

RPF Commissioner visits Budgam, chairs awareness prog

Excelsior Correspondent

BUDGAM, Sept 28: Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) J&K and Ladakh in collaboration with District Administration, Budgam today conducted an awareness programme on Employees Provident Fund Act 1952 and schemes framed thereunder, registration process and insurance of EPFO for the welfare of contractual, outsourced, and other part time employees engaged by various Government departments and private organization.

The meeting was attended by different sectoral heads from tourism, education, health, agriculture, horticulture, labour, R&B, PDD, Jal Shakti, Industries, Social Welfare and Food Civil Supplies .

Stressing on maximum number of eligible employees under different insurance and pension schemes, RPF Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin deliberated about applicability of EPF & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and elaborated the provisions of Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 and Employees

Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 especially responsibility of departments/Organizations in registering process of their employees.

He advised all the departments to extend benefits of these schemes to all contract and outsourced employees engaged under various Govt departments directly or indirectly. He also explained to the audience about the process of registration of Principal Employers on the online portal of the EPFO.

The RPF Commissioner also said that contractors executing works under different departments like RDD, PMGSY, R&B, Jal Shakti, KPDCCL, etc. should be registered under EPF & MP Act, 1952 so that their social security is ensured and they are benefited financially in case of need.

As per the act, he said, it is the duty and responsibility of Principal Employer to register their employees and EPFO also provides a link in EPFO website about registration of Principal Employer to register the contractors engaged by the said departments.

The RPF Commissioner on

the occasion asked departments to make outreach programmes about the registration process of EPFO schemes so that more and more people are covered under the schemes.

As per the Act, if any employee becomes an EPF member, he automatically gets membership of EPF pension scheme, 1995 and EDLI scheme, 1976. If any member dies while in service, the nominee widow/ widower will get pension lifelong along with 2 children up to the age of 25 irrespective of their marital status and the nominee will get maximum benefit of Rs. 7.5 lakhs under EDLI scheme. There are other pensions provided under the scheme as per eligibility of membership like superannuation, early pension, disability pension, orphan pension, widow pension and nominee pension.

Later, the RPF Commissioner also met presidents of different Lab units of the district and impressed that they will coordinate in identification of contractors engaging construction works in different projects and subsequent in their registration process.



Director Tourism and others during Mata Ki Bhaint at Raghunath Bazar.

Tourism Directorate organises Mata Ki Bhaint at Raghunath Bazar Chowk

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JAMMU, Sept 28: Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, in collaboration with Raghunath Bazar Businessman Association, organized Mata Ki Bhaint at Raghunath Bazar Chowk as part of the ongoing Navratri Festival.

Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism, Jammu was the chief guest of the occasion.

Various local artists presented mesmerizing Mata Ki Bhaint on the occasion. The people of Jammu gathered in the heart of the city and enjoyed the program with full devotion.

Sanjay Gupta, President

Raghunath Bazar Businessman Association applauded the Tourism Department for organising the event in Jammu and creating an aura of positivity and happiness in the entire surrounding.

The occasion ended with a grand Arti of Maa Durga during which the devotees prayed for world peace and happiness.

Among others present on the occasion were Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Director Tourism, Jammu, Sheena Sahni, ADT, Jammu, Jagwinder Tak, AEO and other officers/officials of Tourism Department.



RSM delegation meeting with Director School Education Jammu on Wednesday.

RSM delegation calls on DSEJ, demands DPC before Dussehra

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JAMMU, Sept 28: A delegation of Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (RSM), affiliated to Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM), called on Director, School Education Jammu, Dr Ravi Shankar Sharma and discussed issues of the cadre.

The delegation, led by general secretary Rattan Sharma, discussed burning issues like ATD-2022, DPC of Teachers/Masters/ Non-Teaching Cadre including Class IVth and other related issues.

In the meeting, attention was drawn towards inordinate delay in holding DPCs for Teachers to Masters and release of ATD list. The process of DPC for Teachers to Masters was started in the month of March this year but even after six months have passed, nothing concrete has been done in this regard, said the delegation, adding that this was a matter of grave concern as it's hampering Teacher's career growth badly.

Similarly, process of ATD was started in the month of March this year but due to casual approach on the part of higher authorities, the process is still incomplete. Members present in the delegation requested Director School Education Department for formulation of transparent transfer policy and release of DPC list before Dussehra festival.

After giving patient hearing to the delegation members, Director School Education assured that

the DPC list of Teachers to Masters will be released before Dussehra festival and list of DPC of Class IVth is also on the card and it will also be released soon. Regarding ATD, the Director assured that it is under consideration of administration and certain modalities are being redrawn before giving it a final touch so that neither students nor Teachers suffer.

Members of the delegation comprised Pawan Kumar Sharma, Gurdeep Kumar, Jasmeet Singh Madaan, Ved Prakash Sharma, Kulwant Singh, Naresh Kumar, Vipin Kumar, Master Rakesh Kumar, Rajinder Singh, Tarseem Lal, Hardeep Singh, Vikrant Sharma and others.



Officials of BEL presenting cheque of Final Dividend to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at New Delhi.

Bharat Electronics Limited pays Rs 186.89 cr Final Dividend to GoI

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JAMMU, Sept 28: Dinesh Kumar Batra, Chairman and Managing Director (Additional Charge) of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), along with

Manoj Kumar, Executive Director (National Marketing), BEL, presented the 150 per cent Final Dividend cheque of Rs 1,86,89,60,967 payable on the shares held by the President of India, to the Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh, at New Delhi today.

Masoodi reviews progress of developmental projects in Pulwama

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PULWAMA, Sept 28: Member Parliament (MP), Anantnag Lok Sabha Constituency, Justice (Retd.) Hasnain Masoodi today chaired the District DISHA meeting at Mini Secretariat, here to review the progress of various development and welfare based programmes and projects of the district.

District Development Council (DDC) Chairperson, Syed Bari Andrabi; Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer Ul Haq Chaudhary; ADDC Pulwama, ADCs of Pulwama/Awantipora/Traal, CPO, SES, ACD, CAO, CHO and other sectoral and district officers of line departments attended the meeting.

At the outset, DC apprised the chair about ongoing development projects of the district and implementation status and progress under CSS, State and District Capex.

He highlighted the achievements, special initiatives, best practices of the District Administration under different schemes especially under Amrit Sarovar and creation of social infrastructure particularly in the field of health, education, sports etc., which have been appreciated by the government.

The chair stressed the creation of avenues of entertainment in each block of the district in order to involve youth in sports and in career oriented paths and take them away from drugs.

The chair reviewed MGN-REGA, PMAY, NRLM, NHM, Ayushman Bharat/ JK Sehat Scheme, JSY, JSSK PMGSY, SBM, IDPS, RDSS, JIM, AIBP, PMKSY, ICDS, DILRMP, ICPS, MSK, OSC-W, NFBS, Credit Linkage etc.

Department wise extensive review of Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry was also taken during the meeting.

While taking stock of department wise progress, MP stressed upon bettering the performance under these schemes especially under power transmission and distribution schemes, MGNREGA, SBM, PMAY, NRLM, JIM and ICPS.

He stressed for 100 per cent source segregation of municipal waste, covering of all villages in scientific waste disposal, ensuring safe drinking water, 100 per cent household water connectiv-



MP Anantnag Justice (Retd.) Hasnain Masoodi chairing a meeting.

ity, arresting of Lumpy Skin disease in animals and need for testing/availability of diagnostic equipment and biochemistry analyzers in major health institutions.

He also sought vacant positions of health and education staff and need for reflection with higher authorities for early provision along with creation of new posts, enrolment status, drop-outs rates, status of migratory schools.

He also asked for augmenting better facilities to inmates in Children Homes, empowerment of women, downtrodden and tribals, besides emphasising on officers for removal of



JKPCC working president, Raman Bhalla addressing party workers at Rajiv Nagar in Jammu on Wednesday.

Policies of BJP Govt increased sufferings of people: Bhalla

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JAMMU, Sept 28: JKPCC working president Raman Bhalla today asked party cadre to be in "ready-mode" for the forthcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

While interacting with prominent persons of Rajiv Nagar in Bahu area today as his mass contact programme, Bhalla said that party is ready for assembly elections, whenever polls are held here. He said that the party will fight the polls with full strength and win with full majority and form the government in the UT.

He castigated the central Government stating that the hollow policies of Government have only resulted in increasing the sufferings of the people manifold. He said that BJP befooled the people with its hollow promises before the elections and the common people today realize that they have been totally betrayed by the party. Bhalla said the young lot has suffered a lot due to anti-youth policies adopted by the Centre.

Asserting that the people desperately want assembly elections for the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir, Bhalla said that Jammu has major role to play in upcoming

bottlenecks in the implementation of schemes especially in KPDCCL billing system and PMAY.

The DDC informed that work on various developmental projects is going on speedily in the district to facilitate the general public.

Masoodi asked all the officers to remain in touch with the people, pay regular visits and organize camps in all the remote and far-flung areas so that the people can avail maximum benefits of the schemes meant for the welfare of the people.



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elections by isolating the divisive forces that are bent upon destroying peaceful communal atmosphere. "The political alienation of the people is widely being felt that is why there is desperation for assembly elections for the first time unlike the past," Bhalla added.

Senior Cong leader lashed out at the Government for the betrayal with daily wagers who were on roads, seeking justice. He said that the entire BJP leadership has promised to regularize the daily wagers but after coming to power they failed to pay them regular wages. He demanded that Government should formulate a regularization policy for all categories of daily wagers, casual, need based workers and temporary, contractual employees so that they would have a sigh of relief in this highly inflation period.

The former minister said only Congress can address the problems and issues of the people of J&K as it has a workers' base which knows each and every concern of the common man and can help in mitigating all the prevalent problems of the masses. He appealed the people of Jammu and Kashmir to teach BJP a lesson by extending full support to Congress in the forthcoming Assembly elections.

SAR Group's e-mobility arm Lectrix EV makes entry in Jammu with Global EV

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JAMMU, Sept 28: On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, Lectrix EV has opened its exclusive state of the art dealership M/s Global EV at Digiana.

Meenakshi Gupta, a successful businesswoman in Jammu is the dealer.

The dealership was inaugurated by Kavinder Gupta, Former Deputy CM and Baldev

With Sushil Gupta's experience, sales of this electric scooter are expected to reach 100-150 units per month in a year's time.

Commenting on the occasion, Willy Chengappa Vice President Lectrix EV said, "It is an indigenous built Scooty fitted with Livguard Battery. With our continued focus on Make In India concept, we are



Former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, Councillor and Ex-Chairman JMC Baldev Singh Billowria and others during inauguration of Lectrix EV dealership. -Excelsior/Rakesh

Singh Billowria, Councillor and Ex-Chairman JMC.

Lectrix EV was represented by Willy Chengappa, Deepak Makkar and Abhishek Singh.

Lectrix EV has launched its first product--Lectrix LXS, which is a hi-speed electric scooter. It comes with a range of 89km (Under test conditions) and a market proven range of 65-75km, depending on the ride and usage. With a speed of 50kmph, the LXS is well positioned for the city of Jammu. In addition to Lectrix LXS, other products that cater to B2B delivery segment, LX-45 and a slow speed scooter will also be available for sales in October

providing the most superlative experience for our customers by providing the latest technology Electric Scooty that enhances their lifestyle, we believe this new launch will be a harbinger towards setting new benchmarks in Electric Vehicle Industry and we are confident our customers will love it."

Sushil Gupta Owner of M/s Global EV said, "It is the most economical electric scooty in the market and the company provides service for 4 years/40000 km. It gives speed of 50 Kms". He further said that it is fully charged within 2 hours and consumes 1.5 units to 2 units of electricity.

Mahant Manjit Singh frames Coordination Committee

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JAMMU, Sept 28: In order to present united voice of J&K Sikhs, for the resolution and effective follow up of long pending demands and burning



Mahant Manjeet Singh with members of new Coordination Committee at Jammu on Wednesday.

issues, chief of Dera Nangali Sahib, Mahant Manjit Singh in a new initiative has constituted a coordination committee under the chairmanship of S. Ajit Singh, Chairman All J&K Transport Welfare Association, comprising of prominent Sikh leaders, intellectuals and presidents of all DGPCs in J&K UT.

While addressing the large gathering of Sikh community at Digiana Ashram/ Gurdwara today Mahant Manjit Singh expressed serious concern over neglecting entire Sikh community in J&K and said due to lack of our united voice, we have further suffered a lot in every sphere of life.

While reminding all major pending religious and political demands of Sikh community in J&K, Mahant stressed for at least immediate justice in the matter of Punjabi language, Anand Marriage Act, induction in PSC as member, statue

of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur and justice to microscopic minority sikh community in Kashmir valley at par with Kashmiri Pandits (including SRO 425) and said now this new Coordination Committee

(President DGPC Kathua), Harbhajan Singh (Member DGPC Kathua), Kulwinder Singh (President DGPC Samba), Jaspal Singh (President DGPC Udhampur), Manmeet Singh (Member DGPC Udhampur), Santokh Singh (President DGPC Ramban), Kartar Singh (President DGPC Doda), Attar Singh (President DGPC Kishtwar), Narinder Singh (President DGPC Poonch), Parvinder Singh (President DGPC Reasi), Prof Hardayal Singh (President DGPC Rajouri), Jaspal Singh (President DGPC Srinagar), Gurmeet Singh (Member DGPC Srinagar), Kulwant Singh (President DGPC Pulwama), Nanak Singh (President DGPC Anantnag), Paramjit Singh (President DGPC Baramulla), Prithpal Singh (President DGPC Kupwara),

Hari Singh (Member DGPC Kupwara), Gurjit Singh Kingi (President DGPC Budgam), S Darbari Singh, (President, DGPC Kulgam), Ujjal Singh (President Gurudwara Guru Singh Sabha, Upper Gadi Garh Jammu), Narinder Singh Khalsa (President JKUT Shiromani Akali Dal Amritsar), Fateh Singh (Ex Gen Secy DGPC Jammu), Ravinder Singh Bittu (President, Gatka Association JKUT), Jatinder Singh Lucky (Ex- Chairman Cantonment Board Satwari), Ranjit Singh (President Tanker Union JKUT), Charanjit Singh (Ex- SDM Jammu), Master Lakhbir Singh (Akhnoor), Omkar Singh (Vice chairman All JKUT Labana Samaj), Balbir Singh Pinka, Er Nirmal Singh (Baramulla), Harjit Singh (Duke Srinagar) and Kuldeep Singh (President Kashmir Sikh Sakahaya Sabha).

It's for the first time that Mahant Manjit Singh has created such broad based and unified panel of Sikhs from entire J&K. An appeal was made to all District Gurudwara Prabandhak Committees to extend full cooperation and support to this committee headed by Ajit Singh.

The members of the Committee are- Ajit Singh, Chairman of Coordination Committee (Chairman All J&K Transport Welfare Association), Bikramdeep Singh (Adv), Ranjit Singh President- DGPC Jammu, Avtar Singh (Member DGPC Jammu; Balwinder Singh (Member DGPC) Jammu, Tajinder Singh (Member DGPC Jammu), Charanjit Singh Bhola

Man with acute ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction successfully operated at Narayana Hospital

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KATRA, Sept 28: A middle age man hailing from Jammu suffering with acute ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction was successfully operated by the doctors at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Hospital, Kakrayal.



Dr Sushant and his team posing with a patient on whom they performed Catheter directed intra coronary thrombolysis at Narayana Hospital, Katra.

cles (myocardium), catheter directed intra coronary thrombolytic drug (ALTEPLASE) was given directly into the distal part of the artery.

The patient was then shifted to Coronary Care Unit for observation. After 24 hours, check CAG done showed recovery/restoration of blood flow into right coronary artery with little chunk of thrombus lying proximally for which stent was placed successfully. The patient got discharged on Day 2 after procedure and is doing well, and is on routine follow up.

Stating further about the case, Dr Sushant Kumar Sharma, DM Cardiology and Senior Interventional Cardiologist at Narayana Hospital said that large thrombus burden can negatively impact the outcomes following Primary Angioplasties such as distal embolization of clot, no flow or slow flow in the Coronary artery, increase in infarct size, stent thrombosis and even death in patient with Acute MI.

"Catheter directed intra coronary thrombolysis can be performed effectively and safely when repeated balloon inflations and Manual Aspiration Thrombectomy (MAT) fails to produce satisfactory coronary reperfusion (blood flow) in STEMI patients with large thrombus burdens," he asserted.



Students during 'Know Your Army' on Golden Jubilee of White Knight Corps at Nagrota.

Over 2000 children witness Army Mela on Golden Jubilee of White Knight Corps

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JAMMU, Sept 28: The White Knight Corps as part of its Golden Jubilee celebrations and 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', organised a 'Know Your Army Mela' at Nagrota with a view to motivate the youth to join the Indian Army.

The White Knight Corps was raised on June 01, 1972, by Lt Gen JFR Jacob, who was its first Corps Commander. The Corps has a rich history of valour in war and has also performed commendably in counter insurgency operations.

The 'Know Your Army' event comprised of awe inspiring display of Attack Helicopters Rudra and an enthralling display of 'free fall sky diving' by a team of sky divers from the Army Adventure Wing.

The event also included a scintillating display of flying Para Motors. The demonstration of a Quick Attack Drill (QAD) used to destroy the

enemy, captured the imagination of the audience.

The event was witnessed by more than 2000 children from (Army Public School Nagrota, Sainik School Nagrota, NCC cadets, Govt Girls Model Higher Secondary School Nagrota, Govt Boys High School Nagrota. The children were highly enthusiastic to see the Dog Show, Band Display and Weapon Equipment Display, organised on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the GOC White Knight Corps, Lt Gen Manjinder Singh recalled the glorious history of the Corps and its pivotal role in the defence of the Jammu region. He remembered the sacrifices made by brave-hearts to ensure peace in the region and to ensure its territorial integrity during the wars fought with Pakistan. The GOC complimented the public for their commendable contribution with the security forces in maintaining peace and harmony in the region.

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IGNOU Jammu celebrates Hindi Pakhwada

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JAMMU, Sept 28: To commemorate decision of the Constituent Assembly adopting Hindi as the official language of India on 14th September 1949, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Regional Centre Jammu celebrated Hindi Pakhwada from 14th to 28th September 2022.

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use Hindi in routine administration and office works.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Vikram Singh enlightened the students with various insights into the scope, development and popularity of Hindi and said that it is important to learn Hindi to reach out to the masses.

Dr Asha Upadhyay informed the students about the job opportunities in the field of Hindi. She explained about the various posts available in Government offices and various other offices like Proof Readers, News Readers, Translators, Interpreters, TV Anchors, News Editors, Hindi Software developers, etc.

Dr Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director In-charge, had inaugurated the celebration on 14th September with the oath ceremony in which pledge was administered to the staff of the RC to maximize the use of Hindi language in official communications. The inaugural ceremony also witnessed briefing by the Regional Director about the history of celebrating the Hindi Diwas and Hindi Pakhwada and significance of Hindi language.