



SAD deputation during meeting with BJP, MP Ghulam Ali Khatana in Jammu.

## SAD deputation calls on BJP MP Khatana

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 10: A deputation of Jammu and Kashmir State Shiromani Akali Dal under the leadership of Darbinder Singh president Shiromani Akali Dal, J&K met Gulam Ali Khatana, Member of Rajya Sabha and secretary and spokesperson of Bharatiya Janata Party's J&K unit and submitted a memorandum to him.

The SAD members stressed upon the BJP MP to concede the just and genuine demands of the Sikh community. They regretted that the Central as well as Jammu and Kashmir Government has ignored the Punjabi language while implementing the official languages in Jammu and Kashmir and declared the languages like Dogri, which has no script of its own and not given the status of official language to Punjabi having its own script and used since centuries by many people in



RTO Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra and dignitaries from AM Hyundai launching SUV Hyundai EXTER in Jammu on Monday.

## AM Hyundai launches SUV Hyundai EXTER

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JAMMU, July 10: AM Hyundai Jammu launched its sporty entry SUV, Hyundai EXTER, today, aiming to redefine the benchmark in its segment.

This SUV reflects Hyundai's commitment to innovative design, intelligent technology, and exceptional performance.

With its modern exterior, cutting-edge technology, and unparalleled safety features, Hyundai EXTER is set to make a mark in the fast-growing SUV segment.

The unveiling ceremony took place at the flagship AM Hyundai Dealership in Jammu, attended by RTO Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra, Chairman AM Group Jatinder Mahajan, Managing Director Sanjay Mahajan, and Directors Ankur Mahajan and Akshay Mahajan.

RTO Jammu, Pankaj Bhagotra congratulated AM Hyundai on the launch of its new car and urged people to prioritize safety while driving.

Sanjay Mahajan expressed pride in introducing an SUV that embodies Hyundai's commitment to innovation and performance. He stated that Hyundai EXTER's design, technology, and safety features would exceed customer expectations and reinforce Hyundai's position as



Students of GCoE participating in Skill Development Course.

## Skill Development Course begins at GCoE

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 10: Prof Aekta Gupta, Principal of the Government College of Education Jammu today inaugurated Value Added Course in Skill Development in Regional Art and Handicrafts.

The trainers have been invited from Shilpakari Bazaar, an MSME Unit of Udyam. In the five day long hands-on workshop the students will be trained in Basholi Paintings and Wheat Grass Artifacts made up of bio friendly material by the trainers.

The objective of the workshop is to promote Indian Knowledge System and Regional Cultural practices that propagate sustainable development.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Aekta Gupta said, "it is high

## HC can intervene in loan recovery cases exceptionally: DB

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 10: High Court has held that it can entertain and intervene in the exceptional matters relating to loan recovery by the bank against the defaulter despite the remedy available with the defaulter is Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT).

These observations were passed by the Division Bench of Chief Justice N Kottiswar Singh and Justice Moksha Kazmi in a case challenging the order of Chief Judicial Magistrate for taking over the possession of assets of the defaulter.

The order of taking over the possession of the defaulter was passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Budgam under Section 14 of the SARFAESI Act at the instance of the respondent J&K Bank, by which the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Chandoor, was authorized to take possession of the mortgaged properties of the petitioner firm.

The petitioner counsel Shaker Haqani argued that that mandatory provisions under Section 13(3-A) read with Section 14 of the SARFAESI Act had not been complied with by the respondent Bank at the time of filing the application before the CJM seeking assistance of the Bank under Section 14 of the Act, on the basis of which the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) passed the impugned order.

The bank counsel on the other hand raised the maintainability issue of jurisdiction of the court in entertaining the

instant petition. He submitted that this issue cannot be examined by this Court in exercise of the writ jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution and if the petitioner-defaulter has any grievance, he can approach the appellate forum before the Debt Recovery Tribunal available under Section 17 of the SARFAESI Act.

The division bench after considering the arguments advanced by both the parties came to the conclusion that since the remedy available with the defaulter against the bank actions is before DRT but the High Court has jurisdiction and can intervene in appropriate cases in exercise of writ jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution.

"It cannot be said that this court has no jurisdiction at all under Article 226 of the Constitution to interfere with an order passed by the CJM under Section 14 of the Act. However, such discretionary writ jurisdiction has to be invoked most sparingly and not in a routine manner as there is an alternative statutory remedy available under Section 17 of the Act.", DB recorded.

"For example, in the present case, if the respondent bank had admitted that the bank did not consider the reply/representation submitted by the borrower, which is mandatorily required to be undertaken by the Bank, the High Court perhaps could have intervened, rather than remitting the matter to the forum available, as it would merely delay the matter", read the judgment.

## Poster of Hindi film 'Operation Baraat' released

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 10: Soul Picture Pvt Ltd here today released poster of its upcoming Hindi feature film 'Operation Baraat'.

Bollywood Actors, Mir Sarwar and Producer, Sameeksha Gaur; Director, Suzad Iqbal Khan; Producer, Kalyan Soni; Actors Vikram Sharma and Shadab Khan were present at the podium.

The function was attended personalities from film, TV and theatre of Jammu including



Dignitaries release poster of Hindi feature film 'Operation Baraat' at Jammu on Monday.

Tariq Khan, Madan Rangla, Janak Khajuria, Vikram Sharma, Shami Malhotra, Mushtaq J&K, J.R Sagar, M. Akram Khan, J.R Jackson, Shazi Khan, Kishor Atri and others.

The star cast of the film was Hiten Tejwani, Mir Sarwar, Sameeksha Gaur, Satyakam Anand, Shadaab Khan, Amit Antil, Sanjeev Srivastava and Mahesh Bajraj.

## Workshop on disability studies begins at KU; MoU with CDRT signed

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 10: A two-day workshop on disability studies started at the University of Kashmir today while the variety also signed a key MoU to promote disability sensitisation programmes and holistic understanding of the emerging academic discipline.

The MoU seeks to promote disability studies as an academic discipline and foster wider understanding about the need to engage students in research on disability studies.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofar Khan chaired the inaugural session of the workshop, organised by the Department of English in collaboration with Centre for Disability Research and Training (CDRT), Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi.

Addressing academics and students, Prof Nilofar underlined the role of the University in promoting workshops on key aspects related to disability studies to realise its goal of creating a "truly inclusive space for equal academic progression of all the students."

She said the University will seriously pursue setting up a centre for disability studies to help higher education institutions (HEIs) in the J&K UT to promote this emerging area of academic inquiry in view of its vast societal importance.

In his keynote address, Prof

promoting locations of Jammu region and local artists through films and said that Jammu has abundance of talent which is now coming to the forefront to preserve the rich cultural heritage and language of the region.

Shadab Khan, Actor & J&K Coordinator of Soul Picture Pvt Ltd conducted proceeding of the programme.

## Secy Health reviews preparedness for IMI

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 10: Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar today chaired a State Level Task Force (SLTF) meeting to review the preparedness of the Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0 to be held in all districts of the J&K from 7th August this year.

The meeting was attended by Director Family Welfare MCH & Immunization J&K, Dr. Tabasum Jabeen; Director Health Services Kashmir, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather; Assistant Director Family Welfare MCH & Immunization Kashmir Division, Dr Masrat Jabeen and other senior officers of the health department.

Deputy Commissioners of all districts of J&K, Chief Medical Officers, officers from Department of Women and Child Development, Rural Development Department, attended the meeting through video conferencing.

During the meeting, Secretary Health gave directions to all DCs to review the preparations and ensure robust head count survey and timely uploading of U-WIN. He also directed CMOs to take the lead and ensure no child is left unvaccinated. He also advised on flexi session timings so that wages are not lost while coming for vaccination of their children



Former Minister and senior NC leader Ajay Sadhotra addressing public meeting at Shah Badole (Nud) in Samba on Monday.

## Tribute paid to Madr-e-Mehrban

## NC leader cautions against providing lands to outsiders

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, July 10: Former minister and senior National Conference leader Ajay Kumar Sadhotra today expressed serious concern over the plan of the J&K Government to provide five Marlas of land 'each to the landless', saying the people are genuinely apprehensive about the outsiders being settled living in Jammu and Kashmir under the garb of the so-called PM Awaz Yojana-Grameen (PMAY-G).

Speaking in a public meeting at Shah Badole, district Samba to pay tribute to Madr-e-Mehrban on her death anniversary, which was organized by Satwant Kour, Provincial president, Women Wing, Chander Uday Singh secretary zone, Surjeet Singh Manhas joint secretary Jammu Province, said the bonafide state subjects of Jammu and Kashmir will resist any compromise with the lands and jobs.

"The sinister move, if any, to provide lands and jobs to the residents outside Jammu and Kashmir will be fought democratically and peacefully", he said, adding that such a move will eventually lead to doling out jobs to outsiders at the cost of the local educated unemployed and encouraging businessmen from the neighbouring states to crush the economy of locals.

Already, the outsiders have made inroads in various businesses like liquor and minor minerals, seeking contracts and maintaining monopoly over toll

## Govt bias against PoJK DPs living in other parts of country

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 10: Mirpur Balidan Bhawan Samiti, Delhi has alleged that families of displaced persons from PoJK, settled in Delhi and other parts of the country are facing discrimination at the hands of the Government.

In a press statement, a spokesman of the Samiti said that after attack by Pakistani raiders during 1947 a large number of DPs from Muzaffrabad, Kotli, Bhimber, Mirpur etc settled in J&K while many settled in Punjab, Himachal Delhi and other parts of country.

The Government released PM Package for the DPs but it is unfortunate that the DPs settled outside J&K have been ignored and not provided benefit of PM package for their no fault. They had not settled at their own but Government had asked them to move to the other parts of the country due to some political reasons.

Presently many families of DPs are living at Delhi,

especially those working in Brick Kilns.

Bhupinder Kumar expressed his satisfaction that UT of J&K does not face problem of vaccine hesitancy as compared to other states and lauded the society for taking the children's vaccination seriously based on scientific evidence. He directed all CMOs to actively support and supervise this special event in tandem with DY CMOs, DIOs and other allied departments.

Director FWMCH and Immunization directed all concerned officers to ensure 100% due children are vaccinated by a complete and robust microplan made by diligent House to House Survey.

During the meeting, Director Health services Kashmir asked all CMOs to actively participate and support the forth coming IMI 5.0 so that no child/pregnant women are left without due dose of vaccine.

Earlier, a detailed PowerPoint Presentation was given by SEPIO J&K on Operational Guidelines of IMI 5.0 to be held in three (03) rounds starting 7th August 2023, highlighting that unique feature of this IMI is the introduction of U-WIN Application across the districts where in eligible beneficiaries shall be registered and vaccine administration be recorded on U-WIN as previously done in Co-WIN Application.



Former DyCM, Kavinder Gupta kick starting construction of boundary wall and laying of tiles at Radha Soami Satsang Hall in Ward 47 on Monday.

## Centre paying focused attention to J&K: Kavinder

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 10: Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader has asserted that the Government at the Centre is paying focussed attention towards Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (JKUT) to ensure equitable development besides welfare and prosperity of the people of this traumatized region.

He expressed this after starting a development work of boundary wall, laying of tiles and drain coverage at Radha Soami Satsang Hall Ward 47, Jammu today. Vinay Gupta, Corporator Sharda Devi, Karuna Chhetri, Purshotam Lal accompanied the former Deputy Chief Minister.

In his address, Kavinder Gupta said that Bharatiya Janata Party stands fully committed to equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory. "The Union Government is paying focussed attention to Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and is determined to carry out developmental activities in every nook and corner of this sensitive region," he asserted.

The senior BJP leader said that Modi led Government at the Centre has prioritized the overall

development of all the areas without any rural-urban or other discrimination with main focus on roads and sanitation as roads ensure the smooth supply of basic essentials as well as other commodities for the ease of living of the people while good sanitation ensures good health. He said that the Government stands fully committed to ensure the improvement of roads, lanes and drains infrastructure in all the areas.

Later, the former Deputy Chief Minister also interacted with the people of the area and took stock of their problems and issues on the occasion. After giving them a patient hearing, he assured to get their grievances addressed at the earliest by taking up the same with the concerned authorities. He appealed to the people to further strengthen the hands of PM Narendra Modi for equitable development of Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

Others who were present include Karishan Lal, Vivek Patiyal, Sunny Sangotra, Surinder Kumar, Ajay Sharma, Sunny Sangotra, Gulshan Patyal and Subhash Sawalia.

Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta also started development of lane-drain at Lane 06, Ward No 2 of Cantonment area here today.

## H&PM organises Buyers Seller meet at Hyderabad

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 10: With a view to coordinate among all stakeholders and efficiently move forward in fast bridging the gap between the buyers and the sellers, a one-day Buyer Seller Meet was organized today by the



H&PM officials with stakeholders at Hyderabad on Monday.

Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing, J&K under the guidance of Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department at Hyderabad. The meet was participated by around 250 people including sellers from various districts of J&K and Buyers from Hyderabad, Mumbai, Karnataka and Kerala.

Vikas Sharma, Director Horticulture Planning & Marketing, J&K, in his inaugural address, informed that J&K is bestowed with a variety of agriculture and horticulture produces and is the leading producer of apples in the country with large varietal spectrum and harvest ranging from July till November, besides having a unique position in the global market.

He further shared that, this is the fifth such mega and successful event in the last 07-08 months, the earlier ones being "BSM at Kolkata", "BSM at Jammu", "CA Storage Logistics Meet" at Srinagar and "Export Conclave at

Development Corporation addressed the gathering by highlighting the role and significance of the department and stressed upon the potential avenues of Agri/Horti products of J&K and how the government, growers and traders can work in unison to take this sector to new heights.

G. Lakshmi Bai, Director Agriculture Marketing Telangana, in her address informed the audience about how the Telangana government is constantly striving towards developing better market infrastructure for the state and openly invited the growers and traders from J&K to setup their establishments in upcoming Koheda Market ensuring all support from the government.

The meet successfully brought together all stakeholders, fostering constructive discussions aimed at formulating a comprehensive roadmap for taking the Horticulture and Agriculture Marketing of J&K to new heights.

## ASCE appoints Dr Pratik Kumar as Associate Editor

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 10: Dr Pratik Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering,



Dr Pratik Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Institute of Technology Jammu (IIT Jammu), has been appointed as an Associate Editor for the prestigious Journal of Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste (HTRW).

This significant recognition comes from the renowned American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). This is the second Associate Editor appointment he has received this year, further validating his expertise and recognition in his field.

Earlier this year, Dr Kumar was appointed as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Nanotechnology for Environmental Engineering, published by Springer Publisher. These appointments not only showcase his academic prowess but also highlight his commitment to advancing scientific research in his respective domains.

The Journal of Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste publishes peer-reviewed original articles on all aspects of research, planning, development and management of hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste (HTRW).

These include the traditional areas of research, design, control, restoration/ remediation, construction, planning, detection/analysis, oversight, operations, regulations and policy.