



Former Deputy CM, Kavinder Gupta and party spokesperson, R S Pathania listening public grievances at party Headquarters Jammu on Tuesday.

Pathania for professional approach to issues

People's issues must be addressed in time bound manner: Kavinder

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: People's issues must be addressed in a time bound manner by those who have the power to do so, said Kavinder Gupta, while he made a particular reference to the directive issued to the Government departments for clearing the under-process files within seven days. Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, accompanied by former MLA and J&K BJP spokesperson, R.S. Pathania and Executive Member, Shailja Gupta was conducting grievance redressal at BJP Headquarters, here, today. Kavinder said that all the people have their issues, which are related to their day-to-day problems, some societal and other developmental issues. The people have little choice when it comes to approach to a right person or the genuine office for the prompt disposal and hence it becomes the duty of the concerned person, especially the designated department official, to immediately provide relief to those who have approached the office with high hopes. He said that the BJP, as a public party, has built up a robust grievances redressal mechanism at the party headquarter, where people approach with their issues.

Innovative project based competition on Gandhi reaches 2nd Round at JU

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JAMMU, Aug 29: The project based competition announced by the Gandhian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Jammu for the students and scholars of educational institutions of Jammu and Kashmir reached its second round today. In all twenty two teams participated in the first round, out of which ten teams have been short-listed for the second round. The idea of this innovative project-based competition has been conceptualized by Vice Chancellor of University of Jammu, Prof Umesh Rai. In the said competition, the students are required to work on the theme Designing Mahatma Gandhi's Ashram in the context of 21st Century. The problem statement is: "Had Mahatma Gandhi been alive today, what sort of modern Ashram would he have designed?" The project is to be based on the teamwork having not more than 8 members drawn from various disciplines. In addition, each project group could have 2-3 mentors, who could be drawn from either faculty or members of the civil society. Under this activity, the selected teams shall be funded suitably for creating the physical prototype model of the Gandhian Ashram in present times, provided they reach the final round of competition. The purpose of the competition is to develop the critical thinking among the students and ignite the spirit of creativity and innovation among them. The top ten teams shortlisted for the second round belonged to different institutions namely two teams from MIET, IIT Jammu, SQUAST University, UIET Kathua Campus University of Jammu, The Law School, University of Jammu, GDC Hiranagar, GDC Mendhar, GDC Kishtwar and GDC Vijaypur. The teams have been assessed by the external and an internal team of experts on the basis of the preliminary abstracts regarding the problem statement that had been submitted by the respected teams. The criterion of the basis of which the teams got selected were the conceptual clarity, the plan of action and the design for execution of the plan. This is one of the major activities initiated by the Centre under the guidance of the Vice Chancellor JU. The other activities already undertaken by the Gandhian Centre, University of Jammu include, the four days Art of Living Workshop, the three days story telling workshop and the ten day Yoga workshop, the three day YES! Course for the children of Balgran and the plant adoption drive.

AIBCF, OBC Mahasabha raise issues of Backward Classes

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JAMMU, Aug 29: All India Backward Classes Federation (AIBCF) and OBC Mahasabha projected the issues of the Backward Classes and alleged that they are not being provided their legitimate share in the Government jobs in the Jammu and Kashmir. While speaking at the joint press conference here today senior member FC Satia, president AIBCF alleged that Revenue authorities are harassing the community members in getting OBC certificates. He said Revenue authorities are fully aware of the procedure and eligibility criteria for Central OBC certificate and OBC people are being deprived of Central OBC quota. He demanded provincial level workshop of all Tehsildars to remove their doubts and make them aware of the rules prescribed Govt of India. Satia further demanded to induct one OBC member in SEBC Commission and remove general castes from the OBC list. Balwant Kataria, gen secretary AIBCF demanded that State list of Social castes was changed in SRO-294 but Central list was not updated (Gazette notification pending). An immediate action is required in this regard.

ADGP Ladakh visits border areas in Eastern Ladakh

Excelsior Correspondent

LEH, Aug 29: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Ladakh, Dr SD Singh Jamwal, visited forward areas of Galwan, Murgo, Burtse, Chhongthas, and Daulat Beig Olde

bered the supreme sacrifice made by security personnel while defending their motherland. A Ladakh Police team Jamwal was heading also installed and placed Ashoka Stambh at Daulat Beig Olde near DBO Advance



ADGP Ladakh, Dr SD Singh Jamwal, along with Army and ITBP Jawans at Daulat Beig Olde in Eastern Ladakh.

(DBO) in eastern Ladakh on August 26 and 27, 2023. He was accompanied by SSP Stanzin Nurbo, AIG (Provision) Sonam Dechen, Inspector T Dorje and Inspector Mutuup Tashi of Police Headquarters Ladakh.

During his visit, the Head of the Ladakh Police, Dr SD Singh Jamwal, interacted with ITBP and Army personnel deployed at the border locations and lauded their spirit and commitment to duties in the harsh weather conditions. He also paid tribute to the martyrs by laying wreaths on memorials at Murgo, BDO, and remem-

Landing Ground memorial. There, he offered tribute to the martyrs along with the ITBP personnel deployed.

Dr Jamwal also enquired about the families of the jawans posted at Daulat Beig Olde and assured to take up their problems pertaining to policing and other administrative issues back home with respective States/UTs Government authorities.

He also ensured the jawans that he would take up their welfare issues and other matters with concerned authorities at an appropriate platform.

HC quashes 3 PSAs

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SRINAGAR, Aug 29: High Court has quashed three detention orders passed under Public Safety Act including that of a student and directed release of the trio from preventive custody. Justice Sanjay Dhar has quashed the PSA of Sajjid Zahoor Khan resident of Illahibagh, Srinagar. Detenue-Khan was detained by virtue of detention order 02.01.2023 passed by the District Magistrate, Srinagar citing that his activities are prejudicial to the security of State.

The court has quashed the PSA of another detenue-Irshad Mohi-ud-Din Bhat. He was detained on 14.01.2022 by the District Magistrate, Bandipora and challenged the same on the ground that the grounds of detention are vague on the basis of which no prudent man can make a representation against such allegations.

It was contended before the court that the detaining authority has issued the impugned detention order mechanically without application of mind as the allegations mentioned in the grounds of detention have no nexus with the detenue-Khan and that the same have been fabricated by the police in order to justify its illegal action of detaining the detenue.

The court said that all of the material relied upon by the detaining authority, while framing the grounds of detention, has not been supplied to him and the petitioner has been hampered by non-supply of these vital documents in making an effective representation before the Advisory Board.

The court while quashing the order of detention of the detenue-Khan said, there is nothing mentioned in the grounds of detention to demonstrate that the activities of the detenue, on the basis of which the FIR came to be registered against him, had an impact of disturbing even the tempo of life of the community or had the effect of affecting the public at large. "The apprehension of the detaining authority that the remaining of detainee at large would be detrimental to the maintenance of public order, cannot be made basis for placing the detainee under preventive detention", read the judgment.

Justice Dhar has also quashed detention of one Salman Ahmad Wani. Detenue-Wani was detained on 28.06.2022 by the District Magistrate, Shopian with a view to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to security of the UT/Country.

Wani is a 2nd year student of degree college Shopian and was detained for allegedly providing logistic support to militants and is currently lodged at District jail Haryana.

His PSA was quashed for not providing him the whole material of the detention record due to which he could not make an effective representation before the competent authority. "For the foregoing reasons, these petitions are allowed and the impugned detention orders are quashed. The respondents are directed to release the petitioners from the preventive custody forthwith, unless, of course, they are required in connection with any other case", Court concluded.

Wireless Operator of DC Udhampur dies in road accident

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Aug 29: The Wireless Operator of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur was killed in a road accident on the National Highway near Sangoor Chowk, here late last night.

After completing medical and legal formalities, the body of the deceased cop was today handed over to the family members.

According to the police report, Head Constable Vijay Kumar (49), son of Kesar Chand, resident of Delah Udhampur, posted as Wireless Operator in the office of Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, was hit by an unidentified vehicle late last evening near Sangoor Chowk.

A case under relevant sections of the law has been registered at Police Station Udhampur and manhunt has been launched to apprehend the absconding driver of the unidentified vehicle involved in the accident.

Locals and Police rushed to the spot and took the injured person to District Hospital Udhampur where doctors

Meanwhile, deceased Vijay Kumar was paid last tribute amid Police honour at Police Line Udhampur where District Development Commissioner Saloni Rai, DIG Suleman Chowdhary, SSP Dr Vinod Kumar and other officers were present.

SCOPE holds Bhoomi Pujan for 'Social Interaction Club'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: Marking a new chapter of SCOPE's



Unveiling of foundation stone during Senior officials of Bhoomi Pujan of Social Interaction Club of PSEs and SCOPE. SCOPE at New Delhi.

endeavour to promote excellence and coherence in PSEs, Bhoomi Pujan of first-of-its-kind 'Social Interaction Club' for PSEs was held at SCOPE

Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

The Bhoomi Pujan was performed by Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Chairman, SCOPE & CMD, GAIL and Atul Sobti, Director General, SCOPE along with Executive Board Members of SCOPE, CMDs, Directors and heart of the city, the Social Interaction Club will offer an ensemble of world-class social, cultural and recreational Facilities.

46 more dengue cases reported

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: Forty-six more dengue cases were reported today from various districts of Jammu and Kashmir taking the total number of cases so far this year to 304.

A health official said that 243 people were screened today for dengue in Jammu province out of which 46 turned out to be positive. He said 34 cases were reported from Jammu district, 8 from Kathua, 2 from Reasi and 1 each from Samba and Poonch districts. The positive patients include 43 adults and 3 children, he added.

He said the maximum 220 cases reported so far are from Jammu district followed by Kathua district with 35 and Samba 16. "There were eight cases each in Reasi, 6 in Rajouri, four in Rajouri and Udhampur, 3 in Doda,

one in Kishtwar, four in Kashmir and three from other parts of the country," the official said. The official further informed that a total of 96 dengue patients have been admitted to the hospitals and of these, 73 have been discharged and 21 patients are undergoing treatment.

"The dengue cases are rising with each day," the official said, and advised that citizens should ensure no stagnation of water in and around their houses as mosquitoes responsible for dengue breed in stagnant water. He said that water filled utensils and tanks should be kept covered and the cooler should be empty two times in a week. He said as the dengue mosquito bites only during day, one should wear clothes that cover one's body.



DC Rajouri chairing a meeting.

DC Rajouri reviews drug control measures

Excelsior Correspondent

RAJOURI, Aug 29: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today chaired the meeting of the District Level NCORD Committee to deliberate upon and invigorate the ongoing measures to combat the drug abuse in the district.

The meeting commenced with a comprehensive review of the progress made since the previous meeting, highlighting the formation of Nasha Mukht Abhiyan committees at the tehsil and panchayat levels as a significant milestone.

A crucial focus of the discussion was the enforcement of regulations on registered pharmaceutical shops to prevent their certificates from being misused by drug peddlers. The efficacy of various awareness campaigns, including those conducted in educational institutions, unique events such as special sports tournaments held in July, and engaging sessions like 'Chai Pe Charcha' were thoroughly scrutinized and reinforced.

During the meeting, a series of impactful directives were issued to the concerned officers to effectively combat the menace of drug abuse in the society. Recognizing the urgency and gravity of the situation, the Chief Education Officer was entrusted with the pivotal task of organizing comprehensive awareness camps across various grade levels within educational institutions. In a bid to ensure maximum impact, the Chief Education Officer was specifically instructed to incorporate drug abuse awareness programs

into Parent-Teacher Meetings. Furthermore, the meeting fostered an environment of shared experiences and practical knowledge, as different officers came forward to present their valuable insights on engaging the entire society in the fight against drug abuse.

The Deputy Commissioner urged all stakeholders to work in tandem and make dedicated efforts to transform Rajouri into a drug-free district. Emphasizing the importance of keeping the youth on the right track, he called upon the officers to strengthen their synergized and comprehensive efforts in combating the drug menace. Officers present in the meeting were ADC Rajouri, Rajiv Kumar Khajuria; ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar Behnal; ADC Kalakote, Krishan Lal; ADC Koteranka, Srinder Mohan Sharma; PO ICDS, Shoket Mehmod Malik; ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; CMO, Dr Rajinder Sharma; CEO Education, Sultana Kouser; DPO, Auqil Nuavid; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; MS DH, Dr Mehmod Bajar among other officers.

Upgrade Latti PHC to CHC level, provide staff: LDC

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, Aug 29: Latti Development Committee (LDC) has demanded up-gradation of PHC at Tehsil headquarters to the CHC level and posting of adequate Medical staff there.

Members of the LDC in a meeting held under the chairmanship of Kasturi Lal Gupta (Sarpanch-Latti), said that while Government has given Sub District Hospitals and Community Health Centres at Tehsil Headquarters, the only PHC catering to the need of over 50,000 population of entire Dudu Sub Division could not be upgraded till date. He said it was popular demand of the people of this area to upgrade this hospital to the CHC level.

recently to this hospital besides providing necessary medical equipment and allied items at this PHC. He pointed out that Dudu-Latti is the remotest area of district Udhampur and deserve special attention as it is full of road accidents, natural disasters, medical emergencies. It is a popular demand of the local public for upgrading PHC Latti to CHC level and appointment of more staff. He maintained that Secretary H&ME was really working hard to strengthen the rural health care services and implementation of Centrally sponsored schemes to the poor and needy public of UT. He said this PHC has plenty of oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, ECG, X-ray machine now with his intervention.

The LDC chairman requested the Commissioner Secretary Health, Bhupinder Kumar to fill up all the vacant posts of doctors and other para-medical staff at this hospital. He extended gratitude to the Commissioner Secretary for providing an MBBS doctor

The LDC members further appealed the Commissioner Secretary/Secretary to make GMC Udhampur early operationalisation where referral patients from remote Dudu area can be treated inspite of GMC Jammu, which will curtail the financial burden on the poor people.

Two die of hanging

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: Two persons ended their lives by hanging in different areas of Jammu District today, police said.

They said one Surinder Kumar (26) son of Pawan Kumar of Garhi, Purkhoo, was spotted hanging at his home today.

He was taken to Government Medical College Jammu where he was declared as dead on arrival by the doctors, police said.

Another person identified as Ram Kumar Shrestha (45) son of late Kedar Shrestha of Nepal



DGP Dilbag Singh inaugurating the IMS portal in Srinagar on Tuesday.

DGP inaugurates IMS; says app to expedite procurement process of JKP

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Aug 29: The Director General of Police Dilbag Singh today inaugurated the Inventory Management System (IMS) in a function held here at Police Headquarters.

The meeting was attended by Special DGs, RR Swain, AK Choudhary, ADGP (Headquarters) MK Sinha, Director SKPA Udhampur, Garib Dass, ADGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, IGP CID J&K, Nitish Kumar among other officers both in offline and online modes.

Speaking on the occasion, the DGP appreciated ADGP (Headquarters/Coordination), MK Sinha, DIG Traffic Jammu, Sridhar Patil, and the team for getting the task (getting IMS portal ready) completed in a stipulated time frame.

He said that IMS is a useful application and would speed up the procurement process in an efficient and effective manner. He directed for putting the available data on the portal within a month while asking for digitization of the legal data.

The DGP directed for following the timelines and making the inventory management system live within a month. He impressed upon the officers to make optimum use of the system.



Guests and participants during valedictory session of Sanskrit Week at IIT Jammu.

IIT Jammu commemorates Sanskrit Week

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: In a vibrant and enlightening celebration, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu observed a captivating Sanskrit Week.

The event, a confluence of scholarly insights and cultural enrichment, was organized in partnership with the Sharad Saraf Centre for Ayurveda & Indic Studies, the Centre for Essential Skills, and the Non-Formal Sanskrit Education division of the Central Sanskrit University.

The week-long commemoration from August 23rd showcased the profound significance of the Sanskrit language and its timeless contributions to society. The culmination of the week-long celebration was marked by an impressive Valedictory Session. The session was graced by the esteemed presence of dignitaries including Madan Mohan Jha, Director from CSU, Ranveer Campus, Jammu; Madan Kumar Jha, Assistant Professor, CSU, Ranveer Campus, Jammu; Professor Rakesh and Professor Manoj Agarwal from IIT Jammu; Assistant Professor Dr Amitash Ojha from Humanities and Social Sciences Department, IIT Jammu; and Dr Srishilan C, IIT Jammu.

The Valedictory Session encompassed a mélange of captivating events including Vedic chanting, a mellifluous welcome

song, and enriching talks by eminent personalities. Madan Mohan Jha delivered an illuminating discourse on 'Sanskrit & Technology', shedding light on the language's timeless relevance in the modern world.

Dr Srishilan's insightful discussion on 'Sanskrit in our Daily Life' underscored the language's profound influence on various aspects of our existence. The session was adorned with a soulful song and culminated in the distribution of certificates to the participants. Earlier, the event's was inaugurated on August 23rd marking the beginning of an engaging week. Among the diverse range of activities, a Writing Competition, and a Remembrance Quiz were held, fostering intellectual engagement and knowledge sharing. The days unfolded with thought-provoking sessions and interactive discussions. On the Aug 25, a captivating discourse on the 'Role of Sanskrit During our Independence Struggle' illuminated the pivotal role the language played in the nation's pursuit of freedom. This was followed by a competition on August 26th, where participants showcased their mastery of Sanskrit by reciting soul-stirring shlokas.

The event not only showcased the heritage and richness of the Sanskrit language but also emphasized its enduring relevance in contemporary society.

Power shutdown

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Aug 29: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Marheen, Channi, Paharpur, Nanan, Barnoti, Budhi, Maroli Industry, MES Janglote, Logate and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 01 from 7.30 am to 8.30 am. Similarly, the power supply to Channi Himmat, Bathindi, Malik Market, MES, Sunjwan and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 01 from 7 am to 8 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Sheetli, Part of Sidhra, Bamyal, MES Nagrota, PHE Sheetli and adjoining areas will remain affected on September 02 from 6 am to 10 am. Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer O&M Circle, Jammu JPDCL has informed that the power supply to Bandhu Rakh, Greater Kailash, MES, Kalu Chak and their adjoining areas will remain affected on August 30 from 10 am to 1 pm.

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