



JKSAC leaders at a meeting in RS Pura on Sunday.

## Settle DPs package issue as per JPC report: JKSAC

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JAMMU, Oct 2: The Jammu Kashmir Sharnathi Action Committee (JKSAC) today urged the visiting Union Home Minister Amit Shah to settle the PM Package issue of the DPs of PoJK as per the recommendations of Joint Parliamentary Committee.

In a meeting of the JKSAC held at village Kotrana Kalan, RS Pura the members urged Ravinder Raina, president Pradesh BJP, son of displaced person community and to Yugal Kishore Sharma, MP beside other high profile leaders to take PoK DPs settlement issues as per the recommendations of JPC report no 183 with Amit Shah, Home Minister of India on his three days visit to UT of J&K, as it is most appropriate occasion.

While interacting with the participants, Gurdev Singh, president along with Bhagwan Singh, Capt Puran Singh Chib, Joginder Lal and Chanan Singh expressed their serious concern over the stoic silence of both the state and central govt. regarding the implementation of recommendation of JPC report tabled in both the houses of parliament in December 2014. He said that attention of both the govts. were drawn on many occasions towards the JPC report which is the only viable and adequate road-map for the resolution of long awaited DPs issues but unfortunately the govt. paid no heed towards this report and issues are still hanging.

He said that recommendations of the JPC report pending

## JKTJAC seeks resolution of issues, PTR review in rationalization

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UDHAMPUR, Oct 2: Monthly meeting of Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) was held at Udhampur under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and District President Lekh Raj Parihar, who sought



Members of JKTJAC meeting at Udhampur on Sunday.

the resolution of long pending issues of the teachers appointed under ReT scheme.

While addressing the meeting, Vinod Sharma demanded comprehensive transfer policy for teachers appointed under ReT scheme, inclusion of 5 years ReT period for seniority benefits, DPC of Teachers to Masters, regularisation of left out ReTs who have completed their 5 years ReT period for seniority benefits, conversion of left out RRETs to Teachers Grade II/III so that they may get their salaries, release of more than 2 years salary and other arrears of Teachers and Masters which require permission of Finance Department, conversion of Head Teachers posts into non plan posts of Masters and Old Pension Scheme in favour of NPS employees of the UT.

He also raised the issue of rationalization of teachers where department is preparing

implementation of the last many years, is only a viable and adequate road-map for the settlement of DPs. If it is implemented in letter and spirits than the long awaited issues could be resolved till PoK is liberated as pledged number of times by Gol and loss of their lives and properties are assessed for full and final settlement.

He further said that the state BJP high profile leaders were appealed earlier on many occasions to the mount the pressure on Central Government to accept and implement the JPC report which has recommended Rs 30 lakhs ex-gratia relief each DP family, reservation for their wards/employment package and de-freezing of their share of assembly seats besides other components. He said that history is the testimony to the fact that JKSAC has struggled very hard since 1967 and raised DPs issues with state and Central Govts and even before the present UT Govt for their resolution, but the same has denied always and none of the Government showed any interest towards DPs issues.

Singh regretted that even the present Government despite of the fact that DPs have been provided Rs 5.5 lakhs relief each DP family, is maintaining silence over the resolution of basic issues from the last many years.

The participants appealed to Ravinder Raina and Jugal Kishore to reciprocate the DPs faith by projecting their issues before the Amit Shah for an adequate resolution.

the lists with PTR as 1:15 without considering the minimum number of teachers in the middle and primary schools. He said that JKTJAC is not against the rationalisation of teachers but the process adopted by the department is not for the welfare of the poor children studying in the Government schools

and this will have a negative impact on their studies. He appealed the Principal Secretary School Education to intervene personally in the matter and review the PTR ratio by providing minimum of two teachers in the Primary Schools and minimum of 5 teachers in the middle schools. He warned that if the department does not review the PTR in rationalisation process, they will be forced to come on the roads for the welfare of the students.

Sham Sharma, Sukesh Khajuria, Ashok Seth, Pritam Goswami, Suresh Sharma, Vijay Sadotra, Sham Singh, Vipin Sharma, Ranjit Singh, Anil Sharma, Sonika Sharma, Vijay Devi, Sunita, Anuradha, Rampaul Ashok Kumar, Parshant Sharma, Vinay Sharma, Rajesh Kumar, Som Raj, Sandeep Sharma, Amit Gupta, Vandana Goria, Rekha Devi and others were present in the meeting

## USTA expresses concern over delay on ATD-2022, DPC of various cadres

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KATHUA, Oct 2: A meeting of provincial body of J&K United School Teachers Association (USTA) was held here today under the chairmanship of Dr Shashi Pal Singh, Provincial President for detailed discussion over the burning issues being confronted by the teaching fraternity working in Government schools.

During the meeting, Dr Shashi Pal Singh expressed serious concern over the unprecedented delay in implementing ATD-2022, DPC of various cadres, filling up of vacant posts of teachers, payments of gratuity-commute-GPF to pensioners, adding of DA etc.

He said that ATD-2022 appears to be an eye wash for those Masters and Teachers who have completed their stay in far off areas of J&K and are waiting for their posting. "School Education Department seems to have started ignoring its own for-

mula of transferring Masters and Teachers for the reasons best known to the concerned authorities, he added.

Dr Singh further said that a big number of teaching and non-teaching employees of School Education Department are being deprived from their DPC from February-2014 which was a sheer injustice with their career. He demanded immediate holding of DPC meetings in favour of all cadres working in School Education Department.

Dr Singh also demanded transfer policy for reserved category teachers working in Kashmir for the two decades as prevailing scenario is not conducive for the teachers working there.

Those who attended the meeting, included Rattan Singh, Bodh Raj, Sudesh Kumar, Sukhdev Singh, Hans Raj, Jagbir Singh, Subhash Chander, Vinayak Sharma, Mohan Singh, Ajay Kumar and Yash Paul.

## DC Samba launches 'Swachhata Bank'

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SAMBA, Oct 2: First branch of Swachhata Bank, an innovative project of District Administration Samba was launched today at Sanwali Ghagwal Block by Deputy Commissioner, Anuradha Gupta in the presence of Chairman Block Development Council, Vijay Tagotra and Member District Development



DC Samba Anuradha Gupta during launch of Swachhata Bank on Sunday.

Council, Suresh Kumar.

Giving details, the Deputy Commissioner said that Swachhata Bank is an initiative of the district administration, Samba aimed at bringing behavioural change among people by providing a Bank where they can open an account and keep depositing recyclable waste products including polythene bags, plastic bottles, wrappers of packets of chips etc.

They shall be paid an amount equivalent to the weight of the waste material deposited by them once it reaches minimum measurable weight. "This will educate people that waste material is also a resource that can fetch them return value if it is disposed of in



Dr Sushil Sharma addressing the health camp on Sunday.

Gram Sabhas approve the mandatory bylaws framed under provisions of SWM Rules 2016, the system will be implemented in every Panchayat" she added.

## KB Jandial say mulling regular health talks Cardiac ailments in elderly upsurge, undiagnosed, neglected: Dr Sushil

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: Dr Sushil Sharma, noted cardiologist and Head of Department of Cardiology, Super Specialty Hospital speaking at a Health Awareness Lecture at jam packed Seminar Hall of IIPA, organized by the Central Govt Pensioners' Welfare Association, Jammu (CGPWA) in collaboration with the Home for the Aged and Infirmary, Ambhalla, Jammu. Over the next three decades, the number of older persons worldwide is projected to more than double, reaching more than 1.5 billion persons in 2050 and 80% of them will be living in low- and middle-income countries

During the lecture, Dr Sushil stated that adults aged 65 and older are more likely than younger people to suffer from cardiovascular disease, which is problems with the heart, blood vessels, or both. Aging can cause changes in the heart and blood vessels that may increase a person's risk of developing cardiovascular disease. "Physical activity, diet and other lifestyle factors influence the "rate of aging" in the healthy heart and arteries. The aging of other organ systems, including the muscles, kidneys, and lungs, also likely contribute to heart disease," Dr Sushil Sharma said.

B R Sharma, former Chief Secretary, J&K and the Chairman of IIPA, who was the guest of honour, lauded the selfless services being rendered to the people by Dr Sushil Sharma within the Hospital and in rural areas by holding health camps for rural poor population. Health has always been a concern among elders and the advice given by Dr. Sushil to cut down risk factors for cardiovascular diseases in old age must be followed by

## BYS rendering selfless service: Raghav Langer

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: Bharatiya Yog Sansthan (BYS) celebrates 2nd October as Yog Divas every year. This is one of the six main annual events of the Sansthan.

In Jammu the main function was held at Yog Ashram Gole Gujral Jammu. Dr Raghav



Langer, Secretary Planning, Development and Monitoring was the chief guest on the occasion. More than three hundred Yog sadhaks from Jammu surrounding areas and Udhampur participated in the Samohik Yog

a scientific manner instead of throwing it on roads, lanes and drains," she said.

She further said that the bank will function from 10 am to 4.30 pm on all working days. In view of Diwali, any one depositing waste material upto 24th October shall be additionally given earthen Diyas on every deposit. She appealed to the elected representatives and general public of the area to avail the facility and contribute towards making Samba clean. She appreciated the work done by the Rural Development Department for the implementation of the project.

She also divulged that the solid waste management system is being put in place in every Panchayat of the district. "As soon as

Gram Sabhas approve the mandatory bylaws framed under provisions of SWM Rules 2016, the system will be implemented in every Panchayat" she added.

The function was attended by SDM Ghagwal, Asstt. Commissioner Development, Tehsildar Ghagwal, BDO Ghagwal, Sarpanch, Panchs of Sangwali Panchayat and a large number of local people.

Many people opened their account with the Swachhata Bank on the spot and were given earthen Diyas and candles made by local artisans, as a special scheme till Diwali. They will be able to withdraw money against deposit once it reaches minimum measurable weight.

Earlier I D Soni, President of Old Age Home, spoke scholarly on life and old age which he called a God sent gift and said that life was a light which needs to be spread. Quoting scriptures and narrating historical anecdotes, Soni brought home the fact that age was a state of mind and nobody should take aged one as spent force. He firmly believed that old age was a boom and elders must not be dispirited just by age and keep performing activities in their lives.

K B Jandial, general secretary of CGPWA, in his welcome address said that CGPWA has diversified its activities to benefit the society and is associating other NGOs in this venture. Arranging the awareness lecture about heart diseases was in pursuit of the same objective. The CGPWA was mulling regular "Health Talks." He said that "Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing world" was the current year's theme, which highlighted the resilience of older persons in the face of environment, social, economic and lifelong inequalities. They are a valuable asset to society.

B B Magotra, Secretary CGPWA presented the formal vote of thanks.

## CEC Leh meets Union Minister

Excelsior Correspondent

LEH, Oct 2: Chairman/CEC, Adv. Tashi Gyalson had a meeting with Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav at his residence in New Delhi today.

CEC Gyalson discussed several issues pertaining to environment, ecology and impact of climate change in Ladakh with the Minister.

He also invited the Minister for the upcoming 11th Mountain Development Summit (SMDS- XI) to be held in Leh from October 9-12, 2022.



CEC, Tashi Gyalson during meeting with Union Minister, Bhupender Yadav at New Delhi.

## 5146th birth anniversary of Maharaja Agrasen celebrated

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: The 5146th birth anniversary of Maharaja Agrasen was celebrated with great fervor, gaiety and enthusiasm at Zorawar Auditorium, Jammu.

The function was inaugurated by hoisting of flag and lighting the traditional lamp by president of Aggarwal Sabha Swatantra Aggarwal. He was accompanied by CA Hardeep Aggarwal (senior vice-president), Deepak Aggarwal (vice president), Ravinder Mittal (general secretary), Narinder Aggarwal (secretary), Shambu Aggarwal (treasurer) and senior members of the Aggarwal Biradari.

Mayor Jammu Chander Mohan Gupta was the chief guest on the occasion. While speaking, Chander Mohan highlighted the role of Aggarwals in

Development Summit (SMDS-

society and guided the members present in the function.

The programme was co-ordinated by CA Hardeep Aggarwal and Shally Aggarwal. A colorful cultural programme was presented by young children and a fancy dress show by tiny tots. A programme on the life and history of Maharaja Agrasen was also presented.

Awards and mementos were given to meritorious students of Aggarwal Biradri. Gifts were also given to the children who performed in the function.

A huge number of members of Aggarwal Biradri from all over the State including women and children actively attended the function.

At Aggarwal Sabha, the function started with Havan. Purna Ahuti was attended by senior members of the Aggarwal Biradri.

## JKTA demands at least two teachers for each Primary School

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Oct 2: JK Teachers Association (JKTA) Unit Udhampur has sought a review of the ongoing rationalisation



JKTA leaders addressing a press conference at Udhampur on Sunday.

process initiated by the School Education Department.

While addressing media persons, here today, JKTA District Chairman Surjeet Singh Thakur welcomed the rationalisation process but sought amendment in the ratio of teachers prescribed for Primary and Middle Schools.

## J&K OBCs' plea to Amit Shah

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: All India Backward Classes Federation and J&K OBC Mahasabha today said that the Other Backward Classes category people in J&K are waiting for justice for long.

Addressing a joint press conference here today, senior members of these organizations, F C Saitia and Bansil Lal Choudhary reiterated the long pending issues of the Other Backward Classes in the Jammu and Kashmir.

They said when 27% reservation for the OBCs was implemented in whole of the country in 1993, it was not implemented in the Jammu and Kashmir on the pretext of article 370. Since then the OBC people are continuing their struggle to achieve constitutional rights. The core issue, they said, was to implement Central Reservation Policy in J&K at par with the other UTs of the country.

They said the Supreme Court of India has provisioned 27% quota for OBCs which is pending for implementation in J&K for the last 28 years. The OBC people in J&K have been struggling since 1992 but the quota of 27% was not implemented in J&K because of Article 370. Now

## One killed, another injured as tractor rolls down

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Oct 2: One person died and another was injured when a tractor rolled down into a deep gorge at Radhnote in tehsil Moungrri, here today.

Reports said that the accident took place this morning around 8.45 am when the tractor, bearing registration number JK14H-7187, skidded off the road and slipped into deep gorge.

Police and locals rushed to the spot and shifted the injured persons to PHC where doctors declared one of them as broad dead.

The deceased, driver of the Tractor, was identified as Kulvinder Singh (29), son of Romesh Chander, resident of Lalli in Teh Moungrri. The injured was helper and his identity was established as Lochan Singh (32), son of Romal Singh of Radhnote, tehsil Moungrri.

## DC Kathua inaugurates Solid Waste Segregation unit at Barnoti

Excelsior Correspondent

KATHUA, Oct 2: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today inaugurated Solid Waste Segregation unit established under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in Panchayat Kishanpur Kandi of Block Barnoti.

While inaugurating the unit, the DC appreciated people of the Panchayat for taking lead in establishing the Solid Waste Segregation unit and becoming the first Panchayat in the district to adopt a waste Waste Segregation Unit at Kishanpur Kandi, maintaining Swachhta in rural and urban landscape with the efforts of all stakeholders", the DC added.

The DC also appreciated the efforts of Block Officers, Officials and Sarpanch towards sensitizing people regarding waste segregation and household

mechanism, which is a major step towards becoming model Swachhta Panchayat.

The DC said, "It is a historic day for the people of Panchayat Kishanpur Kandi as the first solid waste management project in the district has been inaugurated here." He also disclosed that similar Solid Waste Management Segregation units will be replicated in other blocks across the district.

"The Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign initiated by the Government is a step towards

composting to reduce environmental impact of garbage dumping and creation of landfills.

The DC further informed that segregation shed would be used by Panchayat from where Solid Waste will be collected by vendors and segregated to end the practice of its random dumping.

AC Panchayat Kathua, Danish Rasool Mir, BDO Barnoti, Sarpanch Panchayat Kishanpur Kandi and a large number of people were also present on the occasion.

Patients and medical team of Dr KD Multispeciality Hospital Jammu during an eye check-up camp in RNC Society, Jammu.

## Dr KD Multispeciality Hospital holds two-day free eye check-up camp

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: A two-day free eye check-up camp was organized by Dr KD Multispeciality Hospital Jammu in association with Royal Nest Chandan in the RNC Society complex at Trikuta Nagar Extension.

During the camp which commenced yesterday and concluded today, Dr Roohi, Head Optometrist along with staff under the supervision of Dr Sumit Sharma (CEO KD Hospital) examined the patients free of cost. The camp witnessed a good response from the inmates of the society.



MOs and nurses appearing in online CCEPC examination at Government Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

## CCEPC exam for MOs, nurses conducted successfully at Govt Hospital G Nagar

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 2: First ever online exams of Certified Course in Essentials of Palliative Care (CCEPC) was conducted by Indian Association of Palliative Care for Medical Officers (MOs) and Nurses of Jammu Division under Directorate of Health Services Jammu at Government Hospital Gandhinagar (Jammu), which is also the nodal centre for J&K for Palliative care training.

This is the first time when such an online examination has been conducted for doctors of Health Services, for smooth implementation of National Program for Palliative Care in J&K. With this, first batch have completed its training comprising of theory and clinical orientation.

Twenty Medical Officers and 20 nurses from 10 districts of Jammu Division were nominated for the training of Palliative Care, which was a collaborative effort of Directorate of Health Services Jammu and Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC) under the supervision of Dr Sushma Bhatnagar (president, IAPC), HoD Palliative Care AIIMS New Delhi and Chief, Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital and Head, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Hajjar.

The examination was conducted on 1st October all over India by Indian Association of Palliative Care. In Jammu Division, the examination was conducted under the supervision of Medical Superintendent Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu Dr Narinder Bhatyal. The exams was co-ordinated by Dr Rohit Lahori (Nodal Officer, Pain and Palliative Care J&K and Incharge Pain and Palliative Care, Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu).

Speaking on the occasion, Director Health Services Jammu Dr Saleem ur Rehman said with conduct of examination for the first batch, they have achieved a milestone in Palliative Care service for Jammu and Kashmir. He said 10-bedded ward has been dedicated in each district hospital of J&K for Palliative and Geriatric Care.

Reaching out to one child in distress through charity is my supreme worship," says Supreet Kour.

At home, Supreet is heavily occupied with offers pouring from all quarters as a celebrity icon in various national events pertaining to fashion, movies and theatre. Her debut film D'Knok has already established her as the best choice among the filmmakers. "My next movie, untitled yet, is also all done and slated for October end release and I am quite upbeat," she informed.

Supreet is eyeing Mrs Universe, Mrs World pageants and is quite optimistic to make it to the highest podiums in coming years. She owes gratitude and thankfulness to all of the people around her who have been morally high to propel her all endeavors.



Jammu's Supreet clinches glamour award at Phuket in Thailand.

had an edge to have gone through twice earlier and clinched the trophy, on foreign soils, competing and winning turned out to be a dream come true," said Supreet.

It is in place to mention that Supreet Kour, besides putting in her efforts for sovereignty in success for herself in glamour and fame, has been continuously extending her precious time in supporting children of lesser gods.

She was crowned Mrs India First Runner Up by glitterati of Bollywood and glamour bigwigs who announced the Jammu lady as the winner to a cheering crowd.