

# Congress commemorates 105th birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi

*\*Iron lady will always be remembered for bold decisions: JKPC chief*

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR. Nov 19: Jammu and Kashmir Congress paid rich tribute to Indira Gandhi (former Prime



Congress leaders paying tribute to Indira Gandhi on 105th birth anniversary on Saturday.

Minister of India) on her 105th birth anniversary today.

The main function was organized by the District Congress Jammu Urban & Jammu Rural at the PCC HQ Jammu. The function was presided over by JKPC president Vikar Rasool Wani.

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Working president Raman Bhalla, former Minister Mula Ram, Gurbachan Kumar Rana, Kanta Bhan, Yogesh Sawhney, Ravinder Sharma, Thakur Manmohan Singh, Rajnish Sharma, Indu Pawar, Hari Singh Chib, Seva Dal Chief Vijay Sharma, Chief Whip JMC Corporators Dwarka Choudhary, Ritu Choudhary, Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, Sanjeev Panda, Thomas Khokhar, Karan Bhat, Narinder Gupta, Sahil Sharma, Satish Sharma, Amrit Bali and Sandeep Dogra attended the function.

Earlier, Congress Seva Dal organized a simple function at

Indira Chowk where the PCC president and working president along with other senior leaders garlanded the statue of Indira Gandhi. Similar functions were held at several District and Block

steps during her prime minister-ship of the Country and sacrificed her life for the unity and integrity of the Country.

Mula Ram While paying floral tributes described Indira as a dynamic and visionary leader who remained committed to the secular and socialist ideals of the Party and worked for the welfare of the poor and the downtrodden in the country.

Ravinder Sharma in his address recalled numerous achievements of Indira Gandhi as Prime Minister and as president of the Congress party while Yogesh Sawhney remembered Indira's supreme sacrifice for the unity and integrity of the country.

In Srinagar party office also, JKPC organized a function in connection with birth anniversary of Indira Gandhi. The function was presided over by senior party leader Mohd Anwar Bhat, other leaders and workers of the Party.

Leaders paid floral tribute to former Prime Minister and recalled her great contributions to the inclusive development of India. Speaking on the occasion, Mohd Anwar Bhat said the sacrifices given by Indira should always be remembered across the globe.

Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Monga also spoke on occasion and paid floral tribute to Indira Gandhi.

Meanwhile, Congress Seva Dal also paid rich tribute to Indira Gandhi. Paying tributes to Indira Gandhi, Congress Seva Dal president Vijay Sharma Babbi recalled her supreme sacrifice for the unity and integrity of the country and said that she raised the image of India with her visionary leadership and India became a strong nation under her leadership.

Congress Seva Dal members Dara Singh, Pawan Raina, Parvez Wani, Sonu Masih, Gopal Das, Irfan Manhas etc were present on the occasion.



Former J&K CM, Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing a gathering at Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam in Panipat.

# Azad attends Nirankari Sant Samagam

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NEW DELHI, Nov 19: President Gandhi Global Family & Former Chief Minister of J&K, Ghulam Nabi Azad today attended 75th Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam at Samalkha, Panipat in Haryana.

On this occasion, Azad presented 'Shanti Doot Samman' to Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, head of Sant Nirankari Mission.

Addressing the gathering, Azad said that Sant Nirankari Mission has spread the message of love, peace and humanity since its inception.



It has also established a wide network of Seva activities in India

and abroad. India has a rich, varied and long tradition of spiritual leaders showing the right path to society. Event today, when our society has achieved considerable material progress, people feel the need for spiritual guidance. This is because the values that are preached by Sants like Late Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj are eternal in their relevance and universal in their appeal," he said.

Azad further said that India today needs both technology and tradition.

"Even when India has achieved this spectacular success in exploration of space, it is the age-old Shanti Mantra-Antariksh Shanthi, Prithivi Shanthi, Shantireva Shanthi (may there be peace in space, on earth and everywhere) that continues to enlighten our minds and inspire our hearts. In today's world a man identifies himself with his caste, sect, language, region or religion but human's true identity is his humanity rather than anything else," Azad maintained adding:

"Nirankari mission aims at removing distance between man and man. Satguru Baba Hardev Singh Ji Maharaj worked tirelessly in his life to establish oneness in this world. Message of oneness is a greatest achievement of Nirankari Mission."

# Dr Jitendra reviews preparations for G 20 Summit in India

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NEW DELHI, Nov 19 : 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 today chaired a high level meeting to review preparations for Science-20 meetings of the G 20 Summit to be held in India next year.

The meeting was attended by Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India Ajay Kumar Sood and Secretaries of all the six Science Ministries and Departments, including Science & Technology, Biotechnology, CSIR, Earth Sciences, Space and Atomic Energy.

Dr Jitendra Singh said after the meeting that all the six Science Ministries and Departments under him are fully geared up for the upcoming G-20 Summit meetings. The Minister also welcomed the topics and subjects assigned to the Science Ministries. He said, all the stakeholders will meet again with Sherpa of G-20, Amitabh Kant this week to firm up Human Resources and Experts for assigned topics.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed that apart from S-20 Summit and Side meetings, another important event assigned to DST is Research Innovation Initiated Gathering (RIIG) with side events.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the expected deliverables of the S-20 and RIIG will be Creation of better and encouraging frameworks for environmentally responsible technologies and assertion of IP sharing and technology transfers, Creation of a global ecosystem for start-up mentorship and funding. Encouragement of more mega sci-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing high level meeting to review preparations for the G 20 Summit to be held in India next year, at New Delhi on Saturday.

ence projects, Creation of framework for global holistic health program and mental health program, Creating common cultural dialogue for science through more engagement programs and interdisciplinary partnerships, Creation of a common digital global heritage that is accessible for all citizens.

The Science-20 Summit meeting will be held in Coimbatore from 21st to 22nd July, 2023 with the theme of "Disruptive Science for Innovative and Sustainable Growth". The Sub-themes (side event topics) are- Non-conventional energy for a greener future, Connecting Science to Society and Culture and Holistic Health: Cure and Prevention of Disease.

Meeting schedule and venues for S-20 are as follows- Inception meeting: Pondicherry (30-31 January 2023), Side-event1: Bangalore Island, Lakshadweep (27-28 February 2023), Side-event2: Agartala (3-4 April 2023), Side-event3: Indore (16-17 June 2023).

The S-20 Secretariat will be chaired by Dr Vijay P Bhatkar of Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. Prof Ajay K Sood and Prof Gautam Desiraju are also eminent members of the Secretariat.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, DST will also take care of the Research Innovation Initiated Gathering (RIIG) on the subject of "Research and Innovation for Equitable Society". The Sub-theme/ topics for RIIG gathering will be Materials for Sustainable Energy (CSIR), Scientific Challenges and Opportunities towards Achieving a Sustainable Blue Economy (MoES), Bio-resource/ Biodiversity and Bio-economy (DBT) and Eco-Innovations for Energy Transition (SERB).

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## Boy, uncle rescued from well after 10-hrs

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SRINAGAR, Nov 19: A young boy along with his uncle was rescued around midnight after more than 10 hours from a 20-feet deep well in Chak-e-Hatmulla village of the Nagri area of North Kashmir's Kupwara district.

It all happened when the boy identified as Firdous Ahmad Mir fell into the well near his residence after he was trying to fetch the cricket ball. Seeing his nephew getting stuck in the well, his uncle Mohammad Shafi Mir also jumped in.

As a result, both got stuck, prompting the authorities to launch a massive rescue operation which remained successful after continuous efforts for nearly 10 hours.

As part of the disaster management protocol, the rescuers dug a tunnel adjacent to the well to save precious lives.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Doifode Sagar Dattaraj who was supervising the operation said that it was sensitive and tough, but in the end, he said, it remained successful.

"Men and machinery which included four JCBs were moved within ten minutes of the incident. Three ambulances and a team of doctors were kept on standby," he said.

Tehsildar, DySP Headquarters, SHO and other functionaries also oversaw the rescue operation till its conclusion at around 2:00 am. "Soon after evacuation, the duo was removed to Sub District Hospital Kupwara for immediate treatment," officials said.

Medical Superintendent of the Hospital Dr Abdul Gani Dar said that the boy has been sent back home.

"The elderly male had a humerus fracture and he has been referred to Bone and Joint hospital for orthopaedic consultation. Otherwise, by other parameters he is also normal", the MS added.

## DDC re-poll

# Special counters for migrant voters established

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JAMMU, Nov 19: With State Election Commissioner notifying the re-poll in DDC Dragsmulla in Kupwara and Hajin-A, Bandipora, Kashmir division on 05.12.2022, the Relief Organisation has established 16 facilitation counters for the convenience of migrant voters.

According to a communique received in this regard, each counter would have specifically designated Nodal Officers with availability of DDC Migrant Postal Ballot (DMPB) Forms. The migrant voters can obtain and submit the duly filled postal ballot forms by or before 21.11.2022. The facilitation counters have

been established in all the Migrant Camps of Jammu and Kashmir, Zonal Offices at Jammu, in the Non Camp areas (Sharda Mandir Pounichak, Sanjeevani Sharda Kendra Anand Nagar Bohri), Relief Office, Indra Nagar Srinagar and Relief Office, Canal Road Jammu. Besides, DNIPP forms, copies of Electoral Rolls have also been made available at the said locations.

Relief Organisation has also authorized Zonal Officers/Camp Commandants for signing the certificates of forms DMPB-1.

The SEC as well as the Relief Organisation has urged upon all the migrant voters of these two DDC constituencies to avail the facility and exercise their right to franchise.

# HC upholds FIR registered by Crime Branch

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SRINAGAR, Nov 19: High Court has dismissed the plea seeking quashing of FIR for the commission of offence of transferring the big chunk of Evacuee land by the officials of Revenue and Custodian departments in favour of various beneficiaries.

The evacuee land measuring 201 kanals stated to have been illegally transferred in the name of different individuals after resorting to falsification of revenue records.

One of the accused Sheikh Muneer Akhter questioned the FIR registered by the Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir for offences punishable u/s 420, 467,468, 471 and 120-B RPC read with section 5 (2) of P.C. Act 2006, on the various grounds.

Justice V C Koul after analysing the whole case said that the Section 482 Cr.P.C. for quashing the FIR preserves the inherent powers of the High Court to prevent an abuse of process of any court or to secure the ends of justice.

Justice Koul, however, reiterated that such power to the High Court has a wide ambit and plenitude and has to be exercised to secure ends of justice or to prevent an abuse of the process of any court.

Court said the petition on hand, when looked from all angles, requires and demands meticulous analysis of facts by this Court as if it is in appeal and acting as an appellate court and to draw its own conclusion vis-à-vis impugned FIR, complaint and proceedings emanating therefrom.

"This is not the aim and objective of provisions of Section 482 Cr.P.C. more particularly when petition on hand does not make out any case that inherent powers

are to be exercised to prevent abuse of process of law and to secure ends of justice. In that view of matter, petition on hand is liable to be dismissed. For all that been discussed above, the instant petition is without any merit and is, accordingly", Court concluded.

After perusal of the reply having been filed by respondents-CB, it came to fore that Faqir Ullah son of Assadullah and others were having ownership rights over 201 kanals 04 marlas of land in Estate Batmaloo which is declared as Evacuee Property by the Custodian Department.

Since the case has been registered u/s 5(2) P.C. Act and the I.O. obtained permission under Section 3 of J&K P.C. Act from the court of JMJC (Judge Small Causes) Srinagar vide order dated 20-09-2016 to carry out the investigation of case.

Apart from said investigation, it also surfaced during investigation that in the year 2004, Government of J&K appointed the then Settlement Commissioner, Srinagar as enquiry officer to conduct enquiry vis-à-vis land measuring 201 kanals 4 marlas belonging to Faqir-ullah and others. The enquiry officer, after conducting detailed enquiry vide No SC/PS/05/2004 dated 28-07-2004, submitted enquiry report to Commissioner/Secretary to Govt. Revenue Department J&K Govt. Srinagar which reveals that the land in terms of section 4 & 8 of the Agrarian Reforms Act was under the possession of tenants of Faqir-ullah and others.

However, major portion of land was transferred by various instruments, like sale deed, gift deeds etc. The enquiry officer has recommended action against revenue officers/officials who had attended mutations. It has been found during investigation that

by the defence. More so, when the investigation is going on, the defence is at liberty to put documents before the IO who will examine the same and draw his conclusions accordingly".

"It is really shocking and unfortunate that a senior police officer who is posted in a prestigious investigating wing of the police has prima facie resorted to corruption while investigating a case assigned to him as an investigator. Such a detestable act on the part of officer can malign the image of the institution he belongs to in the eyes of general public and can also lessen the confidence of the people in the working of the institution", the court said, adding "this is how the credibility of the public institutions withers away in the society, leading to chaos and confusion among the people".

Court further observed, "the corruption breeds inequality and injustice in the society and further widens the gap between the haves and have nots. The corruption in public institutions shakes the people's confidence and crumbles the social fabric of the society. The corruption is a cancer that steals from poor, eats away at governance and moral fibre and destroys trust".

# Div Com reviews status of land acquisition for Airport expansion, transfer of land to JU

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JAMMU, Nov 19: Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar today reviewed the status of land acquisition, land issues pertaining to the Jammu Airport Expansion Project, transfer of Army land to Jammu University, transfer of JDA land to Army at Nagrota, transfer of state land to JDA in lieu of land to be provided to Army, transfer of land 100 Kanals JDA



Div Com chairing a meeting on Saturday.

and office buildings. The land was provided in Nagrota and Chatha areas.

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The Div Com instructed Director Animal Husbandry to personally monitor the pace of work and ensure expeditious completion.

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The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation, Rahul Yadav; Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta; Vice Chairman JDA, Pankaj Magotra; Director Animal Husbandry Shubhra Sharma; AC Central, Pritam Lal Thappa; besides officers of Airport Authority, Revenue Training Institute and other concerned officers.

Seeking the details about Jammu Airport Expansion project, the concerned officers apprised that the land acquisition has almost been completed and only the land for Animal Husbandry Belichama is pending. However, they said that around 240 Kanal land with structures and buildings was yet to be acquired.

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# Bail denied to mother-in-law in dowry death case

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JAMMU, Nov 19: Excise Magistrate Jammu Umesh Sharma today rejected the bail application of Sudesh Kumari, mother-in-law of dowry victim Sheetal Bhagat.

According to the police case, an information was received by Police Station Gandhi Nagar to the effect that one Sheetal Bhagat, who was married to one Ajay Kumar has committed suicide by hanging herself by neck. The reason attributed to the suicide of the deceased was cited as harassment and cruelty inflicted upon her by her husband on the instigation of her parents-in-law as well as maternal aunt of her husband in connection with demand of dowry.

After hearing APP Yogesh Bamba appearing for the police, the court observed, "the investigation of the case is in progress and evidence of some extra marital affair of the husband of the deceased has also come up during the investigation of the case", adding "the accused has been arrested just few days back and many other material aspects of the case are yet to be investigated

has been awarded Padma Bhushan for her unique contribution to the cultural tradition of this country. She has revolutionized the repertoire of the classical form of "Kathak" by enriching it with literary and intellectual substance by drawing upon and interpreting the works of great poets of India from ancient to modern time. In spearheading the transformation of this art form, Uma Sharma has been at the centre stage of events in the country. Her themes have etched out the color of concern about issues that matter.

Overwhelmed by receiving the award Dr Uma Sharma said she was honored to have been recognized for her efforts in the field of Kathak, which was her first love. "It is my passion for this form of dance that has allowed me to take it through generations and help it evolve. Receiving Sumitra Charat Ram Award for Lifetime Achievement today reinforces my belief in myself and in a bright future for Kathak in India," she said.

# DGP sanctions special welfare relief, ex-gratia, financial assistance

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SRINAGAR, Nov 19: With an aim to provide financial succor to the families of the police personnel who attained martyrdom or passed away while in service, the Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh has sanctioned Rs 1.34 crore as special welfare relief, ex-gratia relief and financial assistance for NoKs of martyred and deceased police personnel and SPOs.

The DGP has sanctioned grant of ex-gratia relief of Rs 38 lakh in favour of dependents and legal heirs of martyr Constable Ghulam Hassan and Special Welfare Relief of Rs 6 lakh has been sanctioned in favour of dependents and legal heirs of martyr SPO Javid Ahmad who attained martyrdom in different terrorist attacks.

DGP also sanctioned financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh each in favour of NoKs of martyr SgCt Gulzar Hussain and Ct Mohd Amin Shah in connection with the marriage ceremonies of their daughters.

Similarly, the special welfare relief of Rs 22 lakh each has been sanctioned in favour of dependents and legal heirs of deceased HC Pawan Kumar, Swami Raj, SgCt Shamim Ahmad and SgCt Sunil Kumar. The deceased personnel passed away due to illness and natural death while in service.

Rupees one lakh each has already been paid to NoKs of these martyred and deceased police personnel for performing last rites through their concerned units. The special welfare relief is sanctioned out of Contributory Police Welfare Funds.

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