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SMVDSB devoted to provide better facilities to pilgrims: LG

Festival is being organized by SMVDSB in collaboration with Central Sanskrit University. Sanskrit scholars of 10 institutes from 7 States/UTs are participating in this unique Sanskrit Scholars festival.

The Lt Governor welcomed the Sanskrit scholars participating in the festival and exhorted them to contribute constructively in nation building.

"Sanskrit is not only one of the oldest living languages of the world but also the greatest treasure of classic literature and knowledge in science and technology. This festival is a perfect opportunity to make the young generation aware of values and ideals that Sanskrit possesses," said the Lt Governor.

"North Zone Youth Festival will lead to a better understanding of the various aspects of Sanskrit Studies and knowledge system. We are making efforts through flexible and non-formal Sanskrit courses to increase access of students to make it language of common man," he added.

Sanskrit has been the guiding force of our culture and knowledge economy. It is our collective responsibility to popularize the Sanskrit language and preserve the treasure of science, spirituality, philosophy and culture, the Lt Governor observed.

He lauded the efforts of various organizations and stakeholders

like Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul, Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan and Mahant Rohit Shastri in promoting Sanskrit language in the UT.

Mahamandleshwar Shri Swami Vishveshwaranand Giri Maharahaj, Member SMVDSB called for making collective efforts to promote Sanskrit and ensure that all sections of the society get the benefit of the inexhaustible storehouse of knowledge, science and thought.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul, Katra along with various campuses of Central Sanskrit University and Adarsh Maha Vidyalaya of Sanskrit, situated in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand are participating in this mega event for the first time for the promotion of Sanskrit Language in J&K UT, it was informed.

Members of the Shrine Board:- Dr Ashok Bhan; Sh Kul Bhushan Ahuja; Dr Neelam Sareen; Suresh Kumar Sharma (Retd. Judge); Raghu K. Mehta and Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB Anshul Garg were present on the occasion.

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Prof. Madan Mohan Jha, Director Shri Ranbir Campus, besides students, faculty members and staff of Shrine Board also attended the opening ceremony.

SHA suspends empanelment of 13 hospitals for fraud in J&K, 17 face penalties

ing the authorities to impose a penalty of nearly Rs 6 lakh. Kidney hospital in Sonwar, which is a renowned hospital, also faced three actions in one year which includes 2 penalties amounting to Rs 4.72 and Rs 14 lakh respectively. It also faced suspension of its empanelment in February last year.

KD Eye Clinic Hospital, as per the details available, has also faced a penalty as well as suspension and has been asked to pay the penalty of Rs over 1 lakh. ASCOMS in Jammu has also faced the music after the SHA imposed a fine of Rs 2.66 lakh, while Al-Noor Hospital, Midcity Hospital and South City Nursing Home faced the suspension of their empanelment in September last year.

Similarly, "Centre for Eye Sight", empanelled under the AB-PMJAY, has also faced action from the SHA after it was penalized and asked to pay the penalty of Rs 1.64

in September last year followed by suspension of empanelment in December last year. Noora Hospital in Umar Abad has also been found involved in fraudulent activities prompting the authorities to impose a penalty of Rs 5.54 lakh in October last year. In Jammu, again, Baba Nayak Hospital and Raksha Kidney Hospital has been asked to pay the fine of Rs 69000 and Rs 20 lakh respectively in October last year while National Hospital Jammu's empanelment under the scheme has been suspended.

The officials said that there are clear-cut directions to keep a check on the hospitals and ensure that strict action is taken against the violators. More so, the SHA has also been told by the H&ME to strengthen the audit capacity of the State Anti-Fraud Unit by taking the necessary measures.

SIU conducts raids in Tral

Ahmad Bhat son of Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, resident of Satoora Tral and Sameer Ahmad Mohand, son of Ghulam Mohammad Mohand resident of Shairabad Tral

conducted to collect more evidences of their involvement in other militancy related cases. The case (FIR No. 37/2022) has been registered in Police Station Tral



SIU team during searches at Tral on Monday.

—Excelsior/Younis Khaliq

An official said that during the search, proper SOPs were followed and relevant information was gathered. Incriminating material was recovered by the SIU Awantipora.

He said that the searches were

BVR appointed CEO NITI Aayog

(IAS) officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, was last year appointed as Chairman and Managing Director, India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) on contract basis for a period of two years after his superannuation on September 30.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Subrahmanyam's appointment for a period of two years from the date of assumption of the charge of the post, a Personnel Ministry order said.

Iyer, who was working as NITI Aayog CEO, has been appointed as Executive Director, World Bank

headquarters, Washington DC, USA for a tenure of three years, it said.

He will be replacing Rajesh Khullar, a 1988-batch IAS officer, who has been repatriated to his cadre State Haryana, the order said. Iyer was on June 24, 2022, appointed as NITI Aayog CEO for a period of two years.

In another order, Rajesh Rai has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of ITI Limited -- a public sector undertaking -- for a period of five years.

Rai is at present General Manager, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL). (PTT)

Even after 7 years of announcement, Admn fails to make BSL-3 Lab functional in GMC Jammu

"While Power Transformer has been installed, the work of installation of RO Plant is underway. However, DG set for the Lab is yet to be installed as despite tendering twice, even a single bid was not received," sources said while adding that now the authorities are going for the tendering third time.

Sources said that the work of

RO Plant will be completed within a month and if any bidder comes forward this time for DG Set, all the requisite work (including final touches to the Lab by Bio Safe India Limited) for making the BSL-3 Lab functional will be completed within 3 months and hopefully by June or July this year, the Lab will be put to use.

DB grants last opportunity for filing latest ATR

cases and number of FIRs are awaiting prosecution sanction for last several years. He also submitted that the DoPT, Govt of India is also sitting over two CBI FIRs Case No RCCH-GO51201850006 and No RCCH-GO51201850007 (Arms License Scam) and the GAD had granted prosecution sanction vide GO NO 22-JK-GAD(Vig) of 2021 dated April 9, 2021 in respect of JKAS officers. However in case of IAS officers the CBI report along with DVDs were sent to

DoPT on April 9, 2021 for accord of prosecution sanctions, however till date there is no headway in the matter and the directions of the Apex Court in case of Dr Subramanyam Swami Vs Dr. Manmohan Singh are being flouted with impunity.

At this stage, Senior AAG Monika Kohli requested the Division Bench that she be allowed four weeks time to do the needful and similar submission was made by DSGI Vishal Sharma who further pointed out that he had not been furnished the copies of the four compilations filed by Advocate General DC Raina.

Looking into the public interest involved and the seriousness of the matter, the Division Bench reluctantly granted three weeks last and final opportunity to Senior AAG and DSGI to comply with the last court directions by filing affidavits/ latest status/Action Taken Report.

The Division Bench further directed the Registry to re-notify the instant PIL for consideration on March 18, 2023.

Panel to suggest measures against road accidents

The committee, headed by Engineer in Chief (Secretary Technical, PWD), has been constituted in compliance to directions of the High Court in PILs titled Intakhab Ahmed Qazi versus Union Territory of J&K and others.

Secretary, Road Safety Council, Executive Director (P) NHDCL Jammu Office, SE PW(R&B) Circle Doda and SSP (Traffic Rural) Jammu are members of the committee.

NGT sets up Panel headed by J&K CS

locations and nature of constructions in the interest of the safety of the inhabitants."

The Tribunal on the basis of a media report noted that the earth started slipping and caused damage to most of the houses in the area which has led to the displacement of inhabitants. A Geological Survey of the area is underway to ascertain the causes of the incident.

The Bench headed by Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel in an order passed on February 17, 2023, stated that the Committee may suggest remedial measures to prevent environmental damage in the light of carrying capacity, hydro-geology studies, geo-morphological studies and also covering other allied and incidental issues.

The Bench has directed the constitution of a joint Committee to be headed by Chief Secretary, J-K. Other members will be Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology Dehradun, Govind Ballabh Pant National Institute of Himalaya and Environment, National Institute of

Hydrology (NIH), Roorkee, Prof JS Rawat, Kumaon University, Almora, Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad, National Institute of Rock Mechanics, Bangalore, CPCB and ACS Environment, J-K who will act as a nodal agency for coordination and compliance. ACS, Environment will provide for travel and logistics for members to the extent necessary.

Recently, several families were evacuated after their homes developed cracks at a village in Doda district, the authorities also declared unsafe a mosque and a religious school for girls at Nai Basti village in Thathri, 35 kilometres from Doda town along the Kishtwar-Batote National Highway, said the J&K administration.

Earlier, the Tribunal had constituted a committee of concerned departments and experts to suggest remedial measures in relation to fragile areas in the Himalayan region and other places including Shimla, Kasauli, Manali, McLeod

Ganj in Himachal Pradesh and Aravali hills in Rajasthan.

The Tribunal had constituted a committee of concerned departments and experts to suggest

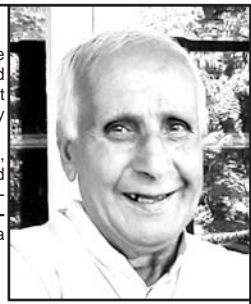
remedial measures to deal with the situation based on which the Tribunal can consider directions under Section 15 of the NGT Act, 2010. (Agencies)

OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved **Karamyogi Sh. Arjan Nath Kachroo** resident of Hutmahar Anantnag, who left for heavenly abode on 20-02-2023.

Mourning will be held at H.No. 180/9C, Manorama Vihar Patta Bohri, Jammu and Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 01-03-2023 at Akhnoor Ghat and afterwards assembly will be held at H.No. 180/9C, Manorama Vihar Bohri, Jammu at 11.30 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN
Smt. Mohani Kachroo - Wife
Sons & Daughters-in-law
Smt. Muni & Sh. S.K. Kachroo
Smt. Anu & Sandeep Kachroo
Daughters & Sons-in-law
Smt. Sweeny & Sh. Sanjay Kachroo
Smt. Sweeny Kachroo W/o Lt. Raj Kumar Bhat
Brothers & Bhabhis
Smt. Ratin Kachroo W/o Lt. Sh. Soom Nath Kachroo
Sh. Bushan Lal Kachroo & Smt. Santosh Kachroo
Smt. Sheela Shah & Sh. Radha Krishan Shah - Sister & Brother-in-law
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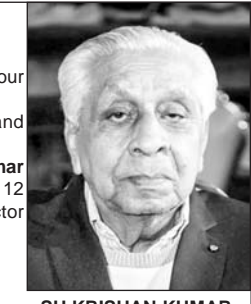
KARAMYOGI SH. ARJAN NATH KACHROO

BARKHI

One year has passed but still we feel your painful absence everyday. Your unforgettable sweet memories and noble qualities will always remain with us.

BARKHI of our beloved **Sh. Krishan Kumar Bajaj** will be performed on 22-02-2023 at 12 noon at our residence H.No 53, Sector 4, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, 180020

GRIEF STRICKEN-
Smt. Santosh Bajaj - Wife
Son & Daughter in Law
Ravi Bajaj & Meenu Bajaj
Son in Law & Daughter
Om Puri & Indu Puri
Grand Children
Tanu Puri, Arjun Puri, Piyush Bajaj
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SH. KRISHAN KUMAR BAJAJ

Ladakh Admn withholds PHE CE's salary

Jammu and Kashmir for initiating a disciplinary proceeding against Sumeet Kumar Puri, Chief Engineer of PHE&FC Ladakh for his "misconduct".

"The proviso of FR-17 states that an officer who is absent from duty without any authority is not entitled to any pay and allowance during the period of such absence,"

an order issued by UT Administration of Ladakh said.

"Therefore, it is ordered that the salary of Sumeet Kumar Puri shall be withheld until the Government of J&K takes a decision on his un-authorised absence from duties and leaving the Head Quarter," read the order.

Govt sets into motion exercise for 24x7 water supply in J&K

The City Level Task Force(s) for implementation of 24x7 water supply projects will also ensure 100 per cent consumer metering with each meter GIS tagged while the tariff will be telescopic rate based on volumetric consumption.

Bulk meters will be installed at all strategic and suitable places so that NRQ computation is possible and the reduction becomes possible. All bulk meters will be connected to the SCADA system.

For commercial, industrial and societies of high rise buildings, automatic meter reading (AMR) meters have been planned. Required control valves (FCVs/PRVs for hilly areas) have been planned for designed distribution of water while WTP, MBRs, ZBRs (Zonal Balance Reservoir), ESRs, pumping stations will be located on all season roads and the roads for missing lanes.

Chief Engineer UEED,

Superintending Engineers, Hydraulic from concerned districts, Professor of Department of Environment Engineering from IIT Jammu and NIT Srinagar, GIS Expert from Department of Ecology & Remote Sensing, PPP Expert (Faizan Malik) from SSSL, SCADA/autonomous expert (Shakfat) from SSSL and NLCO (NGO related to conservation) are Members of the UT Level Task Force.

Similarly, concerned Executive Engineer of Jal Shakti Department in the division, senior Geologist from State Ground Water Department, faculty member of Environment Engineering from IIT Jammu/NIT Srinagar, GIS expert from Department of Ecology & Remote Sensing, concerned Executive Engineer from PDD and others are Members of City Level Task Force(s).

Bridge develops cracks

ties were using sub-standard material for construction of the vital bridge in the area.

"To know the factual details, I myself reached the spot to see that the authorities involved in construction of the bridge were indeed using sub-standard material", he said.

"I had to intervene and ask the men on work to stop the further construction."

The BDC member also urged the district administration and relevant offices to initiate a thor-

ough enquiry.

"The district administration and other allied offices should take a strong notice of the case and initiate an impartial enquiry to bring the culprits to justice", he said.

The Executive Engineer R&B Division Handwara said that the issue will be sorted out on a priority basis. "The general public need not to worry about anything as we are on it to resolve the issue on a priority basis", he said.

HC notice on no Penal Code for foreigners in J&K

there is no Penal Code in operation in the territory of Jammu and Kashmir for foreign nationals and thus, any crime as defined in Penal Codes, committed by any foreign citizen in the Union Territory is neither defined, nor such foreign national criminal will be tried and punished.

The Division Bench of Justice Mukta Gupta and Justice Poonam A Bamba sought responses from the Ministry of Law and Justice and the Ministry of Home Affairs within four weeks and listed the matter for April 26, 2023

Plea stated that the fundamental right of Petitioners to freely travel and settle in the territory of Jammu and Kashmir as guaranteed under Article 19(1) (d) and (e) are denied to Petitioners and further, the fundamental right to life in the territory of India as guaranteed under Article 21 which provides protection of life and personal liberty is lost by action/inaction of Union.

The plea filed by Anubhav Gupta further stated that even Indian citizens would be facing trial under the Indian Penal Code, 1860 in the UT as committing offence outside India, which is against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India. This would be against Article 1(3) of the Constitution of India.

"There are in fact far reaching effects of having no Penal Code in the territory of Jammu and Kashmir not only for Petitioner who intends to visit Jammu and Kashmir but for all

residents of Jammu and Kashmir in the hands of foreign nationals," read the plea.

The plea sought quashing of Section 18 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 being violative of Article 19(1)(d) and 19(1)(e) of the Constitution of India.

The petitioner pointed out that while promulgating the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019 though all provisions of IPC were amended and consequently the Ranbir Penal Code was also repealed, however, it appears that inadvertently in Section 18 where "India" is defined, the corresponding amendment was not carried out, noted the bench. (Agencies)

Reducing Army presence Govt's prerogative: Farooq

Srinagar was responding to questions about a media report which claimed that the Government is considering withdrawing the Army from the hinterland in Kashmir in a phased manner.

Reacting to the Government's reported decision to "halt" demilitarisation in the Union Territory, the former Chief Minister said "It was due to the opposition of the people".

"This has happened because of the noise made by the people. If people had not made noise, they would have intensified the drive. People should remember that they have the power to shake the Government," he added.

A HEARTFELT TRIBUTE

to our colleague **Sh. Jetender Dhar** who passed away on 16th instant at Jammu.

May his soul attain Moksha. **SKIMS Kashmir Displaced Employees Welfare Association, Jammu.**



Sh. Jetender Dhar

CONDOLENCE

"No one can prepare you for loss; it comes like a swift wind. However, take comfort in knowing that he is now resting in the arms of our Lord" With profound grief and sorrow the principal, staff and students of GBHSS Bakshi Nagar deeply condole the sudden demise of Sh Joginder Raj, a dedicated and down to earth personality, who left for his heavenly abode on 18th Feb'23, after a brief illness, creating a void that no one can fill.



Sh Joginder Raj

TRIBUTE TO UNCLE

No words can describe the loss we feel for our uncle's death, our heartfelt condolences go to the entire family. Bajjan, you are gone, but you will never be forgotten. We are only left with your memories to live with now. Deeply Remembered by Er Ramesh Raina and Anjula Raina Er Salish Raina and Anita Wali Er Prashant Raina Dr Chetanyee Raina Er Sunil Bhat and Varsha Raina 9419195330, 7889652647



Sh. Vijay Kumar Raina

CONDOLENCE

In this transit world a truly great person like you, who illuminated lives of people around you, is physically no more with us now. The void you have left behind will remain forever. We, the members of Shri Shakti Mandir Committee Roop Nagar Enclave Block 'A', the residents of Roop Nagar Enclave and Durgu Nagar Jammu, are deeply saddened and depressed by the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Arvind Kaw (Bitu Ji) R/o H.No. 732/A Roop Nagar Enclave Block 'A' Jammu. We pray to Param Pita Parmeshwar for his Moksha. Bitu Ji you will always remain in our hearts. DEEPLY MISSED BY Ashok J Raina, Virender Kaw, Naresh Raina, Santosh Dhar, Rav Tejoo, Sanjay Hangejo, Ramesh Bhat, Kuldeep Bhat, Dilseep Bhat, Sanjay Tickoo, Rajinder Bhat, Rav Shankar, Venjan Raina



Karamyogi (Sh. Arvind Kaw Bitu Ji)

CONDOLENCE

WE, THE MEMBERS OF BSNL/DOT PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION JK&K JAMMU EXPRESSED THEIR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCE ON THE UNTIMELY SAD DEATH OF **SMT NEELAM GUPTA W/O SH VINAY GUPTA**. AND WE PRAY TO ALMIGHTY GOD TO BESTOW HIS CHOICEST BLESSINGS AND PEACE TO THE DEPARTED SOUL AND GIVE COURAGE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY TO BEAR THE IRREPARABLE LOSS. **BALDEV SINGH FIN. SECY BSNL/DOT PEN. ASSOCIATION JAMMU MOB. 94191-88718**



SMT NEELAM GUPTA

REMEMBRANCE

Time flies fast. Life goes on at its own pace But some memories can never be forgotten or erased from the mind of the dearest ones Three year's has been passed without you but you will always remain in our heart. **FONDLY REMEMBERED BY:** Reeta Gupta (Wife) Poonam and Sahli Gupta (Daughter and Son in law) Kanika and Aditya Mahajan (Daughter in law and Son) Abhishek Mahajan (Son) **GIRDHARI LAL GUPTA** Grand children: Nivaan, Nirbhay, Adikansh, Aavya



GIRDHARI LAL GUPTA

REMEMBRANCE

on 33rd Death Anniversary Noble souls never die, they remain in the hearts of their loved ones. 33 years have passed since you left us for heavenly abode, but memories are still fresh and guide us for truth and honesty. May almighty God rest your soul in Heaven for eternal peace. **DEEPLY LOVED AND REMEMBERED BY:** Son and Daughter-in-law Th. Bikram Singh Bantrol and Thakuran Santosh Kumar Bantrol Grand Sons and Grand Daughter-in-laws Kr. Devidar Singh Bantrol and Smt. Sandesh Kumar Bantrol Kr. Rajgurunagar Singh Bantrol and Smt. Preeti Bantrol Grand Children: Manik, Manish, Ridhima and Ranbir **Late Smt Leela Devi Bantrol** W/o Late Th. Gaje Singh Bantrol (Retd. Gidwarva) (21-2-1990 to 21-2-2023)



Late Smt Leela Devi Bantrol

CINEMA

APSAARA AUDI-1: PATAHAN (HINDI) - 10.15 AM, 04.15 PM, 07.15 PM, 10.15 PM
APSAARA AUDI-2: GOL GAPPHE (PUNJABI) - 10.00 AM, 12.45 PM, 3.30 PM, 6.30 PM, 09.00 PM
HARI THEATRE: MEI RAJU KAPOOR HO GAYA - 10.00 AM, 12.30 PM, 3.30 PM, 6.30 PM
PVR KC AUDI 1: 1. SHEHZADA (HINDI) - 10.15 AM, 1.25 PM, 4.35 PM, 7.45 PM, 10.55 PM
PVR KC AUDI 2: ANT-MAN AND THE WASP QUANTUMANIA 3D (HINDI) - 9.00 AM, KALI JOTTA - PUNJABI (UA) - 11.50 AM, ANT-MAN AND THE WASP QUANTUMANIA 3D (HINDI) - 2.35 PM, PATAHAN (HINDI) - 5.25 PM, 3D ANT-MAN AND (ENG) 8.40 PM, 11.30 PM
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WAVE CINEMA AUDI 2: SHEHZADA (UA) 10.15 AM, 1.15 PM, PATAHAN (UA) 4.05 PM, KALI JOTTA - PUNJABI (UA) - 7.00 PM, PATAHAN (UA) 9.40 PM
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