office.

The delegation consisted of BDC Chairmen Chowki Choura, Rahul Dev, BDC Chairperson Maira Mandirain Sushma Devi, Panchs and Sarpanchs.

During the meeting, threadbare discussions were held on issues related to strengthening of PRIs, healthcare services, education, works concerning Rural Development and central sponsored schemes. The delegation demanded that there is an urgent need to focus on uninterrupted power and regular supply of tapped water as both these are basic amenities and the government should ensure the availability without any hindrance.

Upon this, the DDC Chairman assured that tapped water and round the clock electricity will be made available soon as this is one of the promises which the government has

made to the public. He sought cooperation of the members present in the meeting in augmenting facilities in their respective jurisdictions as they are the bridge between government and the people.

Another major issue which came to light during the meeting was the liability of MGN-REGA which was reportedly pending for the last three years.

Going into the details, Bharat Bhushan assured that sooner than later these liabilities will be cleared and it will be ensured that such cases do not occur in future. The DDC Chairman asked the visiting Panchayat Bodies member to disseminate information about the public welfare schemes launched by the Modi Government so that every eligible beneficiary can avail maximum benefit out of the same. He said that the onus of dispensing information lies on Panchayati Raj institutions as the rural people are solely dependent on them.

Others present include Sarpanch Barnai Rashpal Sharma, Panch Chowki Ravi Kumar, Sarpanch Kyur Rattan Lal, Sarpanch Kathar, Rohit, former Sarpanch Kandi, Sham Lal, former Sarpanch Dhana Jarala, Radhey Sham, Ex Sarpanch Chora, Romesh Chander, Panch Mohan Kaneri, Rakesh Kumar and Panch Mandal BD Sharma.

Modi Govt committed to dignified return of KPs to Valley: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday said that the central dispensation led by PM Narendra Modi is treading gradually to undo all the mistakes committed by successive governments in the last 70 years in J&K. In a statement issued to media here, Kavinder said that BJP Government has already taken revolutionary steps in J&K like abrogation of Article 370 and making J&K a UT thus neutralizing the effect of entities which under the guise of mainstream politics wanted to destabilize the country by supporting separatism and violence tacitly and in a veiled manner.

Kavinder said that work is in progress in J&K and soon the pristine glory of the Paradise on the Earth will be restored and the region will again become the first choice of tourists and travelers from across the world. He said that the biggest achievement for which the government is toiling hard these days is the safe and dignified return of Kashmiri Pandits to their homeland Kashmir. He said that already much has been done in this direction as yesterday LG Manoj Sinha launched an online portal for resolving the issues of

Kashmiri migrants' property in the Valley. The senior BJP leader said that grievance redressal under this scheme will be time bound and it is expected that the cases will be disposed of efficiently. He said that this landmark feat of the BJP Government is just the start as sooner than later the next step of ensuring return of KPs to their motherland with safety being the top priority is also on cards.

Kavinder hit out at the then government which did nothing to stop the situation from escalating as in 1990s Kashmiri Pandits were forced to become refugees in their own country and the governments both at the centre and in erstwhile State of J&K looked at things as mute spectators. He said that PM Modi has a strong resolve towards KPs resettlement in the Valley and no power on earth can stop this from happening. He said already BJP Government has taught a lesson of life to Pakistan by air strikes and surgical strikes but if the rogue nation will not mend its ways, there is every chance that once again it will be given a befitting reply so that it will never dare to interfere in the internal matters of India especially with regard to Kashmir.

CM Karnataka calls on Dr Jitendra



Chief Minister of Karnataka, Basavaraj Bommai calling on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, at New Delhi, on Wednesday.

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NEW DELHI: Chief Minister of Karnataka, Basavaraj Bommai, currently on a visit to the national capital, called on Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh and held an hour meeting to discuss issues related to the Ministry of Personnel and Science Ministries.

During the discussion, the Chief Minister appreciated the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) for the prompt response to every request made by the State Government. He also requested assistance in carrying out the State Cadre Review. Bommai also took up the issue of induction of officers of the Karnataka Administrative Service into the IAS.

Dr Jitendra congratulated Bommai on taking over as the Chief Minister of Karnataka. He assured the Chief Minister that DoPT is very prompt in disposing of all the service matters related to different States and as soon as the required procedures and requirements are fulfilled by the respective State Governments, the DoPT pushes forward the process at the earliest.

Dr Singh also gave Bommai an update about various activities of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), which has its headquarter in Bengaluru.

He said, Bengaluru has the pride of becoming one of the leading Space Research Centres and the scientific fraternity is receiving acknowledgement from across the world. He also explained to the Chief Minister the various applications of Space Technology that can be utilised in sectoral areas and development projects.

JUTA celebrates Teachers' Day virtually

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JAMMU: The last one and a half year has taught us to continuously evolve, and build capacities as teachers to face challenges that may be natural, man-made, societal, or individual. Keeping this in mind and celebrating the Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsava, Jammu University Teachers Association (JUTA), University of Jammu, organized Teachers Day virtually on occasion of Birth Anniversary of former President of India, Scholar, Philosopher and Bharat Ratna Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. At the very outset he wished all present on the teachers' Day. A comprehensive presentation was made by Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar to familiarize the faculty members especially newly inducted ones, a glimpse and an idea about the University of Jammu. He spoke about the achievements of Main Campus, Offsite Campuses, and affiliated Colleges, and discussed about significant initiatives and milestones in research.

Further he laid the future directions about the priority areas for the faculty which are implementation of NEP 2020, establishment of new departments and courses, timely interviews of faculty and construc-

tion of multistory parking in University Campus, among others. He also stressed on the need of quality publications and research projects. He concluded with the words that we must all derive happiness and pride that we are the Faculty of University of Jammu, which is progressing in leaps and bounds in the development indicators.

Prof. Rajni Dingra, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu, was the Guest of Honor in the function. She welcomed and wished all the teachers a very happy teachers' day. She applauded the efforts of JUTA for organizing the event and the excellent presentation by JUTA President for honoring the superannuated teachers.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, University of Jammu extended his warm greetings on the day and congratulated all the teachers for their active support during Covid times.

Earlier Prof. Neeru Sharma, President JUTA highlighted the role of teachers in present times and congratulated the superannuated and newly appointed faculty members.

The programme was followed by offering a token of respect to the great teacher whose birthday is celebrated as teachers day, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, in the form of documentary presentation. She said that it was the glory of Indian democracy that an education-

ist aloof from politics but with an international acclaim as a profound scholar was placed in the position of the President.

The JUTA President also honoured the building blocks of the University, and talked about the achievements of various Professors who had superannuated since last two years who had contributed to the growth of University of Jammu in their own unique ways.

Dr.Sikander Pal Choudhary General Secretary, JUTA introduced all the newly appointed Faculty Members of University of Jammu, namely Suman Kumari, Dr. Rajbir Singh Sodhi, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Neeraj Kumar, Ajay Lakhotra, Dr. Monika Bhardwaj, Dr. Ripu Daman Parihar, Kajal Kalsi, Dr. Rajendra Nath Patra, Dr. Harjit Singh, Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha, Dr. Bandana Thakur and Dr. Chimmoyee Maharana.

Earlier all the JUTA Office Bearers, Dr.Vijay Saigal, Vice President Dr.Sikander Pal Choudhary General Secretary, Dr. Pritam Singh, Joint General Secretary, and Dr. Meghna Dhar, Treasurer wished all the JUTA Members a very happy teachers day.

The event was organized with the special technical support of Dr. Suresh Kumar Murugesan, The American College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

JDA seals structures constructed in violation of Master Plan 2032

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JAMMU: Jammu Development Authority on Wednesday conducted an anti-encroachment drive and sealed illegal construction in Sarore area of Jammu constructed in violation to Master Plan 2032.

The drive was conducted in coordination with Police Department and District administration Jammu.

The illegal construction sealed by the Authority included three commercial structures.

The concerned Tehsildar JDA and Enforcement Wing conducted the drive under the overall supervision of Vice Chairman JDA.

The JDA acting firmly against the violators conducted the drive successfully and urged people to get their maps approved and permissions issued in their favour before undertaking any construction. A clear message was also given by the Authority that such drives will continue in future against the violators.



JDA employees sealing illegal construction.

NC pays homage to Sher-i-Kashmir on 39th death anniversary

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JAMMU: National Conference leaders on Wednesday paid glorious tributes to Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah on his 39th Death Anniversary and took pledge to uphold and preserve the legacy of amity, brotherhood and communal harmony bequeathed by the towering leader of the sub-continent.

"Strengthening the bonds of amity and brotherhood will be biggest tribute to Sher-i-Kashmir, who strived all his life for harmony among different segments of society and unity between the regions and sub-regions of Jammu and Kashmir", Provincial President Devender Singh Rana said while leading the party cadre and leadership in paying homage to Sheikh Sahib at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhavan here this morning.

Describing Sher-e-Kashmir



NC leaders paying tributes to Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah.

as one of tallest leaders of the era of Mahatma Gandhi and Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, the Provincial President said his secular and progressive outlook will continue to be a source of inspiration for generations.

Rana threw light on various facets of Sher-i-Kashmir's life and recalled his sacrifice and contribution to ameliorate the lot of people, especially those belonging to weaker and down-trodden segments of society.

Former minister and senior leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra recalled the contribution of

Sheikh Sahib in ensuring equal opportunities of progress and development to all, saying he was a strong proponent of satiating the peculiar aspirations of the people of all the regions and sub-regions, irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

Sadhotra said Sheikh Sahib struggled all his life for strengthening communal bonds between various sections of the society.

Former minister and senior leader Abdul Gani Malik, while paying tribute to Sher-i-Kashmir said his contribution to the governance of the