

JKTF Holds Introductory Meeting with Chief Education Officer Kishtwar



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The J&K Teachers Forum (JKTF) held an introductory and highly productive meeting with the Chief Education Officer Kishtwar "Javed Ahmed Kichloo". The delegation, led by Provincial President Jammu Sanjeet Sharma extended a warm welcome to Chief Educational officer Kishtwar as they assumed their new roles.

In his remarks, "Mir Sanjeet Sharma" expressed the forum's commitment to offering full support to the district administration in delivering the best possible services to the public. He emphasized that the J&K Teachers Forum, under the leadership of Chairman and National Vice President of the All India Secondary Teachers Federation (AISTF), "Mr. Mohammad Ameen Khan, and UT President Mohammed Ashraf

Sheikh" acts as a crucial bridge between the government and its employees. The delegation included "District President Teachers Forum Kishtwar Imtiaz ul Haq, Senior leaders, Ranjeet Kumar Naresh Kumar Gh.Nabias well as zonal presidents". The team brought to light several pressing issues faced by the teaching community and broader educational sector in the region. During the dialogue, key concerns such as the urgent need for improved infrastructure, timely disbursement of salaries, Shortage of staff in rural areas, and effective policy implementation to standardize education quality were discussed in detail. Mr Sanjeet Sharma underscored the critical role of teachers in shaping the future and emphasized the need for a collaborative approach between the administration and Teachers and other employees. Chief

Education Officer Kishtwar Javid Ahmed Kichloo" expressed satisfaction over the associations proactive role in safeguarding the rights and welfare of teachers. He assured the delegation that the issues raised would be taken seriously and addressed comprehensively. He highlighted the importance of ongoing cooperation between the education department and teachers' forums in achieving positive outcomes. The meeting was marked by mutual respect and a shared vision for enhancing the education system in the district. JKTF remain steadfast in their dedication to collaborating with the district administration to ensure the needs of employees, especially teachers, are met. The forum continues to prioritize initiatives aimed at improving the overall quality of education in Kishtwar.

Bhanu Mahajan along with Mahila Congress Kashmir valley Welcomes Newly Appointed JKPC President Tariq Hameed Karra



GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, AUG 20

In a warm and formal reception, Senior Vice President Mahila Congress J&K Bhanu Mahajan along with Mahila Congress Kashmir valley extended a heartfelt welcome to the newly appointed Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPC) President, Tariq Hameed Karra, at the Congress

Headquarters on M.A Road, Srinagar. The event held underscored the party's commitment to fostering leadership and strengthening its base in the region. Bhanu Mahajan, a prominent figure in the party, expressed her confidence in Karra's leadership and his potential to drive the party's agenda forward in Jammu and Kashmir. Karra, taking over the reins of the

JKPC, is expected to play a pivotal role in shaping the party's strategies and engaging with the community to address pressing issues. The reception was attended by party members and supporters who gathered to show their support for Karra's new role. The Congress Party remains focused on reinforcing its presence and addressing regional challenges under the new leadership.

Ms. SAROJ qualified for the Award of Ph.D. in Economics

GY CORRESPONDENT KATRA, AUG 20

Ms. Saroj, a researcher from the School of Economics at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), has successfully completed her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Economics. Under the guidance of Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena and Dr. Kirrati Ranjan Pattasingh, faculty members at the School of Economics, SMVDU. She conducted an empirical analysis on "Contract Farming, Market Risk and Farmer's Welfare: A Case of Wheat Growers in Haryana". Her research has been published in high-impact factor international journals ranked in the ABDC, SCI, and SCOPUS. Additionally, Ms. Saroj has presented her research work at numerous national and international conferences. Currently, she serves as an Assistant Professor (Economics) at Akal University, Bathinda, Punjab. She extends her heartfelt gratitude to the School of Economics at SMVDU for their essential resources and unwavering support throughout her research journey. Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SMVDU, Professor Ashutosh Vashishtha, Dean, Faculty of Management, Dr. Roop Lal Sharma, Head, School of Economics, and other committee members congratulated Ms. Saroj and wished her a bright future.

9 People Injured In Stray Dog Attack In Poonch

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, AUG 20

At least nine people were injured on Tuesday in stray dog attack in Mendhar area of Poonch district. Officials told that today early morning some stray dogs attacked pedestrians, resulting in injuries to nine people. Medical officer Dr Javid Iqbal told that we have received nine people with dog bites. All the injured persons have been given vaccinated on time and recuperating.

Quinquagenarian Woman Dies After Slipping Into Nallah In Rajouri

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, AUG 20

A Quinquagenarian woman on Tuesday died after she fell into Nallah (Stream) in Rajouri district. Officials told that a lady died while she was going towards Thannamandi through Darra slipped and fell into a Nallah. The deceased person has been identified as Khurshid Begum (52) wife of Mohd Younis Thakkar resident of Baryoun. Her dead body was recovered with the help of locals and taken to nearby hospital for medico-legal formalities.

Zaffar Manhas resigns from Apni Party, likely to join Congress

GY CORRESPONDENT SRINAGAR, AUG 20

Apni Party vice president, Zafar Iqbal Manhas along with his son Tuesday resigned from the Apni Party and are likely to join Congress tomorrow. Zafar Iqbal Manhas confirmed to that he has resigned from the Apni Party and further course of action will be decided after feedback from his workers. Meanwhile, sources said workers meeting is going on at his residence and final decision is expected soon. They said that Manhas will join the Congress on Wednesday in the presence of senior party leader Rahul Gandhi. Manhas was one of the founding members of the Apni Party after he parted ways with the Peoples Democratic Party. His son Irfan Manhas is currently vice chairperson of DDC Council Shopian.

MP Engineer Rashid led AIP spreads wings in South Kashmir

Two PDP leaders join party, many expected to join soon SRINAGAR, AUG 20

Days after the three-phased assembly elections were announced, the incumbent Member of Parliament (MP) from Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency led Awami Ittehad Party is spreading its wings in South Kashmir as a few leaders have announced their joining in the party while a few more are expected to join soon.

On Tuesday, two Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leaders and DDC members including Dr Harbaksh Singh and Abdul Qayoom Mir resigned from the party and joined AIP.

Talking to reporters after joining AIP, Singh, as said that he hasn't left the party for not getting the mandate but being a senior leader, he wasn't taken into confidence before taking any decision.

He said despite serving the party for 14 years, he wasn't informed about the decision made by the party for Trai constituency. He alleged that both the PDP and NC have always neglected minority communities and he is hopeful that the AIP won't repeat such things.

Singh said that he is against the policy of the PDP where they think about their family only. "I have always worked for the welfare of the people and will continue to do so irrespective of the affiliations of the party," he said.

DDC member from Kakapora Abdul Qayoom Mir will contest the assembly elections from Pampore against Zahoor Mir.

PDP workers from the area said Zahoor Mir was inactive for the last six years and a mandate should have been given to the active leader only.

Meanwhile, sources said that many other PDP leaders, who have been denied mandate, are in touch with AIP and they are expected to join the party soon.

The leaders include former MLA Waheed Ajiz Ahmad Mir, DDC Member from Shopian Raja Waheed, DDC Chairperson Putwama Syed Bari Andrabi and others.

Chenabi Kashmiris: A Community in the Heart of the Himalayas

GY CORRESPONDENT DODA, AUG 20

High in the Himalayas, nestled in the picturesque erstwhile Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, thrives the Chenabi Kashmiri community. Also referred as Pahadi Kashmiris, this group carries a unique cultural identity shaped by the rugged mountains they call home.

Anzer Ayoub, a prominent Chenabi Kashmiri journalist and founder of The Chenab Times, offers insight into this community. "We speak a distinctive variant of Kashmiri," says Ayoub, "influenced by the languages of our neighbors—the Dogras, Bharderwahis, and Urdu. This linguistic blend reflects the diverse history of the Chenab Valley, a place where cultures have intersected for centuries."

This cultural mix is reflected in every aspect of Chenabi Kashmiri life. Their traditional clothing

is adapted to the harsh Himalayan climate, with warm woolen garments for winter and lighter fabrics for the summer. Their cuisine is a delightful combination of local flavors, featuring dishes like rajma (kidney beans) and fresh trout, often cooked over open fires.

Despite their deep-rooted traditions, the Chenabi Kashmiri way of life faces challenges from modernization and the migration of younger generations, which risk eroding their unique cultural heritage. This is where Ayoub's work through The Chenab Times and the Chenab Times Foundation plays a crucial role. "Our mission is not just to document and celebrate Chenabi culture," says Ayoub, "but also to address the issues affecting our community."

Through their digital platform and community initiatives, Ayoub and his team are committed to preserving the Chenabi

Kashmiri identity. They organize cultural initiatives to showcase their heritage, advocate for local issues, and provide a platform for Chenabi voices to be heard.

It's important to note that the Kashmiri spoken in the Chenab Valley is distinct from the dialect spoken in the Kashmir Valley. The Chenabi version, influenced by Bharderwahi and Urdu, has its own unique accent and pronunciation. This difference highlights the unique identity of the Chenabi Kashmiris, whose language and traditions have flourished in the Chenab Valley for generations. The Chenabi Kashmiris are an integral part of Kashmiri culture. Their story of resilience and adaptation underscores the importance of preserving distinct communities and their traditions. Deeply rooted in the Himalayas, their heritage continues to enrich the cultural landscape of Kashmir.

NILM NGO Organized Drug Abuse Awareness And Prevention Programme



GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, AUG 20

National Incredible Literacy Mission J&K in collaboration with the Directorate of school education Jammu organized drug abuse awareness and prevention programme at Government Middle School Domana Jammu. Hundreds of the students participated in the programme. The event aimed to educate students about the dan-

gers of drug abuse, prevention strategies, and appropriate responses in case of encountering drug-related situations. Kavita Bahl Guest Lecturer informed the gathering about the side effects of drugs and she told gathering about the circumstances how students get involved in the drugs. She also told the way of avoiding these circumstances. She added that drugs are the most dan-

gerous things which can destroy the whole family of addicted person. Rajni Bala Headmistress Govt. Middle School Domana Jammu along with school staff including Pawan Kumar, Shashi Kumar and Sharda Manhas remain present during the programme. The staff members of NILM NGO including R S Thakur, Pooja Sahu, Sheetal Devi also remain present during the occasion.

Indian Army Bids Farewell To General S Padmanabhan With Full Military Honours

GY CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI, AUG 20

Today, the Indian Army bid a solemn and heartfelt farewell to General Sundararajan Padmanabhan (Retired), the former Chief of Army Staff, who passed away on 18th August in Chennai. General Padmanabhan, affectionately known as "Paddy" within Army circles, served the nation with distinction for over 43 years, culminating his illustrious career as the Chief of Army Staff from 2000 to 2002. He was 83 years old and is survived by his wife, a daughter, and a son.

The last rites of General Padmanabhan were conducted with full military honours at the Besant Nagar Electric Crematorium in Chennai. Many senior serving officers paid tribute and laid wreaths in a mark of deep respect and reverence to General Padmanabhan. A wreath was also laid on behalf of the Chief of the Army Staff, Lieutenant General Tarun Kumar Aich, Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy), Lieutenant General Adosh Kumar, Director



General Artillery and Lieutenant General Karantir Singh Brar, General Officer Commanding, Dakshin Bharat Area laid the wreaths. Numerous veterans who served alongside General Padmanabhan also gathered to pay their last respects, reflecting

on his exceptional leadership, commitment, and the indelible legacy he leaves behind in the Indian Army. The Indian Army extends its deepest condolences to the bereaved family and joins them in mourning the loss of a true soldier and the leader.

Hindu Vahni Akhand Bharat Appoints Parshotam Amit Manhas as State President of Jammu & Kashmir

Manhas Commits to Enhancing Public Engagement and Organizational Goals Following Leadership Trust

GY CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, AUG 20

Hindu Vahni Akhand Bharat is pleased to announce the appointment of Parshotam Amit Manhas as the new State President for Jammu & Kashmir. This strategic appointment reflects the organization's commitment to strengthening its presence and influence within the region. In his new role, Manhas emphasized the importance of connecting with the masses as per the central leadership's guidelines. He stated, "The primary tool for engagement with the pub-



lic today is direct interaction. It is crucial for achieving our goals of educating the community about our ideology and activities." Manhas expressed his gratitude towards the central leader-

ship for their trust and confidence in his capabilities. He assured that his efforts will be directed towards the welfare of the organization and its mission, aiming to effectively contribute to its objectives.