

Rajasthan Govt transfers Rs 1005 cr to over 51L pensioners

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JAIPUR, July 11: In order to extend a helping hand to the needy and elderly population, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot today transferred over Rs 1005 crores to the bank accounts of nearly 51.21 lakh pensioners in the State.

The move has been largely hailed by the beneficiaries, who have received an increase pension amount of Rs 1000 per month for May-June, facilitated through Direct Benefit Transfer. Addressing the beneficiaries during the State-level Social Security Pension Scheme Beneficiary Dialogue Programme, the Chief Minister said, "the Government of Rajasthan remains committed to its vision of providing social security and economic relief to its citizens, ensuring a dignified life for all."

He announced plans to introduce an act regarding social security pension and employment guarantee in the upcoming session of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. This act, he said, will include a provision for a yearly 15 percent increase in the minimum pension amount per month.

Furthermore, Rajasthan is set to guarantee a minimum of 125 days of employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and the Indra Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme.

Highlighting the significance of social security pension, Chief Minister Gehlot affirmed its pivotal role in the Rajasthan Government's comprehensive



Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot addressing the pension beneficiaries during a programme in Jaipur on Tuesday.

social security model. Gehlot commended the previous Government's efforts in guaranteeing food security, information, employment, and education under the leadership of former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, urging the current central Government to implement a uniform social security law throughout the country for the benefit of the needy.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister also announced the distribution of smart phones to 40 lakh women, equipped with internet facilities for three years, starting July this year. "This measure aims to directly connect the women with various public welfare schemes," said the Chief Minister.

Additionally, the Chief Minister's Free Annapurna Food Packet Scheme, entailing the distribution of ration packets, will commence shortly. These initiatives, coupled with all-round development in fields such as medical, education, and employment, will position Rajasthan as one of the leading states in the country by 2030.

The beneficiaries have lauded the Chief Minister for his tireless efforts in addressing their

5 Mexicans, pilot killed in crash near Mt Everest

KATHMANDU, July 11:

A private commercial helicopter carrying Mexican tourists crashed today near Mount Everest in eastern Nepal, killing all six people on board, including five members of a family, in the latest aviation accident in the Himalayan nation.

The Manang Air helicopter 9N-AMV took off from Surke Airport in Solukhumbu district at 10:04 am for Kathmandu and suddenly lost contact at an altitude above 12,000 feet at 10:13 am, said Gyanendra Bhul, Manager at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA).

The helicopter crashed in the

Lanjura area of Likhupike Rural Municipality in the remote mountainous Solukhumbu district. TIA spokesperson Teknath Sitaula said all six bodies were found at the crash site during a search operation.

They were returning to Kathmandu from Surke after enjoying a mountain flight. The flight was conducted from Lukla, the gateway to Mount Everest, Sitaula said. According to the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN), all five tourists were Mexican nationals and the pilot was Nepalese Captain Chhet Bahadur Gurung.

The Mexican victims have been identified as Sifuentes G. Fernando (95) and Rincon Ismael (98), both males, along with three females - Sifuentes Gonzalez Abric (72), Gonzalez Olacio Luz (65) and Sifuentes G. Maria Jese (52). Gurung, who managed to survive an earlier accident, had flown helicopters for nearly 7,000 hours in the Nepali skies, local media reports said.

Local police and the police who reached the crash site reported all six persons including the pilot dead, officials said. Two helicopters of Altitude Air mobilized for the rescue operations could not land at the crash site due to adverse weather conditions, the CAAN said, adding that the helicopters have now landed at Bhaknaje of the same district, which is the nearest place to the crash site. Efforts are being made to transport the dead bodies by ground transportation to the helicopter landing area and further to Kathmandu, it said. (PTI)



Members of newly formed 'Peoples Welfare Civil Society' addressing a press conference at Jammu on Tuesday.

Peoples Welfare Civil Society formed to raise voice for public issues

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JAMMU, July 11: To raise voice against the authorities concerned for various issues which the common man of every section of the society is facing, a social organisation has been framed with the name 'Peoples Welfare Civil Society (PWCS)'.

Addressing a press conference here today Suresh Sharma informed that 21 executive members have been nominated in PWCS wherein he (Suresh Sharma), Subash Verma and Pardip Sharma were unanimously nominated for drafting bylaws.

Subhash Verma and Pardip Sharma flayed the LG led administration for not regularizing daily wagers, irregular power cuts, Property Tax, Water Tax, stoppage of pension for old age people and widows and physically challenged people, non-release of scholarship to the deserving students, non-clearance of pending SRO-43 case

etc. They said that recently JKSSB ordered recruitment by decelerization of divisional cadre employees of Health Department to State cadre by clubbing posts of both divisions has resulted in great disparity with qualified youth of Jammu.

"Advertisements should have been made division-wise against available vacant posts so there might be no disparity with any region. We demand reviewing of this irrational amendment and demand recruitment of Jammu youth against the vacancies in Jammu," they maintained seeking immediate attention of LG administration towards people's grievances.

Other PWCS members present in the press conference were Satish Sharma, Gurmeet Singh, K.C Dubeey, Manjoo Ahamad, Ram Lubhya, S. Surjit Singh, Vijay Kumar, Jarnail Singh, K.K Koushal, B.N Singh, Tilak Raj Sharma, Mohd Shafi, Ranjit Singh and others.



Poetic collections of Brij Nath Betab being released at Srinagar on Tuesday.

Brij Nath Betab's poetic collections released

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SRINAGAR, July 11: Brij Nath Betab's two poetry collections were released at a seminar organised by Sahitya Akademy, here today by the Vice Chancellor (VC) of Cluster University Kashmir (CUK) Prof Qayyum Hussain.

A galaxy of scholars, writers and members of civil society were present on the occasion. The two poetic collections, one in English, is titled Harud, the Autumn and the other one in Kashmiri is titled Ae'Inaash, the

nest ruin.

Those who graced the occasion, included Dr Shad Ramzan, Convener Kashmiri, Sahitya Akademy; Aseer Kishwari, a well known writer from Jammu; Prof Shafi Shaq, former head department of Kashmiri, University of Kashmir; Dr Farooq Fayaz, former head of department History, University of Kashmir, Prof. Mohd Zaman Azarooda, former HoD Kashmiri, University of Kashmir and Dr Nazir Samnani, Principal Abdul Ahad Memorial College Srinagar.

MMINSR SKIMS celebrates 9th College Annual Day

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SRINAGAR, July 11: The Madr-e-Meharban Institute of Nursing Sciences & Research (MMINSR), affiliated with SKIMS, today celebrated its 9th College Annual Day.

The event focused on the theme "Recent Challenges of Healthcare System, Evidence-Based Practice," highlighting the evolving landscape of healthcare. Several guests and officials attended the event, with the Director of SKIMS & EOSG, Prof. Parvaiz A. Koul, serving as the chief guest. Prof. Koul emphasized the significance of academic activities and extended his support to all educational endeavours.

He acknowledged the vital role played by nursing professionals in patient care and commended MMINSR for its substantial contributions to nursing education within and beyond the region of J&K.

Prof. Koul urged the students to deliver quality care and encouraged them to revisit the

exemplary nursing practices established at SKIMS.

Dr Bashir A. Laway, the Dean of the Medical Faculty, praised the organizing committee for their dedication to arranging the event. He highlighted the growth of the Nursing College at SKIMS, which initially offered basic diploma courses but now successfully runs undergraduate and postgraduate programs with comprehensive facilities.

Dr Farooq A. Jan, the Medical Superintendent, attended the event as a special guest and expressed his appreciation for the faculty at MMINSR. He stressed the importance of ethical practices, effective communication skills, and strong patient relationships as the core principles of nursing education.

In her address, Prof. Munira Kachroo, the Principal of MMINSR, welcomed all participants and highlighted the college's activities and achievements. She expressed gratitude to the administration for their unwavering support.

Comm Secy I&C chairs Investor Facilitation Meet

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JAMMU, July 11: Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Vikramjit Singh today chaired an Investor Facilitation Meet at Convention Centre here to address the issues and concerns of the industries.

The Investor Facilitation Meet was organised by Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) for investors in Jammu Division in which 20 industrial associations and over 80 industries participated like ITC, Chiripal Megpoly Films Bhagthali, Jupitar Aluminium, Aegios Poly Films and Industrial associations like CII, FICCI, Bari Brahmana Industrial Association, PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Federation of Industries Jammu, Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Jammu and others.

The purpose of the meet was to hear the grievances and issues of investors, including those who have been allotted land under J&K land allotment policy and solve their issues under one platform to actualize the investment on the ground through a one stop facilitation process.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce appreciated JKTPO for hosting such sessions where all Investors,



Comm Secy I&C chairing a meeting at Jammu.

trade bodies, industrial associations and other officials are on the same platform to have a threadbare discussion on the issues faced by industrialists. He said that the Government is focused to improve the industrial ecosystem of J&K and guide them in every possible way to resolve their grievances.

The Commissioner Secretary further said that the Department of Industries and Commerce is taking various steps to improve the business ecosystem of the UT like Single Window System, upgradation and amendments of J&K Industrial ecosystem policies. He also assured such meetings will be regularly featured in both the divisions to facilitate investors.

Speaking on the occasion, Managing Director, JKTPO, Khalid Jahangir said that JKTPO is committed to ensure smooth operations of industries in the UT of J&K and stand hand in hand with all the

investors of J&K as they are helping us to develop industrial ecosystem of the UT. He added that our intent is to address the issues faced by the industries through such facilitation meets and make the UT one of the preferred industrial destination of India.

During the meeting, one on one discussion with investors, industrial associations and trade bodies regarding the issues faced by them in different verticals such as land, power, change of land use, industrial estates, environmental clearances etc were held.

Secretary in I&C, Smita Sethi; Director, I&C Jammu, Kishore Singh Chib; MD SIDCO/SICOP,INDERJEET, Director, Finance, I&C, Regional Director, PCB and other senior officials from Pollution Control Board, Power Development Department, Public Works Department and Revenue Department were present in the meeting.

Children's Summer Workshop by JKAACL concludes

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JAMMU, July 11: The 20 daylong Children's Summer Workshop that was inaugurated on June 14 concluded here today at Abhinav Theatre.

During workshop children from various schools of Jammu region got a rare opportunity to learn and develop skills in various disciplines like Painting, Dance and Theatre art under qualified experts.

Hindi play 'Andher Nagri Chopat Raja' was staged by children and an exhibition was also organised showcasing painting works by the children during the workshop.

Welcoming guests, Dr. Sudhir Mahajan, I/C Divisional

She said that learning art does not only develop various skills of children but also inculcates values and sensitivity in them about the society.

"These performing arts provide full opportunity to imbibe values and self confidence among children which develops their personality and overall development," she maintained.

The participating children in the workshop were Kamakshi Sharma, Zaira Shoket, Vasvi, Samrat Sharma, Mohd. Umar Dar, Swasti, Lakshay Bakshi, Krishna, Mohd. Hadeed Eishan, Rahul Dubey, Samar Pratap Singh, Ahaan Dubeey, Hansuja Sharma, Aastha Bhandral, Niddha Mahajan, Aaiyana Raina,



Hyundai EXTER being unveiled at AM Hyundai on Tuesday.

AM Hyundai Jammu Paloura launches Hyundai EXTER

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JAMMU, July 11: AM Hyundai Jammu Paloura today launched its sporty Entry SUV - Hyundai EXTER.

Designed to redefine benchmark in its segment, Hyundai EXTER has been developed to reflect the tenets of unique exteriors, spacious interiors, advanced safety & technology and exceptional performance. Hyundai EXTER personifies the qualities of India's Gen MZ customers who are fueled by the adrenaline of wanderlust and exploration.

Unveiling of the car was done by various Lifestyle and Social Media influencers in presence of Chairman AM Group, Jatinder Gupta, Managing Director Sanjay Mahajan, Directors Ankur Mahajan and Akshay Mahajan at AM Hyundai's second state of the art dealership at Paloura Akhnoor Road Jammu.

Think outside. Think EXTER' is the key communication that has been devised to showcase the unique symbolism of outdoors and travel. Hyundai EXTER draws inspiration from the natural world and reflects an identity of an explorer and focused outside on the mind.

Hardik Pandya, the cricketing youth icon and one of the best all-rounders in world cricket is the brand ambassador exclusively for Hyundai EXTER. While Hyundai EXTER reflects the pulse of Gen MZ to engage in outdoor

expeditions, travel and leisure, Hardik Pandya derives a quintessential parallel to these values through his energetic and vibrant lifestyle. With his energy, engagement and imagery, Hardik is an ideal fit to champion the brand campaign for Hyundai EXTER.

Hyundai EXTER features a progressive and unique SUV design showcasing Hyundai's Design Identity of 'Sensuous Sportiness' that is sure to turn heads on road with its striking and innovative exterior design, characterized by a modern front, dynamic side and sporty rear design. Hyundai EXTER reflects the company's vision to develop an SUV that boasts of advanced technology, Hyundai's SUV DNA and robust driving capability. This SUV also boasts of segment best wheelbase that encapsulates the lavishness of spacious interiors for a capacious mobility experience.

With extravagant interiors and superior comfort, Hyundai EXTER has been engineered to deliver enthralling experiences of smart mobility to customers. This SUV ensures the highest level of safety and convenience along with exceptional performance. For Indian consumers, Hyundai EXTER has been developed on the tenets of five key pillars: Energetic exterior; Xtra spacious & comfortable interior; Technologically advanced; Enthusiastic & eco-friendly powertrain; Robust & reliable safety.

Samba admn conducts massive cleanliness drive on banks of River Devika

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 11: To promote cleanliness on the holy land of Purmandal, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Samba Abhishek Sharma today launched a massive cleanliness drive along the River Devika and its surrounding areas.

This community mobilization cum sanitation drive was organized in collaboration with the Directorate of Tourism Jammu, the Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, and the Surinsar-Mansar Development Authority. As part of the campaign, garbage, plastics etc were removed from the banks of the river. The general public was also sensitized on the importance of maintaining cleanliness.

A large number of people, members of PRIs, and NSS volunteers of Government Degree College Purmandal, besides officers of Civil and Police Administration also participated in the campaign. A plantation

drive was also conducted at Sangar Morh, Purmandal.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner stated that the holy site of Purmandal holds great cultural and religious value for the people of J&K and it should be the utmost priority of all to maintain the sanctity of the sacred Devika River. He called upon the public to discard the use of polythene, maintain hygiene, adopt best waste management practices and segregation and keep the water resources clean. He also thanked all the participants and appealed to them to join hands with the District Administration in future endeavors of cleanliness.

SSP Samba, Benam Tosh; SDM Vijaypur, Dr. Rajesh Kumar; CEO Surinsar-Mansar Development Authority, Ved Prakash; DFO Samba, Somdutt Khajuria; District Information Officer, Monika, Tourist Officer Dr. Rajesh Raina and other officers were also present on the occasion.



Ayurvedic Doctors addressing a press conference at Jammu on Tuesday.

Govt Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor lacks MOs, other staff

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 11: The Government Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor is lacking proper staff especially Medical Officers.

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In a press conference here today Ayurvedic Doctors informed that an Advertisement Notice No. 06-GAMC of 2021 Dated: 08.11.2021 for filling up of 8 posts of Medical Officers was advertised and interviews were conducted on 2.12.2022.

"Despite lapse of more than one year after interview no prompt and timely action was taken by the College administration to fill the vacant posts as a result of which the College has become almost defunct and is not functioning as per the guidelines of Nation Commission for Indian System of Medicines (NCISM)," they said. These doctors also said that the aspirants who have applied for the posts of Medical Officers also approached the concerned Principal, Director AYUSH, Administrative Secretary

H&ME and other higher authorities but nothing fruitful emerged.

"When NCISM inspected the College on 11.05.2023 and 12.05.2023, all these shortcomings were revealed in their report and it was clarified that the College is lacking proper staff including Medical Officers (MOs)," they maintained adding: "To hide shortcomings, the College administration in a hush-hush manner floated another Notice No. Dir-Ayush/Estt./10206-11 Dated 28.06.2023 ordering already appointed Medical Officers in different Ayush Dispensaries to perform additional duties as Medical Officers in Govt. Ayurvedic Medical College Akhnoor, thereby hampering and depriving the rights of appointment of aspirants who have appeared in the interviews for the posts of Medical Officers."

The doctors demanded that there should be no re-advertisement for the posts and selection should be done from among the candidates who have appeared in the interview.

They urged upon the LG Administration to intervene.



All J&K Dr Ambedkar Welfare Forum members addressing media persons in Jammu on Tuesday.

Dr Ambedkar Welfare Forum concerned over delayed pensions

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 11: All J&K Dr Ambedkar Welfare Forum has expressed concern over the delayed pensions in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing media persons here at Guru Ravi Dass Complex, Rajpura, Jammu, the forum chairman Dev Raj Angral, president Rashpal Digma, and general secretary Ramesh Angurana claimed the pensioners have been facing a lot of hardships these days due to delay in release of the pensions.

They urged the LG Administration that old age and widow and handicap pensions be released immediately

on old pattern to avoid any further harassment to the pensioners. They also urged the administration to resolve the issues of scholarships of SC/ST students on a priority basis.

The UT administration was also urged to bring more welfare schemes for the upliftment of the downtrodden and weaker sections of the society.

Those present in the conference were Tarsem Lochan, Vijay Loach, Mohan Lal Bavoria, Ashok Langeh, Mohan Lal Bhagat, Tarsem Kumar, Dalip Thapa, Rajesh Kumar, Bishan Dass, Rattan Lal, Deepak Thapa, Raman Thapa, King Kumar, Karan Rana, Abhi Menia and others.