

# Gaurav calls on CS Mehta, discusses issues related to Ghar Mumkin Khad, tourism, industrial sector

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Gaurav Gupta, former General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu, held a meeting on Friday with Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and submitted a memorandum of demands.

During this meeting, Gupta conveyed the concerns and aspirations of the citizens of Jammu regarding various urgent issues affecting the region.

He began by acknowledging the remarkable progress witnessed in Jammu and Kashmir under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. The region has experienced substantial development in multiple



Former General Secretary CCI Jammu, Gaurav Gupta submitting memorandum to CS Dr Arun Kumar Mehta.

sectors, including infrastructure, healthcare, and education, with transformative projects aimed at enhancing connectivity and economic growth.

However, Gupta highlighted pressing issues of "Gair Mumkin Khad" land

issues. He emphasized the need for a swift response to protect the rights of affected individuals and communities while addressing inaccuracies in land status.

Another critical matter discussed was the timely disbursement of turnover

incentives for existing industries in the region. He stressed that the delay in these incentives, due to limited funds, was causing liquidity stress for existing businesses and discouraging potential newcomers from investing in Jammu and Kashmir.

He also laid stress upon expediting ongoing tourism projects in Jammu, particularly the Artificial Lake/Taw Barrage project. He said the government has done a great job in promoting Kahsmir and the need of the hour is to take adequate action to boost tourism in Jammu. He suggested the government make a tourism circuit by connecting all the places having the potential to boost tourism and hold the tourists in the Jammu

region.

He reiterated the potential to boost tourism in the region, which could have far-reaching economic benefits.

Lastly, Gupta expressed concern over the proposed hike in power tariffs for industrial units in the region. He requested the Chief Secretary to hold and review this move, emphasizing the importance of supporting the industrial sector's growth and competitiveness as the industrial sector of the Jammu region is in struggling mode.

The Chief Secretary gave a patient hearing to the issues put forth by the former General Secretary of the Chamber and assured to take necessary steps in redressing the same.

# Cantonment Board conducts special cleanliness drive



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Cantonment Board in Jammu conducted a special cleanliness drive as part of the Swachta Hi Sewa campaign. This drive involved cleaning and maintaining various public areas within the Cantonment.

Maintenance of the trenching ground is important to ensure proper waste disposal and man-

agement. Cleaning open grounds is essential to create a clean and safe environment for public use.

The Cantonment was preparing for an Air Show organized by the Jammu Airforce Station. Special measures were taken to ensure the area around the airfield was clean and free from waste to prevent bird attraction during the Air Show.

The Cantonment Board also attended to vulnerable points and debris outside their jurisdiction but adjoining the Cantonment area.

Swachta hi Seva Special campaign of Cleanliness has been started from September 15 to October 2, 2023 in which various special cleanliness drives will be undertaken in all wards of the Jammu Cantonment.

# CO 11th Bn sanctions Rs 3.60 lakh welfare loan to deserving officials

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ANANTNAG: Departmental Promotion Committee Meeting and Unit Welfare Committee Meeting was held on Friday under the Chairmanship of Sandeep Kumar Mehta, SSP (Commanding Officer) 11th Bn at Battalion Headquarters Anantnag.

During In-situ Promotion Committee Meeting, seven cases were taken up for discussion which were due for In-situ promotion, out of which only two officials namely Follower (Cook) Bashir Ahmad No. P-09/IRP 11th Bn, PID No. ARP-952343 and Follower (Washerman) Fayaz Ahmad No. P-44/IRP 11th Bn, PID No. ARP-055679 qualified as per the criteria

framed by the Police Headquarters J&K.

During the Unit Welfare Committee Meeting, Welfare loan to the tune of Rs. 3.60 laes has been sanctioned in favour of 09 officials of the unit.

An amount of Rs. 50,000/- was sanctioned in favour an official for the marriage of his son, whereas, an amount of Rs. 2,00,000/- was sanctioned in favour of (05) personnel for self treatment and medical treatment of their dependents.

An amount of Rs. 40,000/- was sanctioned in favour of one official of the unit for higher education of his ward.

An amount of Rs.50,000/- was sanctioned in favour of one

official of this unit for self marriage.

In addition to above, an amount of Rs. 20,000/- was sanctioned in favour of an official to meet his social obligation.

The sanctioning of Welfare loan out of the unit Welfare fund is a continuous process and a facility to the officers / Officials of J&K Police, so as to ensure them to take care of themselves and their family's contingencies.

Chairman of the Committees Sandeep Kumar Mehta expressed satisfaction over timely In-situ promotions of the Officials & also issued the formal orders for the disbursement of Welfare loan to the deserving ones of IR 11th Bn Anantnag.

# IIT Jammu, SIBA organise Multispeciality Health Camp

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: In a collaborative effort, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu joined hands with SIBA events to host a Free Multispeciality Health Checkup Camp on the serene Jagti Campus of IIT Jammu on Friday.



IIT Jammu and SIBA officials posing for a photograph with doctors at a camp.

The event witnessed the unwavering support and participation of renowned regional healthcare establishments, including Amandeep Hospital, Dr Acharya, Sharp Sight Eye Hospital, Green Court Hospital, IVF Care, Sehora Dental College, JKDCP, Bhawani Printers, J&K Police and J&K Traffic Police. Their collective dedication to promoting community health was evident throughout the event.

The multispeciality health camp was inaugurated by Prof Vijayan Pallipattu, Dean Administration of IIT Jammu, who was joined by Dr Karunika Sharma, Medical Officer IIT

Jammu, adding an aura of prestige to the event.

One of the standout features of this health camp was the provision of free medicines to attendees, prescribed by the visiting doctors. Additionally, attendees had the opportunity to avail themselves of complimentary basic tests for blood sugar, blood pressure, eye, et al, ensuring that even the most fundamental health concerns were addressed. Doctors from

General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopedics, Neuro ,Spine Ophthalmology, ENT, Dental, Eyes, Ayurveda, Gynae rendered their services.

This collaborative effort between IIT Jammu and SIBA is a testament to their commitment to the well-being of the community they serve. The event was a resounding success, with numerous attendees benefiting from the expertise of leading medical professionals and

the generosity of the participating healthcare institutions.

In the end SIBA team Sidharth Verma and Baljeet Singh co-founder thanked everyone who made this camp successful, along with team members Ramneek Kour, Meenakshi Verma , Adv. Sumit Verma, Jasmeet Kour, Vishwas, Sumit, Amarjeet Singh and Manmeet Singh, Aakash Singh along with JKDCP, Bhawani Printers.

# Seminar organised by Sahitya Academy New Delhi in collaboration with Dogri Dept concludes



Writer Prof. Archana Kesar with other dignitaries at a programme.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The two-day seminar on the "History of Dogri Language and Literature" organized by Sahitya Academy New Delhi in collaboration with the PG. Department of Dogri was held at the Seminar Hall of the Department of Computer Sciences, University of Jammu, here. The seminar began its second day with the third session starting at 10:30 AM. Eminent writer Prof. Archana Kesar presided over the session, which featured the presentation of three papers.

Dr. Neelam Sarin presented a paper on the History of Dogri Novels, Dr. Sandeep Sufi presented a paper on the History of Dogri Poetry and Dr. Radha Sharma presented a paper on the History of Dogri Short Stories. All three papers received high praise from the audience in attendance, but Dr. Goswami raised some questions and provided suggestions for further improvement.

Prof. Archana Kesar, in her presidential address, offered valuable suggestions for the revision of the papers.

The last session of the seminar was presided over by the Dogri writer and Sahitya Akademi awardee, Prof. Veena Gupta. Dr. Radha Rani presented a paper on the topic "History of Dogri Drama" to kick-start the session.

Dr. Chanchal Bhasin presented a paper on the history of prose in Dogri literature. Dr. Padam Dev Singh presented his paper on "History of Dogri Criticism," which generated significant interest and questions from the audience and scholars.

Prof. Veena Gupta, in her presidential address, raised questions and provided suggestions related to the growth and development of Dogri Language and Literature, particularly for the new generation of scholars, readers, and the general public.

Padma Shri Mohan Singh, Convener of the Dogri Advisory Board, New Delhi, on behalf of the board and participants, expressed gratitude to the audience, scholars from the Department of Dogri at JU and professors from different colleges in Jammu and Kashmir. Mohan Singh emphasized the importance of public participation in the development of Dogri Language and Literature.

Dr. N. Suresh Babu, Deputy Secretary of Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, highlighted the subjects discussed in the five sessions, acknowledged the contributions of the scholars, and praised the knowledge and interest in language and literature in Jammu and Kashmir.

# Make use of Hindi for all official, administrative work mandatory: DBPS urges LG

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Dogra Brahman Pratinidhi Sabha (DBPS) has appealed to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir to issue an executive order mandating the use of Hindi for all official and administrative work in the Union Territory.

Ved Parkash Sharma, the President of DBPS, emphasized that this change is essential given the new status of Jammu & Kashmir.

Advocate P C Sharma, a senior member of the Sabha, suggested that Dogri and Hindi could also be used as medium languages in official documents and work within the Union Territory since they are easily understood by the citizens.

Prominent social activists B S Jamwal and Subash Shastri supported the inclusion of Dogri and Hindi as official languages, considering it a long-standing demand and a move towards



President DBPS, Ved Parkash Sharma speaking at a meeting.

promoting equality.

Advocate Chander Mohan Sharma, a senior BJP leader, proposed expanding the use of Sanskrit language and encouraged community members to voluntarily control guest numbers at events like weddings and functions.

DBPS also lauded the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill by the Parliament, describing it as a historic achievement.

Various community members

and leaders present at the meeting included V.M. Mangotra, N.C. Sharma, M.L. Sharma, Satyanand Sharma, Shiv Ram Sharma, Gurdas Sharma, Jagan Nath Sharma, Soujanya Sharma, Sat Pal Sharma, Sunil Sharma, S.S. Baru, K.L. Sharma, M.L. Padha, Brita Ram, Ramesh Sharma, Devinder Sharma (Baboo), Ritiz Khajuria, Deepak Sharma, Prem Balotra, Rajesh Mangotra and Raman Sharma.

The Welfare loan sanctioned to the police officers / Officials is refundable and is recovered in monthly installments from their salaries without any interest.

The Chairman of the Committee(s) Sandeep Kumar Mehta, SSP, (Commanding Officer) expressed satisfaction over timely In-situ promotions of the officials & also issued the formal orders for the disbursement of Welfare loan to the deserving ones of IR 11th Bn Anantnag.

# MP Khatana hails Women Reservation Bill

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: BJP MP Rajya Sabha Er. Gulam Ali Khatana congratulated Matrishakti on the passage of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, stating that it will empower women in India and aligns with BJP's commitment to removing gender discrimination.

He mentioned that during the BJP government's nine-year tenure, women have been deployed in combat

duties in the armed forces, breaking traditional taboos.

The MP highlighted the Matru Vandana Yojana, where pregnant women and lactating mothers receive cash incentives directly into their bank accounts.

He noted the government's special focus on controlling the maternal mortality rate, indicating efforts to improve maternal healthcare.

Khatana emphasized the BJP government's decision

to remove Article 370 and 35A in Jammu and Kashmir, which he said provided equal rights not only to women but also to other communities like Gorkhas, Valmikis, West Pakistani refugees, and more.

The MP asserted that the BJP believes in equality for all and upliftment of marginalized segments of society. He concluded by stating that the BJP's motto is to serve the poorest among the poor.

# Education Assistance of Rs 1.034 Cr released in favour of Wards of 1474 registered construction workers

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Friday released an amount of Rs 1.034 crore in favour of the wards of 1474 beneficiaries/registered construction workers on account of Education Assistance under J&K Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOCWWB) here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the DC was apprised by Assistant Labour Commissioner that an amount of Rs 3.88 crore has been provided as Education Assistance to the 10554 wards of 7671 registered workers during current financial year 2022-23.

Similarly, Rs 5.15 crore were also disbursed among 7699 beneficiaries under different schemes including Death Assistance, Chronic Disease Assistance and Disability/Medical Assistance of JKBOCWWB during the same period.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Syed Ahmad Kataria, Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Yaseen Lone, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Arshid Qadir Bhat and other concerned were present on the occasion.

# Foundation of new India laid through Women's reservations Bill: Rekha

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: After the passing of 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' (Women's Reservation Bill) in the Rajya Sabha, the BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan along Prabhari District Jammu South Ayodhya Gupta, District General Secretary Pushpinder Singh, District Vice President Narinder Koki, District Secretary Pummi Choudhary Mandal President Bharat Bhushan including members of the BJP women's and local public in ward no 43 of Bahu Constituency in District Jammu South offer sweets in extravagant-za after the Women's Reservation Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha during the Special session of Parliament, in New Delhi, India on Thursday, September 21, 2023.

Rekha Mahajan remarked It's a big day for women," and do not doubt about implementation



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan and others at a programme.

"Modi Hai Toh Mum, kin Hai".

She expressed her happiness over the passage of the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' and said the Rajya Sabha passed the long-pending bill granting 33 percent reservation to women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies with 215 MPs voting in favor of the bill. The Upper House of Parliament underwent a day-long session discussing the 128th

Constitution Amendment Bill, the Nari Shakti Vandan Bill.

Rekha lauds PM Modi's historical vision in favor of women reservation in India's parliament passed a landmark bill Thursday that will reserve a third of its seats in the lower house and state assemblies for women, in a major win for rights groups that have for decades campaigned for better gender representation in politics.