

## Panel suggests amendment in Police Act

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SRINAGAR, Aug 29: The Committee on Subordinate Legislation of Legislative Assembly headed by its Chairman Advocate Abdul Haq today suggested amendment in Police Act.

The Committee, which met with its members Rafi Ahmad Mir, Ashok Kumar, Lal Chand, Peer Afaq Ahmad, Mushtaq Ahmad Shah and Engineer Abdul Rashid, gave their valuable suggestions in making the Police Act a viable and result oriented.

Threadbare discussion was held on Downry laws, Home Guard Act, Police, Jail Manual and Laws, besides, over all working of the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

The panel observed that the Police Laws should be strong. so that the people get justice. The Committee directed

Home Department and Police Headquarters to constitute expert committee to make suggestions for replacement of Obsolete Laws and to make working of Police and allied wings of Home Department with the current times to the expectation of common masses.

Earlier, Additional Director General of Police, P.L Gupta briefed the Committee about the Police Law.

Later, the Director General Fire & Emergency Services Dr. GA Bhat gave resume of the activities of the department.

Among others, Special Secretary Assembly M.R Singh, Additional Secretaries in Home, Director J&K Forensic Laboratory, DIG PHQ, DIG Prisons, Director, Defense Labour Procurement, A.I.G, P.H.Q and other officers of Home Department and Assembly Secretariat attended the meeting.



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JAMMU, Aug 29: A CII delegation led by Jayant Davar - chairman, CII Northern Region co-chairman and managing director, Sandhar Technologies Ltd had an interaction with the Members of Parliament from J&K.

During the course of interaction, the delegation presented the agenda of the CII Northern Region for 2013 -14. Dr Sudhir Kapur, chairman, regional committee on CSR and managing director and CEO, Country Strategy Business Consultant Pvt Ltd, shared details about the work done by CII in CSR. Anil Mahajan, chairman CII, J& K State Council and Director K C Group of Industries gave a brief on the focus areas of CII in the State.

The MPs who were present during the interaction were Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Dr Farooq Abdullah, Mohammad Shafi, Sharif-ud-din Shariq, G N Ratnapuri, and Prof Saif-ud-Din-Soz.

On the occasion, Dr Farooq said that there is a dire need for

the State to have Single Window Clearance System for easy setup of Industry. There is need for the investors to realize that the State has great scope in renewable energy in Ladakh region.

Responding to the issues of central excise and environment clearance for industries in the State, Dr Abdullah assured that he will accompany the CII representatives to take up the matter with the relevant departments of the Centre. He also assured the delegation that he will look into the matter that Lakhampur toll post be remained open round the clock for the benefit of the industry in J & K.

Sharif-ud-din Shariq said that the dearth of skilled persons in the State can be covered by upgrading the infrastructure and curriculum of ITIs and polytechnics of our State.

Sheikh Imran, chairman, CII Kashmir Zone and Director Kashmir Sunsilk Pvt Ltd, Sanjay Puri- managing director PBI Metals India Pvt Ltd, and Varun Singla, Director Singla Cables were also part of the delegation.

## Deputations call on Governor

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SRINAGAR, Aug 29: A large delegation of the Kashmir Traders and Manufacturers Federation, Srinagar, met N. N. Vohra, Governor, at the Raj Bhavan here today and presented to him a memorandum of their demands.

The demands presented by the delegation included, inter-alia, provision of adequate compensation and appropriate rehabilitation of the shopkeepers whose establishments are being affected by various road widening schemes and the Jehangir Chowk-Ram Bagh Flyover project in the city. They also sought the transparent and effective implementation of the State Government's amnesty scheme for the one-time payment of electricity arrears payable by the consumers.

While raising issues about functioning of the J&K Bank, the delegation stressed the importance for the Bank to ensure greater transparency in its recruitment processes, not leaving any scope for favouritism and nepotism.

The Governor assured the delegation that the issues raised by them would receive due attention.

The delegation comprised Haji Mushtaq Ahmad Darial, Chairman of the Federation; Haji Advocate Mushtaq Ahmad Sagar, President of the

Federation; Bashir Ahmad Wani, Secretary General; Peerzada Sahid Jeelani Makhdoomi; Chief Organiser, Hilal Ahmad Mandoo, Publicity Secretary; Nissar Ahmad Mir, Senior Vice President; Abdul Rahim Fafoo, Finance Secretary; Ghulam Rasool Shah, Publicity Chief; Haji Altaf Dar, Sheikh Zahoor Ahmad and Mushtaq Ahmad Kulla, Advisors; and Ghulam Nabi Wakeel, Chief Spokesman.

A 7-member delegation of the All Parties Sikh Coordination Committee, Srinagar also met Mr. Vohra and presented to him a memorandum of their demands.

The demands presented by the deputation led by Jagmohan Singh Raina, Chairman of the Coordination Committee, included, inter-alia, granting minority status to the Sikh community in the State as per the National Commission for Minorities Act, filling up of vacant posts of Punjabi teachers in the various Colleges and Higher Secondary Schools in the Kashmir Valley, setting up of a Punjabi Department in the Kashmir University, special employment package for the un-employed youth of the community and the provision of a provincial authority to issue Permanent Resident

Certificates in favour of those persons who had to leave their villages due to militancy but are living within the Kashmir Valley.

The Governor observed that he had urged the State Government to establish a Commission to look to the interests of various minorities in the State and had been given a positive assurance. Regarding their other demands, he said that they would receive due attention.

Meanwhile a delegation of the All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference, Srinagar presented memorandum of their problems and demands to the Governor. The demands included strengthening of Panchayati Raj Institutions in the State and the J&K Panchayati Raj Act being urgently amended for this purpose, immediate conduct of elections to the Block Development Councils, establishment of District Planning and Development Boards, provision of constitutional guarantee for the powers to be exercised by the Panchayati Raj Institutions and enhancing the honouraria payable to the Sarpanchs and Panchs.

The delegation comprised Fazal Hussain Khan Abdul Majeed Mir, Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Sofi, Mohammad Hussain Naqashbandi, Ashkoor Ahmad, Haji Ghulam Qadir Akhoo, Khurshid Ahmad Mir and Ghulam Mohammad Lone, functionaries of the Conference.

## Panel for speedy completion of KGBV buildings

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SRINAGAR, Aug 29: The Committee on Assurances of Legislative Assembly headed by MLA Mohammad Yasin Shah directed the concerned executive agencies to gear up their field functionaries and speed up the pace of construction work of all the on-going schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) as well as Rashtriya Madhmic Shiksha Abivian (RMSA), Kastruba Gandhi Balika Vidalya (KGBV) buildings and complete them in a stipulated time frame.

The Committee, which met with its members Ch. Zulfikar Ali, T. Namgyal, Er. Abdul Rashid, Syed Bashrat Ahmed Bukhari, Krishan Chander Bhagat, Irfan Ahmed Shah and Javid Ahmed Dar gave their valuable suggestions for the improvement in working of Education Sector.

The Committee observed that the delay in completion of school buildings and KGBVs causes cost escalation and also hardships to the student community.

Secretary Education, Hirdesh Kumar, Director School Education, Jammu, Director School Education, Kashmir, All Chief Education Officers and other officers of Education Department and Assembly Secretariat attended the meeting.

## Govt keen to re-decorate historical Raghunath Bazar on modern lines: Bhalla

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JAMMU, Aug 29: Minister for Housing, Horticulture and Culture Raman Bhalla today said that Government is making all out efforts to modernize and re-decorate historical Raghunath Bazar on modern lines, adding that for this purpose Government has already released Rs 3.50 crore.

Mr. Bhalla said that concerned department has submitted a revised plan estimated to cost Rs 6.67 crores out of which Government has released Rs. 3.50 crore. He said that the remaining funds for the project will also be released shortly.

Divisional Commissioner, Shantmanu, Deputy Commissioner, Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Director Tourism, Soujanya Sharma. President JHS Baldev Khullar besides artists, intellectual, members of civil society, leading businessmen, industrialists who have made valuable contributions in promoting local heritage, culture and art were present on the occasion.

The Minister gave a detailed review of the status of work on the project taken up to beautify and develop the

The Minister said that the Raghunath Bazaar is the hub of pilgrims and tourists. He informed that the first phase



Minister for Housing Raman Bhalla lighting the traditional lamp at a function at Jammu on Thursday.

heritage market around the historical Shri Raghunath temple at a 3-years celebrations function held here this evening. The function organised by Jammu Heritage Society (JHS).

Mr. Bhalla informed that ornamental moulding of poles to give them designer look with fancy lights and PVC Cable, renovation, modernization and up-gradation of overhead power distribution network at Raghunath Bazar under Heritage Development Scheme, shifting of underground BSNL cable for the development of Raghunath Bazar area.

Mr. Bhalla directed the departments of BSNL, PHE and PDD to undertake their parts of the work on war footing to complete the same at the earliest. He stressed that the concerned departments should work in coordination to ensure time bound completion of the ongoing works.

of up gradation and beautification of bazaar has been completed with painting of the shutters and doors of shops in keeping with Dogra art design. The second phase of raising sheds in uniform pattern by all the shops are in progress.

Mr. Khullar presented memorandum to the Minister and laid stress on preserving and maintaining of historical forts of Jammu especially Bahu Fort and forts of Akhnor, Reasi, Rajouri and Samba besides preservation, proper maintenance and showcasing of historical monuments and religious places like Mubarak Mandi, Shri Raghunath ji temple, Parmandal, Utterbani and Suchetgarh temple have also their significance.

Later, the renowned painter of son-of soil K K Gandhi presented a painting of historical Heritage site of Billawar to the Minister.

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