

Jat Mahasabha delegation meets CS, seeks ownership rights for land allotted to displaced families of 1965, 1971

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JAMMU: A delegation of All India Jat Mahasabha (AIJMS) led by its President Ch Manmohan Singh today met Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta and sought ownership rights for the land chunks allotted to displaced Jat families during Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971.

The delegation submitted a memorandum to the Chief Secretary highlighting the issues and demands of the over 5 lakh Jat community members living in the UT of J&K. The main demand raised by the AIJMS include ownership rights to the families who were allotted land at various places by the then state government post their displacement from their original homes during the Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971. Giving instances of such injustice, Ch Manmohan cited the cases of National Highway passing through village Suphal, concrete bund under construction by the BSF in the area from village Kangwala in Samba district going across village Sai Kalan in RS Pura area and beyond, where Jat families



AIJMS delegation led by its President Ch Manmohan Singh calling on Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta.

have been denied compensation just because of lack of the aforesaid rights.

The Jat leader also apprised the Chief Secretary that a survey was conducted by the NHAI authorities from Lakhnupur to Jammu in 2008 to acquire the land along the National Highway and promised to pay the compensation to structures raised on the custodian land allotted to the displaced persons.

He mentioned that after passing of about 14 years, now the NHAI has desire to acquire the same land through the district administrations of Jammu,

Samba and Kathua.

He termed it unfortunate that the NHAI authorities are paying the compensation as per 2008 rates which were not acceptable to Jat community.

The delegation sought that the government should pay adequate compensation to Jat community people as per four times the current market value of the property.

He said that Jat community is not well-off like other business communities settled permanently in the city which can easily survive on alternative sources of income therefore government should take an

early decision to give them ownership rights of the land chunks which are under their possession and are being looked after since the day the government has allotted the same to them.

After listening to the plight of the AIJMS delegation the Chief Secretary assured to place the matter before the higher authorities for an early and favourable resolution.

The delegation consisted of Brig. Pawan Sauntra, Col S.R. Choudhary, Sarpanch Parveen choudhary, Ch Prem Pal, Sarpanch Sarjeet Singh, Ch Rashpal Singh, Ch Rattan and Nb. Sarpanch Davinder Singh.

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JAMMU: 42nd meeting of the Governing Body of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi College of Nursing (SMVDCoN), Katra, was held on Monday to discuss way forward for developing this institution as a centre of excellence for providing top quality nursing education to the students in consonance with the emerging requirements of healthcare system.

The meeting chaired by Suresh Kumar Sharma (Retd.) Judge, Chairman, SMVDCoN, Governing Body and Member Shrine Board; was attended by Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board; Dr. Shakti Kumar Gupta, Director AIIMS, Jammu; Dr. Sharda Potukuchi, Associate Professor, Head of Biotechnology and Dean Academic Affairs, SMVDCoN; Dr. Sunil Sharma, Joint CEO of Shrine Board and Administrator of SMVDCoN and Dr. Shailla Cannie, Principal SMVDCoN.

The GB also discussed the possibilities for exploring

Governing Body of SMVD College of Nursing finalises arrangements for Nursing Fest 'Tarang-2022'



Governing Body of SMVDCoN during a meeting at Katra.

introduction of Post Graduate Programme in the college through online/Hybrid mode in the various disciplines like Health Care Quality and Patient Safety & Community Care for catering to the needs of working population from Health background (clinical / academic settings) as the master's degree is becoming the standard credential for most medical/ healthcare positions.

Besides, the availability of these programs in India is limited and introduction of the same shall increase accessibility to high quality education for a large number of aspiring students through distance-learning modalities.

The meeting, while approving the calendar of events of the College for the year 2022-23, appreciated various activities undertaken by the institution on varied subjects by associating experts in the relevant fields during the past months for the benefit of the students and faculty.

The Governing Body also finalised the arrangements for organising 2-day Inter-College Competition "Tarang-2022" by the SMVDCoN for the various Nursing Colleges of the UT which is scheduled to be held on 22nd and 23rd September, 2022.

The inaugural function and other events on the first day of the competition will be held at the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Katra.

Dogri Sanstha Jammu organises Bal Kahani Goshthi

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JAMMU: Dogri Sanstha Jammu organized Dogri Bal Kahani Goshthi in which four story writers Dr. Sheetal Sharma, Dr. Manoj Heer, Dr. Sonika Jasrotia and Dr. Radha Rani presented their stories.

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The programme started with Dr. Sheetal Sharma presenting her short stories 'Sukh Suvilha' and 'Shaitan Bachhe' thereafter Dr. Manoj Heer presented 'Mehnat' and 'Wahm', Dr. Sonika Jasrotia presented 'Pakki Dost' whereas in the end Dr. Radha Rani presented 'Bajaru Gudda' and 'Nama Mahol'.

The programme was presided over by well-known dogri writer and Ex-Head of Department, Dogri Department, Jammu University Prof. Shivdev

Singh Manhas, who in his presidential address complemented the writers for their well knitted children short stories.

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He advised the young writers to keep writing and read children literature written not only in Dogri but in other languages also that will help them to realize to what direction children literature is advancing in recent times.

The programme was conducted by General Secretary Dogri Sanstha and Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya awardee Rajeshwar Singh

National Mission on Himalayan Studies organises workshop on mushroom cultivation at GDC Drass

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KARGIL: A day-long workshop cum training programme on mushroom cultivation was organized by the Govt Degree College (GDC), Drass in the Union Territory of Ladakh in collaboration with the National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS) and implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt of India and the Department of Botany, University of Jammu.

The Chief Secretary directed the concerned officers to expedite the progress of work by increasing manpower and ensure that all the executed works are completed within set timelines.

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The Chief Secretary instructed the executing agencies to take special care for maintaining the aesthetic ambience of the prestigious heritage complex.

The Chief Secretary issued specific directions to the concerned for expediting the pace of renovation works at Mubarak Mandi as the complex is expected to become a major tourist attraction of Jammu City.

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The edible mushroom species we consume today were once growing only in the wild and later domesticated by

the humans as an alternative vegetable food for fulfilling our nutritional needs" informed Prof Sharma.

Elaborating further, Prof Sharma said that due to increasing population and shrinking land resources due to rapid urbanization, society is facing the diverse challenges of food security, deteriorating quality of health, unemployment, and increasing environmental deterioration.

Giving details of the mush-



Participants of the workshop posing for a photograph at Drass.

room diversity and its forms with respect to the Northwestern Himalayan regions of Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh, the mycologist said that edible mushrooms are nature's best non-green veggies and health food constituting all-in-one package of nutritional, medicinal, and economic attributes.

He congratulated Dr. Amjad Ali Abbasi, Principal GDC, Drass, and the local implementing partner of the

NMHS project, for introducing the Skill Development Course on Mushroom Cultivation for undergraduate students under NEP 2020 this year.

Dr. Tahir Mahmood, the Project Fellow, NMHS project presented detailed protocols of mushroom cultivation to the workshop participants. In the afternoon session, a field expedition was organized to understand the habitat and ecology of wild mushrooms.

BJP's massive outreach to last person in society jitters opposition: Rana

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UNA: BJP Co-Prabhari for Himachal Pradesh elections, Devender Singh Rana on Monday said the opposition jitteriness reflects the frustration over the BJP's massive outreach to last person in the society in a bid to elicit their participation in the implementation of various schemes tailored for their welfare, empowerment and progress.

Addressing Scheduled Caste Convention at Kuthalbari Mandal, during the second leg tour of the Una District, Devender Rana castigated the Congress for being inimical to the interests of Scheduled Castes, saying that it has been exploiting the weaker sections as a vote bank in a desperate bid to become relevant in the Indian politics after being rejected by the people.

He exhorted the cadre to reach out to the members of the

SC community in a big way to inform them about various schemes launched by the Narendra Modi government at the Centre and the BJP dispensation in the Himachal Pradesh, which have already benefited a sizable population of the targeted segments.

He referred to the welfare measures taken for the empowerment of SC and ST communities in the past several years, saying these are more than

what the other parties, especially the Congress did during their over six decade rule.

The Co-Prabhari also referred to the concern of the Prime Minister with regard to emancipation and empowerment of the SC community, saying the number of the members in his ministry speaks about the importance attached to their welfare and progression in every sphere.

Unlike the Congress mind-set

about the weaker sections to be provided just basic amenities, the BJP is committed towards their active participation in governance and bringing them into mainstream as equals, he added. Rana exuded confidence about the Scheduled Castes coming in a big way to support the path breaking policies of Narendra Modi and re-electing the BJP government in Himachal Pradesh for continuity in the implementation of various schemes introduced for holistic development of their habitats and empowerment of the youth.

The people of Himachal Pradesh in general and the Scheduled Castes in particular can see for themselves the strides taken over the years by the BJP for elevating their life standard and ensuring the benefits of development and welfare schemes reaching last person in the society", Rana said and referred to the initiatives taken over the years.

He said 50 per cent beneficiaries under the Mudra scheme belong to SC community across the country, which has given a big fillip to employment.

Paying tributes to the Father of Indian Constitution Dr B R Ambedkar for his huge contribution towards nation building and emancipation of the weaker sections, said besides various measures the Himachal Pradesh Government has established libraries in the name of Babasaheb in every district of the state.

Rana complimented the SC leaders of the BJP for intensifying their mass outreach campaign across Himachal Pradesh, saying this will enable blooming of Lotus on a massive scale during ensuring assembly elections.



BJP Co-Prabhari for HP elections, Devender Singh Rana addressing a gathering at Una.

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Pouni, Ransoo, Dadua and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 20 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Lalle-Da-Bagh, Lower Muthi, Lakshmi Vihar, Balwant Vihar, Udheywala, Anand Nagar, Machiliana, Nagbani and adjoining areas shall remain affected on September 20 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Jhajjar Kothi, Dansal, Jindra, BattalManwal, Surinsar, Kishanpur, Mansar