

## Union MoS for Law lays foundation stone of Water Supply Scheme in Kupwara

**Excelsior Correspondent**

KUPWARA, Oct 20: Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Prof. S.P Singh Baghel on the second day of his tour to Kupwara district today inspect-



Union MoS for Law & Justice Prof SP Singh Baghel inaugurating PHC at Gugloosa, Trehgam on Thursday.

ed various developmental works and reviewed the pace of progress.

The Minister laid the foundation stone of a Water Supply Scheme (WSS) at Gulgam, Tangwari coming up at a cost of Rs.799.60 lakhs. The Minister was informed that the WSS will be completed within 2023-24 and will provide clean

water supply to the area. The scheme was approved under the programme 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal'.

The Minister also inaugurated New Type Primary Health

Centre at Gugloosa, Trehgam. The building was completed at a cost of Rs.187.50 lakhs.

On the occasion, the Minister assured that he will take up the matter of additional funding for the PHC with Lieutenant Governor of J&K for further improvement of the hospital.

The Minister also visited



ADGP presenting award to a winner of the 'Mirchi Shopping Carnival' at Jammu on Thursday.

## ADGP announces winners of Mirchi Shopping Carnival

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JAMMU, Oct 20: Additional Director General of Police Jammu (ADGP), Mukesh Singh announced winners of Mirchi Shopping Carnival Season-4—an extravagant and mass shopping festival for the people of Jammu city and also introduced new RJ-Mirchi Tani, here today.

The shopping carnival had started on September 26 and ran extensively till October 20—the day of the grand finale. The event was partnered by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Super Specialty Hospital, Renault Jammu, Yougal Soms, Rasalika Sweets, Mukh Raj Ashok Kumar Jewellers, Face Craft Salon and Spa, Jay Kay TVS, Mahavir Watch Company, Urban Emery-G bikes and Wave Mall.

The ADGP Mukesh Singh IPS graced the event as chief guest and was welcomed and felicitated by Wave Mall's Management, Madan Rana and Associate Vice President-Mirchi Sumit Kakkar along with Mirchi team.

The first runner up of the lucky draw was presented with a TVS Bike by Manik Batra of the Batra Group and the winner of the grand finale was presented with a Renault Kwid by Pranav Mehta of Renault Jammu.

The chief guest congratulated team Mirchi and team Wave Mall Jammu for bringing more

happiness to Jammu this festive season by organising such grand events.

In an attempt to give the citizens of Jammu a unique shopping experience and a purchase that was worth their penny, 98.3 Mirchi joined hands with some of the renowned brands and retailers of Jammu city. From daily household needs to apparels, furniture, home decor, jewellery, automobiles, and exotic gift hampers.

The 98.3 Mirchi also conducted a lucky draw contest at all the shopping venues in which customers were offered a chance to win some exciting prizes and gifts on the day of the finale.

In the carnival finale, 98.3 Mirchi organised fun activities that were hosted by Mirchi Chaitanya and Mirchi Rohit who also introduced Mirchi's newest RJ Mirchi ki Toofani Tani.

Mirchi's newest RJ was introduced with a spice of surprise which was planned to engage the audience and the audience was astounded with a sudden and marvellous entry of Mirchi Tani, so now on you will be listening to her from 2pm to 5pm.

The grand finale also featured a soulful and captivating band performance by Jammu's own Shumalini's band, making one and all present sing and groove to the music. 98.3 Mirchi also extended their thanks to all the shoppers and presented them with exciting gifts and prizes.



Sham Lal Sharma and Rekha Mahajan listening public grievances at BJP headquarters on Thursday.

## Sham Sharma listens public grievances at BJP headquarter

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Oct 20: Listening to the grievances put forth by the people from various areas of Jammu and Kashmir, J&K BJP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma (former Minister) accompanied by BJP Secretary Rekha Mahajan, assured the visitors that the party would ensure that their issues were resolved at the earliest.

Individuals and deputations of people from various areas of Jammu & Kashmir had reached BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu to meet these leaders with their grievances. They narrated their woes and sought the kind intervention of the party leaders to get their problems solved.

Various deputations and individuals presented their woes before the BJP leaders and

sought their intervention in the matters concerned. Main issues were linked to the departments like PHE, PDD, PWD, revenue etc.

Sham Lal Sharma gave patient hearings to the problems of the people, which were taken up with the concerned officials of the departments stressing for early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer.

Feeling committed to the masses to resolve their issues at their earliest, Sham Lal Sharma, said that the BJP leadership is dedicatedly working from the ground level to the highest level to know the issues, to resolve them at the earliest and to prevent them in future.

Rekha Mahajan coordinated and recorded all the grievances presented by the visiting people and deputations.

Amrit Sarovar at Kani Dogar Sar. He informed that the Sar was constructed at a cost of Rs. 9 lakh under Convergence programme of 14th FC and MGN-REGA.

The Minister, while talking to the media, said that Union Government has been providing full flow of funds for development of J&K. He said Kashmir witnessed largest ever tourist footfall during current year which is itself a sign of peace.

Chairman District Development Council Irfan Sultan Panditpuri, concerned BDC Chairperson, Additional Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, ADC, CMO and concerned officers were also present at the occasion.

## Div Com reviews preparedness of districts for Back to Village Phase-4

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Oct 20: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners and concerned officers to review the arrangements/preparations of districts for Back to Village 4 (fourth phase) programme.

The Div Com also took feedback on the activities carried out during the ongoing Jan Abhiyan launched as a prelude to B2V4.

The meeting was attended by Director General Social Welfare, Vivek Sharma; Additional Commissioner, Pawan Sharma; Joint Director Information, Sapna Kotwal; Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta and other concerned officers, while Director Rural Development, Deputy Commissioners of Jammu division along with concerned officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

While reviewing the activities under the ongoing Jan Abhiyan launched by the Government from October 15 to October 26, the Div Com laid stress on full saturation of department wise deliverables within the mandated timeline. He stressed on active involvement of PRIs, prominent citizens in Jan Abhiyan and also stressed on IEC campaigns on



Delegation of Cultural and Folks Artists during meeting with LG.

## Delegations call on LG

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SRINAGAR, Oct 20: A joint delegation of National Cultural Artists of Jammu and Kashmir and All J&K Folk Artists Association today called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan.

The delegation headed by Gulzar Ahmad Bhat presented the Lt Governor of various issues

related to the promotion of cultural activities in the UT, and other welfare issues of the artists. A delegation of Nandi Farmers Association Anantnag led by Sheikh Muzaffar, President, J&K Nationalist People's Front also called on the Lt Governor and projected their demands pertaining to restoration of Nandi Canal, installation of Drinking Water Tank at HP Bagh and water supply at Khandi Pahari.

The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegations that all their genuine issues and demands would be taken up for examination and early redressal.

The Div Com instructed DCs to seek daily report from each department regarding action taken during the Jan Abhiyan.

The Deputy Commissioners were further asked to furnish the information regarding status of works taken up under Back to Village program I, II & III. He instructed DCs to seek details from all the district officers to report the status of completed/uncompleted works.

He said asked to scan the old booklets upload the Panchayat wise data on the designated portal. While reviewing preparations of districts for Back to Village phase 4, the Div Com directed DCs to plan the Panchayat wise activities like IEC campaigns, saturation of schemes. The Block Development Officers were asked to make a list of launching of new works, and that of completed works to be inaugurated during the Back to Village programme.

The Div Com also instructed Director Rural Development and DG Social Welfare to make proper arrangements for conducting different trainings. It was informed that the training will be conducted for master trainers at the division level, who will further impart training to district level officers.

## Sat Sharma, Ashwani, Sanjay Baru listen public grievances

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JAMMU, Oct 20: Former minister and ex-BJP President, Sat Sharma (CA) said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Government's strong decisions have ushered Jammu and Kashmir into a new dawn



BJP leaders listening public grievances at BJP headquarters.

liberty to empower the common masses directly, particularly those, who were denied even the basic rights by the previous Governments. We, "as sincere soldiers of BJP are trying to reach out to masses to sort out their issues," he added.

Ashwani Sharma said that marked by development. "The Modi Government took historic decisions to transform the face of this region. Now, J&K has embarked on a new path of development," said Sat Sharma while attending public grievances at the BJP headquarters in Trikuta Nagar.

He was accompanied by Ashwani Sharma, former MLA and Sanjay Baru, Convenor, Urban Local Body Cell.

Sat Sharma said that the Modi Government has taken

BJP leaders are attending to the public grievances in the remotest of regions to sort out their issues. He said that the main issues presented in the camp related to the water, electricity, lanes, drains, roads, health, Revenue departments, ration issue etc.

Sanjay Baru said that the maximum of the issues presented in the camp were immediately taken up with the concerned departmental officials and they have issued letters for the others.

## ADGP interacts with IPS officers undergoing Army attachment

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Oct 20: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh visited the bor-



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh interacting with IPS officers undergoing Army attachment in Akhnoor Sector.

der areas in Akhnoor Sector and interacted with IPS officers undergoing Army attachment.

In his address to the probationers, the ADGP urged them to take this opportunity to understand the conditions under

which security forces guarding the border operate.

He also asked them to make full use of this army attachment period to improve their tactical

and operational skills to be ready for field assignments.

Singh told the probationers how the synergy between Army and other security forces and intelligence agencies helps in bringing down terrorist activities thereby creating an atmosphere of peace.

He appreciated the efforts of the Army authorities to take care of IPS probationers and to acquaint them on border issues and associated security concerns.

## Comm Secy Revenue tours Doda, inspects Revenue camps

**Excelsior Correspondent**

DODA, Oct 20: Commissioner Secretary, Revenue, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, today visited Doda to assess the achievements and activities under Developmental Deliverables besides reviewing overall working of Revenue Department in the district.

During his tour, he had exclusive interactions with the farmers regarding their issues and concerns besides seeking feedback from them about the functioning of the department in their respective areas. He also distributed land pass books among them.

Commissioner Secretary also inspected the revenue camps being organized under Jan Abhiyan in Doda.

He also met with representatives of Patwar Association and listened to their issues concerning their area. He assured the association that all their their genuine demands and griev-

ances shall be taken care of for speedy redressal.

Commissioner, later, had a meeting with revenue officers and officials regarding review of department's functioning. He directed them to ensure 100% achievement under Developmental Deliverables during ongoing Jan Abhiyan.

Bidhuri also took stock of progress on encroachment drives, demarcation of government land, revenue records, digitization of Jamabandis and gir-dawari, missing land records, status of Patwar Khanas and other vital issues.

He instructed the officers to ensure that all the land owners get Land Pass books by the end of ongoing Jan Abhiyan.

Deputy Commissioner, Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, ADC, Dr R K Bharti, ACR Ashfaq Khanji and other revenue officials were present during the program.

On the second day of his

tour, Commissioner Secretary interacted with Revenue officials at Baderwah Sub District. Commissioner Secretary visited and inspected the camps being organized by the Revenue department as part of Jan Abhiyan where he distributed land passbooks among the land holders. He took stock of revenue services and public grievances redressal mechanism.

ADC, Bhardarwah, Chowdhary Dil Mir, ADC, Doda, Tehsildar, Baderwah and other officials accompanied him.

He also directed the revenue officers and officials to add new mutations in digitisation records for maintaining the authenticity and updation of records. He stressed on generating intensive awareness regarding Apki Zameen Apki Nigrani. He directed the concerned to ensure time bound disposal of CLU cases besides instructing to intensify anti encroachment drives in the district.



BJP leader Yudhvir Sethi during 'Public Redressal Camp' at Kacchi Chawni in Jammu on Thursday.

## Govt committed to provide tap water to every household: Yudhvir

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Oct 20: Yudhvir Sethi, vice president Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir held a public grievances redressal camp at Pt Prem Nath Bhawan Kacchi Chawni, and asserted that the Party is committed to provide tap water to every household till 2024 under its prestigious 'Jal Jeevan Mission' project, here today.

Parveen Kemi East Mandal, Ajay Sharma Mandal president, Sham Singh Naib Sarpanch, Babbu, Abdul Mohd Choudhary Ragooa, Abdul Hussain Booth president Bajalta, Attar Hussain, Yousof Don and Vipin Sharma general secretary East Mandal were also present.

People of different areas attended the grievance redressal camp in which they raised their issues and problems.

The delegation of people from Aithem brought to the notice of Yudhvir Sethi the severe shortage of drinking water supply in their area besides other pressing issues like that of difficulties faced by them in getting new ration cards issued by the department, etc. They said that the shortage of drinking water supply requires

immediate redressal as it is the lifeline for one's survival.

They said that the concerned FCS&CA Department authorized to issue ration cards is not issuing new ration cards due to the reasons best known to the authorities. They sought the intervention of the senior BJP leader to get their pressing issues resolved at the earliest.

Yudhvir Sethi after giving the delegation a keen and patient hearing asserted that very soon the water problem will be resolved once for all as the works are being executed under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

He said that he would ask the PHE authorities to ensure drinking water supply to the acute shortage areas through tankers till the situation improves.

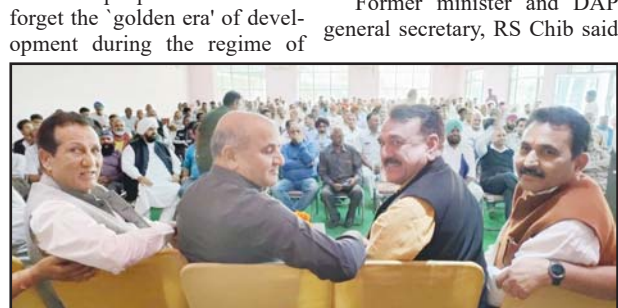
Taking serious note of the ration card issue, he asked the FCS&CA Department to simplify the procedure of issuing new ration cards so that the general public would be able to get the benefit of the Central Government scheme under which PM Modi has announced free ration for the general public.

Sethi asked the BJP cadre to remain present in public 24x7 in order to address their minor as well as complex issues as public service is the core of Party's ideology.

## People can't forget golden era of Azad Govt in J&K: Tara Chand

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Oct 20: Former Dy Chief Minister and senior leader of Democratic Azad Party (DAP), Tara Chand today said that people of J&K can't forget the 'golden era' of development during the regime of



Senior DAP leaders, Tara Chand, RS Chib, Jugal Kishore and others at a meeting in Bishnah area on Thursday.

He said Ghulam Nabi Azad is always the first choice of masses as a Chief Minister of J&K and requested people to support him to become the Chief Minister of J&K again.

Former minister and DAP general secretary, RS Chib said statehood should be restored with full legal, land & job rights to the people of Jammu & Kashmir. He further appealed the delegates and the public to the wholeheartedly support Gulam Nabi Azad and assured the people that the DAP will provide a corruption free administration with equitable development of all areas of Jammu & Kashmir, giving special focus on deprived areas. He criticised the current regimes for ignoring border areas with regard to over all development.

Senior DAP leaders including former minister Jugal Kishore Sharma, Dr Manohar Lal Sharma, Ch Garu Ram, former MLA Balwan Singh, E-MLC Subhash Gupta, President Bar Association MK Bhardwaj (Adv) and senior leader Vinod Mishra also addressed the gathering.

## Need to break shackles of academic slavery: Prof Dinesh Singh

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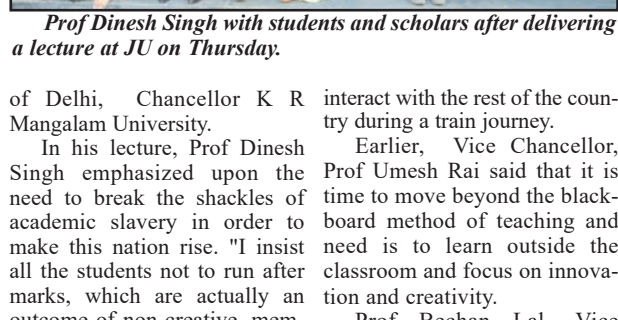
JAMMU, Oct 20: Jammu University today organized maiden lecture under Amrit Kaal Trans-Disciplinary Lecture Series. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Padma Shri Prof Dinesh Singh, Vice-Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council on Innovation in the Context of University Education and former Vice-Chancellor, University

of Delhi, Chancellor K R Mangalam University.

In his lecture, Prof Dinesh Singh emphasized upon the need to break the shackles of academic slavery in order to make this nation rise. "I insist all the students not to run after marks, which are actually an outcome of non-creative, memorization paste and note learning procedure of exams," he said, adding that students should focus on creativity and innovative approaches.

Explaining innovation with local instances, Prof Dinesh said that Jammu University campus boundaries touch Tawi River but no student or scholar has ever done any analysis of the river despite being so close to it. "You all have witnessed the rise and receding of water in this river, but you never analyzed it," he said and emphasized upon the students to explore various aspects associated with this river to make the entire world aware about it.

Prof Dinesh Singh said that



Prof Dinesh Singh with students and scholars after delivering a lecture at JU on Thursday.

interact with the rest of the country during a train journey.

Earlier, Vice Chancellor, Prof Umesh Rai said that it is time to move beyond the black-board method of teaching and need is to learn outside the classroom and focus on innovation and creativity.

Prof Bechan Lal-Vice Chancellor Cluster University of Jammu; Mukesh Singh-ADGP Jammu; Prof Rajnikant-DRS, Prof Neelu Rohmetra-Director DDE, Prof Meena Sharma-Dean Planning, Prof Arvind Jasrotia-Registrar, Prof Naresh Padha-DAA, Dr Meenakshi Kilam-Rector Kathua Campus, Vivek Gupta-DIG Traffic, Prof Raviv Rattan, Director, CDC, Dr Jatinder Khajuria-Registrar Cluster University Jammu, Prof Pankaj Srivastava-President JUTA, Sanjeev Mahajan-Controller of Examinations, Deans, faculty members, officers, scholars, students of University and affiliated colleges were also present on the occasion.

## J&K Bank installs ATMs at Chowki Chaura, Muthi Gaon

**Excelsior Correspondent**

JAMMU, Oct 20: J&K Bank here today commissioned two more ATMs in Jammu at Chowki Chaura and Muthi Gaon.

Bank's Zonal Head Jammu, Rajesh Dubey inaugurated the first-ever ATM at Chowki Chaura along with SDM Varinder Gupta in presence of Tehsildar Raman Jandyal while at Muthi Gaon, Zonal Head Jammu and JMC Councilor, Suraj Prakash jointly cut the inaugural ribbon in presence of Cluster Head, Suresh Choudhary. Bank's customers, senior citizens, elected local representatives and local residents attended both the inaugural functions.

Commenting J&K Bank for providing the first ever Automated Teller Machine in Chowki Chaura area, the SDM congratulated locals for getting state-of-the-art banking facility.

The JMC Councilor also lauded the efforts of J&K Bank and thanked the management for extending high-tech banking facility to the people of Muthi Gaon.

Divisional Head (Jammu), Sumit Kumar said, "Keeping convenience of our customers in view, we have commissioned two ATMs ahead of Deepawali festival to serve the people especially at Chowki Chaura that has got its first-ever ATM."

ment to provide best banking facilities easily accessible to its customers irrespective of their locations and status.

**MS Chak Chhiba Khurd named after martyr Tarsem Lal**

**Excelsior Correspondent**

SAMBA, Oct 20: In a simple but impressive function under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Government Middle School Chak Chhiba Khurd tseli Vijaypur was named after the martyr Hav Tarsem Lal here today.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Samba, Suram Chand Sharma presided over the naming ceremony in presence of mother, wife and other family members of the martyr.

Chief Education Officer, Sarpanch Panchayat, other PRIs and prominent persons of the village including students and staff of adjoining schools were also present.

Plaque containing a brief description of martyr's contribution was unveiled after paying floral tribute to the Martyr.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Suram Chand Sharma recalled the martyrdom of the late Hav. Tarsem Lal. He said that the government has started naming the schools, roads, and other infrastructure after the names of the Martyr/ Prominent personalities who played their role in protecting the sovereignty of the country.