



Commissioner Secretary RDD Mandeep Kaur addressing training prog on PFMS through virtual mode.

## Mandeep inaugurates IWMP training programme on PFMS

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Oct 17: The Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), today started two day training on Public Financial Management System at Panchayat Bhawan here.

The programme was inaugurated through virtual mode by Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj, Mandeep Kaur, who is also the Chairperson of J&K IWMP.

Chief Executive Officer, IWMP, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Financial Advisor/CAO, Ashok Kumar IWMP District Project Managers of Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur, Reasi, Rajouri, Poonch and Doda, District Level Technical Experts, Data Entry Operators and Accounts Assistants of all the seventeen project districts of the Union Territory participated in the training programme.

Mandeep Kaur, while delivering inaugural address, under-



JKRCEA members addressing a press conference at Press Club Jammu on Monday.

## SC, ST, OBC communities ignored in J&K

### Politicians' visit to JKUT only for picnic, make false promises: JKRCEA

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Oct 17: The members of SC, ST, OBC communities showed their deep concern and anguish against the anti-J&K and in particular anti-SC, ST, OBCs attitude of the present ruling dispensation.

Addressing a joint press conference senior members of JKRCEA said that none of the promises made by BJP with SC, ST, OBCs have been fulfilled in last more than 07 years of the struggle in J&K in spite of meeting the past CMs, Governors, LGs, Advisors and Administrative Secretaries of JK Government and requesting them to implement the constitutional provisions meant for SC, ST, OBCs in J&K in letter and spirit.

All the recruitment agencies and administrative machinery is toeing anti-SC, ST, OBC line.

Merely giving political reservation to STs shall not emancipate reserved categories in J&K vis-à-vis giving reservation benefits to illegally carved classes/groups over and above the constitutionally carved categories.

Issue of reservation in promotions remained unsolved in spite of all legal and constitutional backings. Mandal Commission report remained unimplemented in spite of false promises, an attempt to dilute ST status in J&K, no whereabouts of SC component plans, an attempt to snatch state lands from SC, OBCs after abrogation of Article 370, less disbursement of SC, ST scholarships and so on are few glaring examples, they added.

They pointed out that SC, ST, OBCs voters were used like paper napkins. It is surprising that LG has not given time to their delegation despite several requests.

Prof. G.L. Thapa, working president said that it is on record that since 2015 onwards MPs, Ministers, SC, ST Parliamentary Forum, National Commission for SCs and Backward Classes, even PM, HM and DM has visited JKUT scores of times giving false promises and slogans to the people of JKUT including SC, ST, OBCs but on ground other than diluting the socio-economic and political system of JKUT nothing on ground has improved. The business, education and other area of development are at the lowest ebb and in continuous deteriorating trends since 2015 onwards.

The National Commission for SCs and another Commission for Backward Classes visited JKUT many times but nothing concrete could happen on ground for SC ST OBCs as promised by members of these Commissions. They said huge money is being spent on the visits of ministers to J&K. They are in fact coming here on excursion. They just make false promises with public and move away after picnic.

Mohinder Bhagat, Prof. Kali Dass, KK Fotra, Abdul Majid Malik, RC Bhasin, Surinder Dewgoda, TC Bavouria, GL Rahi, ML Banalia and others also spoke on the occasion.

## 5 vehicles damaged in fire incident

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
POONCH, Oct 17: Two vehicles were completely gutted while three others suffering partial dam-



A vehicle allegedly torched by a miscreant at Surankote in Poonch.

age in a fire incident at Surankote town in Poonch district today.

Official sources said that these vehicles were parked near Tehsil Complex, Surankote, when suddenly in the morning they were found in flames. The locals raised alarm and intimated Police and the Fire and Emergency Services sleuths.

"Teams reached the spot and extinguished the fire but two

## Remote areas receiving focussed attention under Modi regime: Col Mahan

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
BASOHLI/KATHUA, Oct 17: Col Mahan Singh, Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Kathua has asserted that the remote and far flung areas of the district neglected till yesterday are receiving focussed attention today as a result of the BJP's strong commitment to equitable development of all the areas across the nation.

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Specifically referring to the developmental activities in Kathua district, he stated that it is for the first time in the history that the forgotten and neglected remote areas of the district are witnessing unprecedented developmental activities witnessed never ever before.

He said that the Prime Minister is specially inclined



Chairman DCC Kathua Col Mahan Singh inaugurating works of one crore in Basohli on Monday.

He expressed this while inaugurating a series of development works in remotest Sandhar Panchayat falling under Bhoond block of Basohli Sub District including Sports Complex at Khabbal (Estimated to cost about Rs. 75 lakh) Link Road from Thooni SC Mohalla to Khabbal (Estimated to cost about Rs. 13 Lakh), approach road to Baba Lajja Singh (Estimated to cost about Rs. 6 Lakh) and improvement of Link Road to Baba Surgal (Estimated to cost about Rs. 42 Lakh).

Mahan Singh reiterated the strong commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi led BJP Govt at the Centre to equitable development of all the areas across the nation which literally means that now there will be towards J&K and wants that the development of far flung areas that remained neglected till now receive special focus today so that the people of these areas also witness a new dawn of development.

He said that the completion of the series of developmental works in the area is undoubtedly going to provide a great relief to the people living in these areas and the surroundings. He said that there are more projects in the pipeline for these far flung areas and the same shall be taken up in a phased manner.

Meanwhile, the DDC Chairman also visited GHSS Sandhar to review the progress of under construction additional class rooms and other repair works.

## CEC Kargil reviews stocking of essentials for winter

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
KARGIL, Oct 17: Chairman/CEC, LAHDC, Kargil Feroz Ahmad Khan today chaired a meeting to review the stock and supply position of essential commodities, medical facilities and winter preparedness in the district at Council Secretariat.

During the meeting, a discussion was held on the availability of food grains, kerosene oil, LPG, medicines, firewood, and other essential commodities for all areas of the district including Zanskar subdivision.

FCS & CA officers informed the meeting that adequate quantity of food grains including rice and wheat have been stocked in Zanskar and there are no issues on this front. While in Drass and snow-bound areas of Kargil, 80 percent of rice and wheat has been stocked.

The CEC directed the officers to ensure the stocking of the remaining quota of essential commodities on fast-track basis.

The CMO informed the meeting that within the next three days they will stock up to 75 percent of medicine and drugs in Zanskar and Drass.

The meeting was informed that seeds, fertilizers, feed and fodder have also been stocked in full as per requirements for the ensuing winter season.

Regarding the gas stocking in the district, it was informed that gas has been already stocked in Kargil town while in Zanskar it would be completed up to October end.

CEC Khan directed the mechanical division to keep men and machinery in readiness mode for carrying out snow clearance works on the Kargil-Srinagar and Kargil-Zanskar roads.

## Rachnakar Sahitya Akademy releases Premi's books

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
UDHAMPUR, Oct 17: In an impressive function organized by 'Rachnakar Sahitya Akademy Udhampur', wherein two books of Sahitya Akademy awardee Prakash Premi, were released.

The books, titled 'Antarparkash' - a translation of Sanskrit book 'Panchsatvi' into Dogri and other Dogri poetry compendium 'Man Gasen Satranghi Pinga' were released by Padam Shri Professor Vishav Murti Shastri as chief guest, accompanied by Padam Shri Shiv Nirmohi, Professor Lali Magotra, Desh Bandhu Nutan Dogra, Yash Raina (President of Senior Citizens' Club Udhampur), Mahadeep Singh Jamwal, Dr Adarsh, Ashok Angurana, Shiv Dev Singh Tyagi (Chairman Ramnagar branch of Senior Citizens' Club Udhampur) and galaxy of writers from across Jammu province.

Prakash Premi has written about 19 books in Dogri and translated about 10 books from Hindi, Punjabi and Sanskrit to Dogri language.

Chief guest, while speaking on the occasion, gave a message that the contribution of Prakash Premi towards Dogri culture will go in the annals of history and he is pioneer in promoting Dogri Sahitya.

Professor Lalit Magotra, while congratulating Prakash Premi, said he is inspiration to all and especially the young writers, particularly in Dogri and his Dogri poetry in present book is heart touching and speaks of his inner voice.

Mahadeep Singh Jamwal said that for the last few years the release of books written in Dogri from Devika Nagri Udhampur has given a message that revolution in Dogri Sahitya is inevitable and Udhampur is the inspirational fountain of this revolution.

## HC grants bail to Gola Shah

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Oct 17: High Court has granted bail to Ravinder Gupta alias Gola Shah.

After hearing Advocate Aseem Sawhney for the applicant, Justice Sanjay Dhar observed, "merely because a number of FIRs stand registered against the petitioner, he cannot be denied concession of bail, particularly, when his involvement in commission of a non-bailable offence is not prima facie shown from the contents of the FIR".

"Even otherwise, there is nothing on record to show that the petitioner has either the propensity to tamper with the prosecution witnesses or to thwart the course of investigation", High Court said and ordered that the petitioner be admitted to bail subject to the following conditions that he shall furnish personal bond in the amount of Rs 50,000 with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer; he shall appear before the Investigating Agency as and when called and he shall cooperate with the Investigating Agency and shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence.

The application was moved by the petitioner/accused, whereby he has sought bail in a case arising out of FIR No.53/2022 for offences under Sections 420, 467, 468, 379, 504, 506 IPC registered with Police Station, Gangyal, Jammu.

## Rich tributes paid to Police martyr Kamal Kishore

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
REASI, Oct 17: District Police paid rich tributes to martyr SgCt, Kamal Kishore by organising a function at Kamal Kishore Memorial, here today.

The martyr officials hailed from the Gran Morh area of Reasi and attained martyrdom while fighting with terrorists in Srinagar in 2018 before eliminating two deadly terrorists in the encounter.

Officers and officials of the District Police including Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babilu Rakwal, family members of the Reasi on Monday, Mengi and students of New Era School also spoke on the occasion.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Shaheed Sgct Kamal Kishore was awarded Shaurya Chakra posthumously for his gallant action and bravery in the year 2021.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Amit Gupta highlighted the bravery and valour of the martyr



Secretary H&ME Department Bhupinder Kumar and other guests during an awareness program on GI Oncology.

## PHDCCI organizes awareness program on Gastrointestinal Oncology

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Oct 17: PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu Chapter (PHDCCI) in association with PHDCCI Hospital & Diagnostics Committee and BLK Max Super Speciality Hospital organized an awareness program on Gastrointestinal (GI) Oncology.

Rahul Sahai, senior member of PHDCCI Jammu chapter, in his opening remarks said that Health and health care need to be distinguished from each other for no better reason than that the former is often incorrectly seen as a direct function of the latter. "Health is clearly not the mere absence of disease. Good Health confers on a person or group's freedom from illness - and the ability to realize one's potential. Health is therefore best understood as the indispensable basis for defining a person's sense of well being," he added.

He also said that Medical technology has given us endless possibilities. "Newer treatments, smarter therapies and breakthroughs in healthcare have put us steps ahead of some of the most life threatening diseases. But in the absence of awareness, these advancements fail to serve their

## Kavinder slams Farooq

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Oct 17: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Monday castigated NC president, Dr. Farooq Abdullah for pointing fingers at BJP Government over the recent targeted killing in Valley.

After filling nomination papers by BJP candidates for the posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor JMC, Gupta said that the statements given by the NC patron against the knock of the security forces in the Valley are unacceptable and need to be condemned by one and all in one voice.

He said that to re-establish his lost political ground in the Valley, the NC leader is indulging in such kind of mudslinging against the government and the security forces.

The senior BJP leader said that need of time is to expose NC and other opportunist political outfits, which for the sake of their own political mileage never mind to keep the image of the Government of India at stake.



Resource persons being awarded with saplings at Dogra Law College on Monday.

## Lecture on 'Maintenance and Welfare of Parents' organised

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Oct 17: Legal Aid Cell of Dogra Law College organised an extension lecture on the topic "Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007", here today.

The programme started with the welcome address by Dr Darshana Sharma, Director Dogra Group of Colleges and Campus Development. The resource person Slahuddin Ahmed (Sub-Judge and Secretary DLSA, Samba) acquainted the students with the provisions on 'Maintenance and Welfare of Parents' and 'Senior Citizens Act, 2007'.

He emphasized that the maintenance and welfare of parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007



Ex-DyCM Dr Nirmal Singh and Ex-MLA Rajeev Sharma listening public grievances in Jammu.

## Dr Nirmal, others listen public grievances

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
JAMMU, Oct 17: Dr Nirmal Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister, accompanied by Rajeev Sharma, former MLA and J&K BJP vice-president Anuradha Charak listened to the public grievances at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here today.

Visiting people and deputations presented their issues in front of BJP leaders. Various issues represented contained matters of individual concerns as well as development-oriented related to their respective areas.

The deputations and individuals shared their concerns related to electricity, water, revenue, ration, etc. with the senior party leaders and requested their redressal as soon as possible.

BJP leaders listened to all the individuals and the deputations patiently and immediately took up the matters with the concerned departmental officials telephonically as well as issued letters for the others. Talking to the concerned authorities, they pressed for the prompt redressal of the issues.

Dr Nirmal Singh while attending to the grievances stressed upon the party's commitment to resolving public issues to their satisfaction. He said that the public grievances camps initiated by the party have empowered the common masses to get their administrative and development issues resolved on time.

## CBC organizes outreach prog on PM's 15 point agenda for minorities

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
LEH, Oct 17: The Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Government of India today organised an Integrated Communication and Outreach Program (ICOP) in the Khalti Sub Division of district Leh.

The programme was organized by CBC's Field Office, Anantnag at Government Higher Secondary School, Khalti under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM).

The outreach programme was first of a series of such programmes to be organised by CBC in the Ladakh region during the month of October. The ICOP was meant for public awareness about various schemes and welfare measures being implemented throughout the country under the Prime Minister's 15 Point Programme for the welfare of religious minorities. Information about the objectives and vision of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was also provided to participants which included the new initiatives of Swaraj Television Series and Azadi Quest Mobile Games.

The information about these initiatives was provided by means of standees, printed Information Education and Communication (IEC) material, pamphlets, brochures as well as group discussions and face to face communication.

Shahid Mohd Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC Anantnag and Leh presented an overview of the mandate and activities of the CBC in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh regions.

He provided a detailed insight into the different schemes being implemented across different sectors by various ministries under the PM's 15 Point Programme. He impressed upon the youth especially students to take advantage of various scholarships and skill development courses offered under the overarching programme.

Shahid Mohd Lone, Joint Director, CBC, J&K and Ladakh region in his presidential address said PM's 15 point programme is an overarching programme which covers different schemes for educational and economic upliftment of the underprivileged and weaker sections of the minority communities and the onus to get benefits lies with the people. He said that there is a government scheme for almost every stage of life of a citizen ranging from prenatal healthcare, youth welfare, old age and even post death. He further added that Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a festival to celebrate India's glorious past and an opportunity to work for its bright future.

Students also presented cultural programmes and participated in an open quiz, winners of which were felicitated at the conclusion of event.



Members of Private School Association during meeting at Udhampur on Monday.

## Private Schools Association seeks streamlining of Education Dept

**Excelsior Correspondent**  
UDHAMPUR, Oct 17: To discuss the problems triggered for the private schools due to the mushroom growth of pre primary, toddlers, franchisee and unrecognized schools, a meeting of J&K Private Schools Association office bearers of district Udhampur was organized by R P Sharma, District President, here today.

The meet observed that out of 737 private schools in Udhampur, only 270 were recognized while others are operating unauthorizably, which have now become big challenge for all those who are running private schools after fulfilling all norms.

The Association alleged that entire educational system to streamline the working of private schools has collapsed in JKUT.

Ajay Gupta appealed to the Lieutenant Governor to intervene into the defunct education system of JKUT for survival of small private school owners who are solely dependent on this venture and are rendering yeomen services after charging meager amount.

Those, who attended the meeting, included Vineet Gupta, Siddherath Shanker, Parshant Salaria, Ankuh Verma, Siddheshwar Sadotra, Kuldeep Singh, Vijay Kumar, Vishal Gupta, Abhishek O Thomas, Rakesh Gupta, Rajesh Modi, Manoj Sharma, Pankaj Kerai and others.