

State Investigation Agency celebrates first Raising Day

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JAMMU, Nov 1: The first Raising Day of State Investigation Agency (SIA) of Jammu and Kashmir Police was celebrated today at Miran Sahib, here.

The Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh was the chief guest and Special DG CID J&K R R Swain was the guest of honour on the occasion.

Special DGP Crime J&K AK Choudhary, ADG Security J&K Dr SD Singh Jamwal, ADGP Jammu Zone Mukesh Singh, ADG Railways Sunil Kumar, ADG (Coord) PHQ Danesh Rana, Director SKPAU Garib Dass, Director ACB Anand Jain, IGP BSF Jammu DK Boora, IGP Headquarters PHQ BS Tuti, IGP CID J&K MN Tiwari, IGP Traffic Vikramjeet Singh, DIG JSK Vivek Gupta, DIG BSF S P S Sandhu, DPT Shridhar Patil, SO to IGP Tech Sargun Shukla, AIGs of PHQ, SSPs, Senior Prosecution Officers and other gazetted and non-gazetted officers of different wings, units and CID attended the function.

At the very outset of his address, the DGP said that during its first year of working, the SIA has investigated 450 cases of special nature with the overall disposal rate of 65 per cent. He said that in addition to this J&K Police has created new investigation units at district level called SIUs (Special Investigation Units) and added that these units too would complement and supplement the investigation process of UAPA cases.

He said that SIA has brought a



DGP Dilbag Singh, Special DG CID J&K R R Swain and others during SIA's first Raising Day celebration.

lot of value addition to the CID wing of Jammu and Kashmir Police. He said that SIA has emerged as a strong investigation arm of Jammu and Kashmir Police and the kind of fear SIA has been able to generate among the anti-peace elements is tremendous. Singh said that PHQ is providing all possible support to strengthen this wing.

In his address, the Special DG CID R R Swain said that the proposal of highlighting and underlining the good work of SIA is an initiative to remind ourselves about our responsibilities and reach to the wider family of J&K Police to boost the morale and energy of the organization. He said that the spirit behind the entire exercise was to underline that the extreme hard work, valour, courage and the raw energy which J&K Police displayed over the last 30 years where the military ability of enemy has been degraded.

SSP SIA Jammu Shiv Kumar also spoke on the occasion and gave detailed insight about the coming into existence of SIA and its working. In the beginning of the function one minute of silence was observed in order to pay homage to the brave martyrs of J&K Police.

The vote of thanks was presented by IGP CID MN Tiwari.

Meanwhile, the DGP Dilbag Singh has sanctioned retirement gift of Rs 68 lakh in favour of sixty eight police personnel of J&K Police who retired from active services after attaining superannuation or on voluntary retirement.

Sanction has been issued in favour of six gazetted officers, forty four non-gazetted, seventeen lower subordinates and one follower. The personnel belong to different units and wings of the department.

Retirement gift of Rs 1 lakh each is sanctioned to police personnel from the Contributory Police Welfare Fund at the time of his/her retirement. The gift serves as a token of appreciation for his/her services rendered to the department.



JKPCC working president Raman Bhalla interacting with party functionaries in Jammu.

Support Cong to bring back golden era in J&K: Bhalla

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JAMMU, Nov 1: Blaming BJP Govt for "making J&K poor in all sectors, JKPC working president Raman Bhalla today said that if voted to power in J&K, his party would bring back the "golden era J&K witnessed during earlier Congress regimes".

"The tenure of Congress Government was golden era in J&K's history, Congress had managed to hold back the inflation during its entire term," Bhalla said while interacting with Block presidents of Party.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla asked the party's young workers to work hard for strengthening the organization in the Union Territory, promising a special role for them in the next Assembly polls. He stressed to mobilize public opinion to strengthen the party at the grass-root level as also to highlight the BJP Government's wrong policies, especially in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The Congress will make the role of the youngsters more vibrant in order to nurture them for future challenges," Bhalla said and added that over the last eight years, in the name of "achhe din" (good days), the BJP has misled the people of the country.

"Farmers are suffering instead of

getting double income, the unemployment rate is growing like never before, the backbone of the common people is broken due to inflation and a skyrocketing rise in the prices of essential commodities," the Congress leader said.

Bhalla accused BJP of playing with the sentiments of those who voted it to power. "People are not happy with its policies and the Government has proved to be a failure. We have taken to the streets against the governance deficit, the lack of development and the failure of the Government to deliver on the promises made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Bhalla said.

He urged the members of the public to join the party in its fight against the BJP-led Centre's "anti-people policies, misrule and mismanagement".

He said the Congress will vigorously fight against the "wrong policies" of the government to ensure justice and relief to the common people. "To bring the people of J&K out of this uncertainty the Congress party wants to build a trust with the people so as to create a sense of hope and certainty for them," he said.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Ravinder Singh, Satish Sharma, Amrit Bali, Jatinder Singh Chib, Mandeep Singh, Pardeep Bhalla, S S Dutt and others.

HC seeks personal affidavit from Director ULB on SW management

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SRINAGAR, Nov 1: High Court has sought a comprehensive affidavit from Director Urban Local Bodies Kashmir indicating therein the steps taken for collection of garbage in accordance with law in Sopore area.

The direction from the Division Bench of Chief Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Justice V C Koul followed after the Director who was present in person before the court orally submitted the steps taken to treat the solid waste emanating from the area.

The Director ULB, Mathoor Masoom, appraised the bench that a comprehensive plan was prepared for ensuring cleanliness and collection of garbage and its disposal in tune with the scheme of law.

She further added that the establishment of Material Recovery Facility (MRF) is a time consuming affair, but the Department has already initiated the process of designing these MRFs for further preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) from the R&B Departments.

She informed that the plan for execution will take some time, but in the meanwhile, the garbage is dumped at Jetty Khawjabagh, Baramulla, so far as collection of garbage from Municipal Council Baramulla and Municipal Council, Sopore is concerned.

"We direct the Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir, to file comprehensive affidavit, indicating all the steps, as mentioned orally by her before this court in order to ensure the compliance of laws on the disposal of the garbage with copy in advance to other side", DB directed.

The petitioners-residents of the area are at liberty to file the response to the affidavit if so filed by the Director. "The Executive Officers, Municipal Council, Baramulla and Sopore shall ensure collection of garbage and

its dumping at the site identified and the same shall also be done in case of other Municipal Councils. In the event, affidavit is filed, the Director, Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir, need not to appear on the next date of hearing", reads the order.

The land measuring 40 Kanals for dumping of garbage has been transferred by the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir in terms of order dated 05.04.2022, situated at Darnamabal, Sopore, near Sofi Akbar Road but the same has not been used for dumping, as the NOC has not been issued by the Pollution Control Board.

The Action Taken Report filed by the respondents reveals that the Municipal Committee had identified the land measuring 19 Kanals and 05 Marlas located at Ninglee estate Darnamabal for setting up of Solid Waste Management Facility. The report further reveals that the DPR for the integrated Solid Waste Management Facility has also been prepared by the Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sopore, which stands submitted for necessary approval and for release of the funds to the tune of Rs. 4.30 crores.

B2V aimed to hide failures of Govt: AAP

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JAMMU, Nov 1: Terming Back to Village (B2V) as an attempt of Jammu and Kashmir Government to hide its failure, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and spokesperson, Pratap Jamwal said that on one hand Government is not having funds in hands to carry out development works but on the other hand it is having enough funds for beating drums under B2V.

Addressing a press conference here today, Pratap Jamwal said that Back to Village Phase IV is going on presently under which senior officers are visiting villages but this all is a show off and public is having no benefit out of it. He said that officers are visiting villages, meeting people, registering their grievances and then leave with no outcome for people.

"There is not even a single penny in the hands of the visiting officers which they can use financial powers for redressal of grievances," Jamwal said

Many welcome OBC status to Saini Samaj' Saini community economically, socially neglected: AJKPC

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RS PURA, Nov 1: Gurdeep Saini, general secretary All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) and Sarpanch Panchayat Gandhi, while welcoming the grant of OBC status to the members of Saini Community residing in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, strongly castigated those community members who are demanding withdrawal of this reservation just for their personal

Dulloo reviews status of Lumpy Skin Disease in J&K

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JAMMU, Nov 1: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to review measures being put in place towards containment of spread of Lumpy Skin Disease in Jammu and Kashmir.

The concerned officers highlighted district wise present status of the disease besides elaborating on controlling measures being taken up like vaccination, use of medicines, procurement of vaccines, sample collection for testing through a power point presentation.

While taking district wise details of LSD, ACS directed the concerned officers to follow proper protocols of treatment as per recommendation of government of India besides accelerating the animal vaccination process so that further spread of the disease is prevented speedily.

ACS stressed upon the officers to conduct more awareness camps on the disease at different places in both the divisions

especially in highly affected areas to spread awareness on the disease among the people so that precautionary measures could be taken in time.

Dulloo exhorted upon the officers to involve adequate field staff to ensure proper vaccination and launch door to door awareness campaign and inspections in more affected areas. He also asked for ensuring regular visits by field staff to make farmers aware about the Lumpy Skin Disease.

ACS also enquired about the availability of medicines while

directing both the Directors to ensure sufficient medicines in all the affected areas so that the spread can be tackled timely and effectively.

Earlier, it was informed that till date 64479 animals have been affected with Lumpy Skin Disease.

Director, Animal Husbandry Kashmir, Purnima Mittal, Chairmen and members of Task Force, Kashmir/Jammu, Chief Husbandry Officers besides other senior officers attended the meeting in person and through VC.



OBC Adhikar Tiranga Yatra being taken out on Tuesday. —Excelsior/Rakesh

OBCs take out Adhikar Tiranga Yatra for 27 percent reservation

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JAMMU, Nov 1: Seeking implementation of Mandal Commission recommendations in Jammu Kashmir Union Territory, three-day OBC Adhikar Tiranga Yatra began today from All J&K Kashyap Rajput Sabha Moti Bazar Jammu.

Raising slogans and carrying flags, the procession passed through Purani Mandi, City Chowk, Upper Gumat Bazar, Below Gumat, Press Club, Bikram Chowk, Sanjay Nagar, Diggins, Sikilghir Kulian, Hakkal village, Nandwal-Khundwale, Rambagh-Sudechak, Phalan-Mandall,

Adiya Dogra and Vikas Mehra. Sany Prajapati, senior comrade of OBC Samaj of Digna Unit, detailed during the procession that the JK-UT OBC's having population of 42 percent have been kept away since long time from their representation in Panchayati Raj Institutions & Urban Local Bodies despite Constitutional provisions under Article 243D-6 and 243T-6 which have already been implemented in rest of the country.

Kavi Raj, senior comrade of OBC Phalan-Mandal unit alleged that PM Modi has failed to fulfill his commitments made at Moulana Azad stadium Jammu & Hiranagar in 2014.

Bushan Vishwkarma said that the OBCs reject the report of Justice G D Sharma headed Socially and Educationally Backward Classes Commission which was working against the Mandal Commission and had no OBC member. He demanded that instead of extending its period, a new Chairman should be appointed from Justices of OBC community.

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Parladhpur and Govind Pura for night stay at Sohanjana.

The procession was led by Kasturi Lal Basotra, Chairman All J&K OBC Mahasabha; Bansil Lal Choudhary, convener OBC Mahasabha; Faquir Chand Satia, President All India Backward Classes Federation; Mohan Lal Pawar, General Secretary OBC Mahasabha; Rajinder Kumar Sikka, President Saini Samaj; Murari Lal Balgotra, President All J&K Kashyap Rajput Sabha; Ashok Kumar Basotra, Senior Advocate JK-UT High Court; Madhu Kumari, chief Ladies wing, Mohd Shabir Ahmed Salaria, President Dhoobi Welfare Central Committee; Bushan Vishwkarma, Rakesh Kumar Dhiman, Sunny Kumar Mehra, Gurpreet Dogra, Youth president, JK-UT Kashyap Rajput Sabha, Bodh Raj Dogra, Raj Kumar Sodi,

Kuldeep Pandey from Phalan-Mandal unit said the JK-UT Government implemented 10 percent EWS reservation for upper castes within 10 days without constituting any commission and without calculating their population whereas for 27 percent reservation for JK-UT OBCs, delaying tactics are being adopted.

The others, who spoke during the procession on Tuesday, included Rakesh Kumar Verma, Sany Prajapati, Sunny Kumar Dogra, Sunny Dogra, Raj Kumar Sodi and Ashok Kumar of Mandaal.

Rizwan gets Bhavishya Nidhi Award from Union Minister

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JAMMU, Nov 1: EPFO Regional Office, Jammu has received Bhavishya Nidhi Award in the category of "Best Performing Remote Office" at a function held in New Delhi by EPFO Head Office.

The award was presented to Rizwan Uddin, Regional PF Commissioner - I, Jammu, Srinagar and Leh by Minister of Labour and Employment, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India,

Post), Dagmar Walter, Director ILO (India and South Asia) among other higher officers and dignitaries of EPFO and other organisations.

The award witnessed participation from the EPFO offices of all over India and awards were presented to offices in various categories for their outstanding performance in the respective categories.

Regional Office, Jammu was awarded for its impressive all-round performance in multiple parameters such as increase in



Union Minister for Labour & Employment Bhupender Yadav awarding Rizwan Uddin in New Delhi on Tuesday.

Bhupender Yadav at a grand function held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi as part of celebration of 70th Foundation Day of EPFO.

In the Bhavishya Nidhi Award function, Rizwan Uddin received the award in the presence of other dignitaries which included Rameshwar Teli, Minister of State, Labour and Employment, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India, Arti Ahuja, Secretary (Labour and Employment), Neelam Shami Rao, Central Provident Fund Commissioner (EPFO), Rajendra Kumar, Director General (ESIC), Manju Kumar, Chief Postmaster General (Delhi Circle, India

membership, outreach programmes, organising webinars and seminars, efforts made in the field of pension, e-nomination, recovery of dues and some other parameters.

Rizwan Uddin expressed his gratitude to all

stakeholders including members, employers, staff and officers of the office and higher officers of the Zonal Office, and Head Office and said that the office was able to accomplish this feat only with their support. On the occasion he said that the office has been taking various initiatives to increase the coverage, compliance, and awareness among stakeholders such as conduct of regular awareness and outreach programmes through seminars and webinars, while at the same time being accessible to stakeholders through emails, telephone, and social media platforms such as WhatsApp, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Koo etc.

Amar Singh Club holds AGM

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SRINAGAR, Nov 1: Amar Singh Club Srinagar held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year 2022 in the Main Hall of the Club.

Rauf A Punjabi was appointed chairman of the AGM under Article 30(2) of the Club Constitution. The honorary secretary of the Club Nasir Hamid Khan in his welcome address informed the participants about the improvement in revenues as

Amongst the business transacted in the meeting, the Audited Accounts for the year 2021-22 was approved by the General Body. Proposed amendments to the Club Constitution by the Managing Committee were debated upon in detail. Members who participated in the debates include Mohd Shafi Pandit, Dr T S Sethi, Saleem Beig, G R Sufi, Harmeet Singh Mehta, Showkat Shahdad, Mian Mustaq and Showkat Zargar.



A senior member of Amar Singh Club Srinagar presenting citation to a young member.

discussed and adopted include granting of equal status to spouses of permanent members with voting rights, allowing voting through whatsapp/email and revision of admission fee and monthly subscriptions.

Senior members Dr T S Sethi, A Rauf and Mohd Shafi Pandit presented the trophies to the winners and runners-up for the Sir N Gopalawami Ayyanger Billiards & Snooker Tournament 2021 to Navsheezad Jan and Abid Shamas for Snooker and Wasif Shafi and Ahmad Bakshi for Billiards.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

compared to earlier years and gave credit to improvement in various facilities of the Club to the Managing Committee, members and the Club Staff.

Members placed on record their appreciation for the tremendous efforts put in by the Managing Committee for reviving the Club and turning it into a place where the members and their families could enjoy the various facilities.

Water, power crisis among issues still existing in Ward 44

Sanjeev K. Sharma

JAMMU, Nov 1: Though the tenure of elected public representatives of Urban Local Body of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has only a few months left yet the problem of poor water supply in Ward Number 44, which includes many parts of Nanak Nagar area, is as it was earlier and gets aggravated in summers.



This was stated by S. Inder Singh Soodan, an Independent JMC Councillor elected for the first time from Ward Number 44 after he won JMC elections in the year 2018. The Ward includes areas of Sectors 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Nanak Nagar.

that the Ward has no park and no playground due to scarcity of land.

The Councillor also said that there is a dire need of changing the old water supply pipes in the Ward so that wastage of water from the leaks developed in the old worn-out pipes can be prevented as many of the old pipes in the area have been rusted and damaged with time.

"Some tile work of lanes is still remaining in my Ward due to poor funding. As soon as the funds become available the same will be done," he said.

The Councillor informed that

with encroachments by those living along the Nallah being a big cause for that."

"The Ward was in urgent need of street lights, solution to the problem of stray animals, garbage disposal etc," the Councillor maintained claiming that many of the issues have now been resolved but still there are many which could not be solved due to poor funding by the authorities concerned.

"Now the tendering process for the Nallah is underway and I am hopeful that the work on it may start within 1-2 months," he informed adding: "For garbage

pension and rued the new policy of the government for exclusively including persons from Below Poverty Line families as beneficiaries for these pensions.

He further said that he organised many camps for making Aadhar Cards, Ayushman Cards and Voter Cards in his Ward to facilitate the locals.

The JMC Councillor informed that about 70 per cent work of blacktopping lanes, 90 per cent work of repairing drains has been completed in his Ward while some tile work is also pending and the reason for all these pending works is poor funding.

"During COVID-19 pandemic I voluntarily gave my tanker and tractor to JMC for spraying disinfectant for two months and paid for diesel from my own pocket for the entire work. I also organised COVID vaccination camps in my Ward," he said.

Soodan further said that he also distributed ration to the needy people during COVID-19 triggered lockdown and now during the outbreak of dengue he is getting fogging and spray done in his Ward.

Among works done by him he also counted a community hall made in Sector 10 of the Ward at Shiv Durga temple which is about to complete.

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though his Ward is very vast yet only 40 Safai Karamcharis have been provided there against a requirement of 60, which has resulted in cleanliness not as per satisfaction though the Ward is not dirty.

"When I became Councillor, the Ward was in dire need of blacktopping of lanes and repair of drains. Many lanes in the Ward then were not blacktopped for 15-20 years," he said adding: "Apart from this, the Ward residents were facing problems due to poor power and water supply while flooding of a Nallah (deep drain) in the area used to cause havoc especially in rainy days

disposal the JMC has now pressed to service autos for door-to-door garbage collection."

"Though this new development has solved the problem of garbage disposal to a large extent yet there are certain people who are habitual of throwing garbage and litter on roads, lanes and drains. I humbly appeal to all such people to desist from this wrong habit and make proper use of the garbage autos to make the Ward a neat and clean place," he said.

Soodan claimed that he helped about 447 elders, widows and physically challenged people of his Ward in getting