

# Jammu University Teachers Association organizes Teachers Day virtually

Capacity building for challenges and preserving autonomy as celebration of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsava

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
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Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. At the very outset he wished all present on the teacher's day. A comprehensive presentation was made by him to familiarize the Faculty members especially newly inducted ones, a glimpse and an idea about the University of Jammu, its beautiful campus and 7 off-site campuses, academic and research programmes, NRIF Ranking, CWUR Ranking, the Hansa Research Survey ranking, various faculty achievements, the RUSA grant, setting up of new institutes, establishment of new departments and courses in the University of Jammu. He spoke about the achievements of Main Campus, Offsite Campuses, and affiliated Colleges, and discussed about significant initiatives and milestones in

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innovative ideas, who can create and collaborate. All teachers are academic leaders and teachers are always learning through their teaching-learning process. Teachers are always adopting new learning techniques. She emphasized that we should make this University a better place day by day. Teachers should try to become role model for children, enjoy teaching, and if we add joy in learning process then only will we be able to deliver effectively. She quoted the theories of human development given by Vygotsky and Piaget in the understanding of the role of teachers and learners.

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President of India. It was a tribute to Radhakrishnan's close association with the cause of teachers. Whatever position he held whether as President or Vice President or even as Ambassador, Dr. Radhakrishnan essentially remained a teacher all his life. The teaching profession was his first love and those who studied under him still remembered, with gratitude, his great qualities as a teacher. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was one of his closest friends throughout, said about Dr. Radhakrishnan, "He has served his country in many capacities, but above all, he is a great Teacher from whom all of us have learnt much and will continue to learn. It is India's peculiar privilege to have a great philosopher, a great educationist, and a great humanist as a President. That shows the kind of men we honour and respect."

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contributed to the growth of University of Jammu in their own unique ways. Dr. Sikander Pal Choudhary General Secretary, JUTA introduced all the newly appointed Faculty Members of University of Jammu, namely Ms. Suman Kumari, Dr. Rajbir Singh Sodhi, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Mr. Ajay Lakhotra, Dr. Monika Bhardwaj, Dr. Ripu Daman Parihar, Ms. Kajal Kalsi, Dr. Rajendra Nath Patra, Dr. Harjit Singh, Mr. Ashwin Kumar Kushwaha, Dr. Bandana Thakur, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana. The teachers expressed their happiness at being given the opportunity to work in the prestigious University of Jammu.

In the end Prof. Neeru Sharma, President JUTA thanked Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Rajni Dingra, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu, Jammu for sparing their valuable time and gracing the occasion. She also thanked all JUTA Members for making this event a great success. Earlier all the JUTA Office Bearers, Dr. Vijay Saigal, Vice President Dr. Sikander Pal Choudhary General Secretary, Dr. Pritam Singh, Joint General Secretary, and Dr. Meghna Dhar, Treasurer wished all the JUTA Members a very happy teachers' day. The event was organized with the special technical support of Dr. Suresh Kumar Murugesan, The American College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

# Mari development & Culture Society Reasi organize cultural programme

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**REASI, SEP 8:**

A Cultural Programme was organized by Mari development & Culture Society Reasi was held at Village Pounsali Dance today here on the occasion 75th Independence celebrations part of the Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsava. The colorful dance performances of Jammu region mesmerized the local audience and enjoy the Folk Performance with the rhythms of rare traditional Music and Dance items, the event show case our rich culture heritage, traditions, costumes. Monu Kumar Nib Sarpanch was the chief guest on the occasion while Raj Kumari DDC Member was the Guest of Honour. Ishwar Dass Namberdar, Narinder Sharma head of the institution Suresh Sharma and others were also present on the occasion. The event was decorated with the colorful presentation of Dogri and phari dances. The Chief Guest in his address appreciated the role of Mari development & Culture Society Reasi to present Folk Performance for highlighting the importance of cultural heritage through live programmes which are still very powerful medium of various social evils and brotherhood for betterment of the society. The chief guest also appreciated the performance of the artists and said that this was the presentations reflects the human values and talent of the regional dancing artists. Local people of the adjoining areas witnessed the programme included prominent persons, teachers and students

# Prof Bhim Singh appreciates Dr. Farooq Abdullah's statement backing secularism, democracy & brotherhood

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Prof. Bhim Singh, Founder Member of J&K National Panthers Party (JKNPP) & at present President of JKNPP appreciates Dr. Farooq Abdullah, National Conference President in J&K for supporting secularism, democracy and rule of law in Afghanistan. Prof. Bhim Singh said that this statement of Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Afghanistan government is very bold, courageous and gives a clear message of India's sovereign, secular, socialist and democratic Constitution. He also hoped that the Taliban government at present shall also stand by old tradition of Pathans keeping brotherhood and secularism alive so that Afghanistan shall remain tide with the earlier Pathans emotional links with all communities and religions, this is the message which every Taliban should keep in mind so that neighbours will not get scared of Taliban. This can keep Afghanistan a globally friendly nation as it used to be earlier. Prof. Bhim Singh also appreciated Dr. Farooq Abdullah's stand supporting Panthers Party about restoration of Article 370 and revival of the Assembly through elections. He said the critics of Dr. Farooq Abdullah should understand that his statements on national and international issues are bold, secular and friendly which should be understood well by all keeping in mind that Kashmir had given its message in 1947 under his father Sheikh Mohd. Abdullah's leadership when India was divided by Britishers by using some communal elements. He said that the entire India is awake today as the entire State of J&K is awake.

# Police arrests an absconder in Bandipora

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**SRINAGAR, SEP 8:**

In continuation to stringent actions against absconders, Bandipora Police have arrested an absconder who was evading his arrest for a long time. Police received a non-bailable warrant from the Hon'ble Court of JMFC Bandipora against an accused namely Hilal Ahmad Ganie son of Mohammad Akram resident of Watrina Bandipora. Accordingly, a special team led by SHO PS Bandipora under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Bandipora Shri Mohammad Idrees-JKPS was constituted and arrested the accused person from Safa Kadal area of Srinagar. Subsequently, the arrested accused was produced before the Hon'ble Court of Law. Our consistent actions against anti-social elements should reassure the community members that we are making every effort to keep our society free of crime. Police has resolved to act as per law against those who indulge in criminal activities.

# Police carries bung destruction drive in Handwara

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**SRINAGAR, SEP 8:**

Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, Police in Handwara destroyed bung cultivation in Langate area. A police team from Police Police Langate along with Revenue Department have destroyed wild bung spread on large area in Langate area. General public of the area have appreciated the action of Police and have urged to continue such drive in nearby areas also. Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding cultivation of contrabands in their neighbourhood. Persons found indulging in drug peddling & cultivation of contraband substances shall be dealt as per law. Our consistent actions against anti-social elements should reassure the community members that we are making efforts to keep our society free from the scourge of drug menace.

# Sarpanch Association demands adequate sports infrastructure in rural areas

**JAMMU BULLETIN NEWS**  
**NAGROTA, SEP 8:**

Sarpanch Association President Dansal, Balbir Singh has stressed upon the need for strengthening the sports infrastructure across the rural areas of Jammu region. Balbir Singh stated this while addressing the youth during a programme held here today to encourage the sports aspirants of the area. During the programme the Sarpanch Association President handed over cricket kits to the players of Nadel Cricket team at Panchayat Kathar Upper in Nagrota. Singh urged the government to create ample sports facilities for the youth of Nagrota constituency which abounds in sports aspirants who have immense talent but are unable to display it in absence of any proper platform in the area. He asserted that if adequate sports facilities are provided to the youth of this area they will undoubtedly excel to bring laurels at the national as well as international level. The Panchayat Association President said that Sports is one of the most lucrative careers as of today and by providing the requisite infrastructure in rural areas, it would go a long way in solving the unemployment problem as the skilled and properly trained youth will make a career in sports. Balbir Singh said that drug peddlers across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir continue to lure youth towards drugs which has become a big menace for the society despite the enforcement agencies nailing the culprits. In such a situation the Sports is the best means to keep the youth of rural areas away from drugs in view of the fact that there are almost no avenues of entertainment in these areas, he asserted. He appealed to the Union Territory Administration led by LG Manoj Sinha to initiate immediate measures in order to provide adequate sports infrastructure and facilities in the rural areas in the ultimate interest of the youth and the society at large. Among others present on the occasion were Panch Vijay Kumar, Bishan Kumar and Kuldeep Sharma.

# Apni Party ST Wing holds protest against Kathua administration

Accuses administration of adopting selective approach against tribals

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**SAMBA, SEP 8:**

The Schedule Tribe wing of Apni Party today staged a protest in Sarore in Bari Brahmana. Led by President, ST Wing, Apni Party, Saleem Choudhary, the protesters alleged that tribal members are not being nominated in the committees constituted in Kathua District. These committees, Choudhary said, were constituted for the implementation of the Forest Rights Act after receiving claims from the tribal and forest dwellers. "We have organised a protest against the District Administration Kathua for not nominating any of the elected

Panchayat, BDC or any other members from the tribal community (Gujjar-Bakarwal) in the said district as members in the FRA committees," said Saleem Choudhary. He said that the administration has been discriminating with the Gujjars-Bakarwals in the district by violating the Govt directives. "The committees for FRA should have members from the tribal community but the same has not been followed by the district administration on the behalf of their political masters," he alleged. He said that the Schedule Tribe Wing of Apni Party will continue its protests till the administration amend its orders and appoint members of the tribal community.

# Reasi DC flags off 'RLG India Clean to Green on Wheels' campaign

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**KATRA, SEP 8:**

Under the aegis of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and in line with the Digital India movement, the 'Clean to Green On Wheels' was today flagged off at Katra, Jammu by Sh. Charandeep Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi. The drive would see nine mini commercial vehicles (chotha hatt) covering the expanse of 100,000+KMs across India; they have distinct beat plans in place and shall holistically cover about 110 cities and 300 towns across the country. The main objective of the program is to reach out to a diverse audience including school students, corporations, bulk consumers, retailers, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), dealers, informal sector, and healthcare providers, spreading the word about the Dos, Don'ts and hazards associated with E-Waste. Clean to Green on Wheels shall be spreading awareness to the end users with an objective of 'Organic E-waste Collection'. It aims to cover a total of 326 schools, 188 RWAs, 134 office clusters, 156 informal sectors, and 4 healthcare camps via on ground workshops apart from 4000+ collection program activities.

Under this program, among the various e-waste awareness initiatives that would be adopted to influence e-waste related deci-

sions and change consumer behavior as well as encourage adoption of sustainable practices, RLG would conduct a pan India Student Videography Competition, inviting the various students and schools across the country, to create a video highlighting the current e-waste problem and offer possible best practices to deal with the same. The contest winner video will be used as Clean to Green Brand video for FY21-22. Electronic waste (e-waste) typically includes discarded servers, computer monitors, motherboards, printers, mobile phones and chargers, compact discs, headphones, television sets, washing machines, air conditioners, refrigerators etcetera. India is currently the third largest producer of e-waste in the world.

Speaking on the occasion, Charandeep Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi congratulated RLG India on this initiative and shared his thoughts on the program, saying, "Even as technological advancements are opening up new and unique doors of opportunities for growth and development in the country, they are creating a greater and more urgent need for each individual to become conscious of appropriate methods to dispose of the electronics once they become obsolete. The Clean to Green on Wheels is a ground-breaking opportunity to reach out to millions of Indians, turning each one of them into

ambassadors for spreading awareness of the correct ways to reduce, reuse, recycle, and dispose-off e-waste, for a greener and healthier environment."

Talking about this tremendous start of FY21-22 during the times of this unprecedented pandemic, Ms. Radhika Kalia, MD, RLG India, mentioned, "As a company, we have been continuously working towards our goals of establishing a formal e-waste management infrastructure in the country, despite various roadblocks created by the COVID-19 pandemic. With this latest e-waste awareness program, we are looking at encompassing the entire country by accelerating the pace of spreading awareness about the importance of adopting proper e-waste disposal and recycling methods. At RLG India, we are confident that Clean to Green On Wheels would be a game-changer in the e-waste management space." RLG India, a subsidiary of Munich-headquartered Reverse Logistics Group (RLG) - a leading global service provider of comprehensive reverse logistics solutions, has announced the company's awareness and collection strategy for FY21-22 by introducing Clean to Green TM On Wheels programme under its flagship campaign, Clean to Green TM (C2G). The coveted awareness program is unique not only in its approach, but also in its coverage.

# HDFC Bank inks MoU with NSIC to offer credit support to MSMEs



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Continuing its robust efforts to support MSMEs, HDFC Bank, India's largest private-sector bank, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) to offer credit support to MSMEs across the country. As part of this collaboration, HDFC Bank will provide MSMEs with a set of specially tailored schemes to enhance their competitiveness. Under this financing arrangement, HDFC Bank branches will

extend support to MSME projects in the areas they are located in or other important industrial sectors across the country.

The MoU was signed by Shri Gaurang Dixit, Director of Finance, NSIC, and Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Roy, National Head - Sales Excellence and Transformation, HDFC Bank at NSIC office, Okhla, New Delhi. The event was digitally attended by Mr. Rahul Shukla, Group Head - Commercial and Rural Banking, HDFC Bank who addressed the Zonal offices

of NSIC and assured all support in strengthening the MSME ecosystem in the country. Mr. Rahul Shukla, Group Head - Commercial and Rural Banking, HDFC Bank said, "As a bank, we are happy to be part of this big initiative to reboot and give a required fillip to the economy."

We believe this partnership with NSIC will help expedite the MSME Sector growth which is the backbone of the country both in terms of economic development and job creation." Role of Bank: Accept loan applications forwarded by NSIC and consider sanctioning loans on a merit basis and as per lending norms laid down in the lending policy of the Bank. Financing projects relating to MSME Sector at different places where bank branches are located or other important industrial centers throughout the country.



**UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION UDHAMPUR**  
**SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
Fresh e-NIT No. 74 of 2021-22 Dated 06-09-2021

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Name of Division	Advertisement Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Est of documents (in Rs.)	Latest Money	Time Allowed for completion	Time and date of opening of tenders	Class of Contractor	Head of Account
1	Construction of 1.0 km road to village Lary. Detail is in last by way of cost of 1.0 lakhs (Rs. 1000000/-)	PWD (R&B) Division Udhampur	5.00	600/-	Bid Security Declaration on notarized affidavit	01 Month	02.09.2021 on or after 14.09.2021	"E" Class	District Plan

Position of AAA :- Accrued  
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The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jitenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	06-09-2021
2	Period of downloading of Bidding documents	From 07-09-2021, 900 Hrs to 13-09-2021, 1800 Hrs.
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	-
4	Bid submission Start Date	07-09-2021 From 900 Hrs
5	Bid submission End Date	13-09-2021 up to 1800 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	14-09-2021 at 1200 Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Udhampur
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) issuing Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur uploading a copy of treasury challan/receipt issued after date of issuance of e-NIT, Bid Security Declaration as mentioned in the bid documents. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, Bid Security Declaration on the notarized affidavit and relevant documents of [1] to be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Udhampur at the time of award of contract.

2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

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No: 44225-38 Dated: 06-09-2021

(Er. Mohd. Zubir)  
Executive Engineer  
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**JKHDC employees call on BJP Vice-President**

MT NEWS SERVICE  
Jammu, September 8:

Led by BJP Weaver & Artisan Cell J&K, Convenor, Vinod Koul, a deputation of the employees of J&K State Handloom Development Corporation (JKHDC) called on BJP Vice-President S. Varinderjeet Singh and took up their issue of the merger of JKHDC into Handicrafts Corporation. They also handed over a memorandum containing details related to their grievances for further transmission to the Advisor to LG. They brought it into the notice of the BJP Vice-President that JKHDC was established by the then State Government in 1980-81 and it has been providing employment to large number of weavers and artisans, besides having given job to employees.

In a statement issued to mercury times, they also briefed about various projects run by the Corporation and showrooms being run within the state and outside the state. It was strongly raised that the merger of JKHDC with the Handicrafts Corporation has reduced it to virtually non-functional as all production and sales activities have come to a halt and that the Weavers and Artisans too are rendered jobless.

Through the memorandum, the employees stated that the Department of Handloom and JKHDC have the same work and, instead of merging their Corporation with Handicrafts Corporation, it should be merged into Handloom Department. It will also meet the deficiency of staff in Department.

S. Varinderjeet Singh gave a patient hearing to the employees of JKHDC and assured them that their memorandum mentioning their grievances and demands will be forwarded to the Advisor with a request for favourable action.

Meanwhile, S. Varinderjeet Singh forwarded the memorandum in original to the Advisor to LG with the official covering letter.

**Modi Govt committed to dignified return of KPs to Valley: Kavinder**

MT NEWS SERVICE  
Jammu, September 8:

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday said that the central dispensation led by PM Narendra Modi is treading gradually to undo all the mistakes committed by successive governments in the last 70 years in J&K.

In a statement issued to mercury times, Kavinder said that BJP Government has already took revolutionary steps in J&K like abrogation of Article 370 and making J&K a UT thus neutralizing the effect of entities which under the guise of mainstream politics wanted to destabilize the country by supporting separatism and violence tactically and in a veiled manner.

Kavinder said that work is in progress in J&K and soon the pristine glory of the Paradise on the Earth will be restored and the region will again become the first choice of tourists and travelers from across the world. He said that the biggest achievement for which the government is toiling hard these days is the safe and dignified return of Kashmiri Pandits to their homeland Kashmir. He said that already much has been done in this direction as yesterday LG Manoj Sinha launched an online portal for resolving the issues of Kashmiri migrants' property in the Valley.

The senior BJP leader said that grievance redressal under this scheme will be time bound and it is expected that the cases will be disposed of efficiently. He said that this landmark feat of the BJP Government is just the start as sooner than later the next step of ensuring return of KPs to their motherland with safety being the top priority is also on cards.

Kavinder hit out at the then government which did nothing to stop the situation from escalating as in 1990s Kashmiri Pandits were forced to become refugees in their own country and the governments both at the centre and in erstwhile State of J&K looked at things as mute spectators. He said that PM Modi has a strong resolve towards KPs resettlement in the Valley and no power on earth can stop this from happening. He said already BJP Government has taught a lesson of life to Pakistan by air strikes and surgical strikes but if the rogue nation will not mend its ways, there is every chance that once again it will be given a befitting reply so that it will never dare to interfere in the internal matters of India especially with regard to Kashmir.

**JKHDC employees call on BJP Vice-President**

MT NEWS SERVICE  
Jammu, September 8:

Led by BJP Weaver & Artisan Cell J&K, Convenor, Vinod Koul, a deputation of the employees of J&K State Handloom Development Corporation (JKHDC) called on BJP Vice-President S. Varinderjeet Singh and took up their issue of the merger of JKHDC into Handicrafts Corporation. In a statement issued to mercury times, they also handed over a memorandum containing details related to their grievances for further transmission to the Advisor to LG. They brought it into the notice of the BJP Vice-President that JKHDC was established by the then State Government in 1980-81 and it has been providing employment to large number of weavers and artisans, besides having given job to employees. They also briefed about various projects run by the Corporation and showrooms being run within the state and outside the state. It was strongly raised that the merger of JKHDC with the Handicrafts Corporation has reduced it to virtually non-functional as all production and sales activities have come to a halt and that the Weavers and Artisans too are rendered jobless.

Through the memorandum, the employees stated that the Department of Handloom and JKHDC have the same work and, instead of merging their Corporation with Handicrafts Corporation, it should be merged into Handloom Department. It will also meet the deficiency of staff in Department.

S. Varinderjeet Singh gave a patient hearing to the employees of JKHDC and assured them that their memorandum mentioning their grievances and demands will be forwarded to the Advisor with a request for favourable action.

Meanwhile, S. Varinderjeet Singh forwarded the memorandum in original to the Advisor to LG with the official covering letter.

**CCI resents NHA's anti-encroachment drive, seeks approach path for business establishments**

MT NEWS SERVICE  
Jammu, September 8:

The Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI), Jammu on Tuesday resented the ongoing anti-encroachment drive led by National Highways Authority of India (NHA) officials along NH-44 by terming it as arbitrary and sought provision to allow path for having access to business establishments on highway as already businessmen are passing through tough time due to pandemic COVID-19.

In a statement issued to mercury times, in this context, a delegation of CCI Jammu headed by its President Arun Gupta met Regional Officer, NHA, J&K, Rohin Gupta and expressed surprise and pain that how come they have started dismantling fronts of shops and other business establishments without serving prior notices. Arun Gupta demanded a fair deal in the matter claiming that the access to shops and other establishments have also been damaged by the NHA, which is sheer injustice as nowhere it is seen that the path for

approaching a business establishment is blocked or damaged by the authorities concerned.

He also said that the business community is fac-

ing an ordeal due to COVID-19 pandemic as many of the traders are on the verge of starvation as their businesses have been severely affected and this ruthless drive will force them to even manage a day's meal for them and their families. He said that this uncalculated and should be stopped immediately or at least the affected traders be given access to their establishments so that their clients or cus-

tomers can visit them and they could earn bread and butter with dignity.

The CCI President demanded that NHA should immediately repair the

issues raised by the CCI delegation, Rohin assured that he would immediately pass on the instruction to the concerned officers to mark the new marking on



front portions of the shops and other establishments to restore business activity as development after closing the shutters of trader brethren is no development at all.

He also appealed to NHA to simplify the rules of giving access to traders to reach their establish-

ments claiming that rules should be for the convenience of the people and not for harassing them. After listening patiently to the

national highway and the new notices to be served to all the concerned establishments who have encroached on the area of the National highway authorities.

Those who accompanied the delegation include Sh. Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President, Sh. Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President, Sh. Gaurav Gupta, Secretary General, Sh. Rajesh Gupta, Secretary and Sh. Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer.

**Common masses' belief in Modi and BJP has touched new heights: Dr. Manyal**

MT NEWS SERVICE  
Jammu, September 8:

Winding up the tour of five assembly constituencies of Kathua district with State President Ravinder Raina, Former MLAs Dr. Nirmal Singh, Rajeev Jasrotia, Kuldeep Kumar, Jeevan Lal and Chairman DDC Kathua Col (Retd) Dr Mahant Singh today, Dr Ravinder Kumar Manyal Former Minister and General Secretary BJP J&K said that the belief in Modi and BJP in the common masses in these areas where the party had won all the 5 seats has touched new heights.

In a statement issued to mercury times, during their 4 days whirlwind tour of these constituencies by BJP leaders, especially Bani Billawar and Basohli the response of the people was thunderous. A new era has begun in this far flung area with huge network of roads and bridges which the people were demanding for the last 50 years.

The roads under various central and state schemes already stand completed and few are under progress. The locals said that this is the first time in their life that in such a short span of period (5-6 Years) they have seen huge development projects which were started and completed in a record time.

The BRO road from Basohli to Bani is live example of this progress, they said. Dr. Manyal said that there were only empty promises and fake slogans in the previous regimes and no development was seen in the last 70 years. At Bani, huge network of 15 PMGSY roads in the area has provided almost 100% connectivity to the far flung areas. He said that Dr. Jitendra Singh Hon'ble MOS has taken up a project of a tunnel between Bani and Bhaderwah which will hopefully be sanctioned this year. The locals have put up a demand for a road between Billawar and Bani

to be constructed by BRO which will provide a link between two assembly segments.

Demand for a new degree college for Macchedi was also put up by the youth which BJP President Ravinder Raina ji said will be taken up with the department. The gathering thanked the president and other leaders for their visit to this far flung area and said that this is the first time that a party president of any party has visited this area for 5-7 times in 3 years. Later at Basohli, the leaders were welcomed with dhool and music. People stressed that the policies and programmes of Modi ji have given benefit to all sections of the society.

Free ration, free Vaccination, Pension to old age people, Widows, and specially aided has made this section self dependent. Ayushman Bharat scheme has benefited a no. of people. People thanked PM Modi and BJP. The party

workers met the leaders separately and a detailed discussion was held regarding strengthening the organisational structure of party.

At Billawar, a huge no. of people had gathered and wanted to meet the leaders but following COVID SOPs they were not allowed and a small group met the leaders and their demands were noted. The people thanked the party for new degree college, and some new institutions, number of new roads etc.

Later workers were addressed by the president and were asked to work for strengthening the party at grass root level. The president asked the workers to work at Booth level and strengthen the Mandal and Booth. Dr. Nirmal Singh, Col. Mahan Singh and Dipti President Jeevan Lal also addressed the workers.

All the DDCs, BDCs, MC Presidents were present in the meetings in all the assembly constituencies.

**To enhance activities of SC Morcha from Panna to Pardesh is my priority: Rajwal**

BJP JK UT SC Morcha Facilities Jaidev Rajwal the newly appointed Prabhari of SC Morcha

MT NEWS SERVICE  
Jammu, September 8:

BJP SC Morcha today organized a program at party Headquarters to facilitate newly appointed prabhari of the Morcha Sh Jaidev Rajwal

Prof Garu Ram President of JK SC Morcha, Sh Bharat Bhushan Chairman DDC Jammu, Sh Munish Sharma All Morcha Prabhari of JK UT, Mohan Thapa National Executive Member of the Morcha, All Vice Presidents, Mr Rakesh Sangml, Mr Mohinder Bhagat Gen Secys of the Morcha along with all state team members and District Presidents of the Morcha attended the program

In a statement issued to mercury times, the party activists gave rousing welcome to Jaidev Rajwal by presenting him flowers, bouquets and Mata Rani Chunnies.

While speaking Prof Garu Ram said that the appointment of Mr Rajwal as Prabhari of the Morcha is a welcome step and right decision of Sh Ravinder Raina and Sh Ashok Koul ji

The activities of Morcha will get more accelerated with the vast experience and working style of Mr

Rajwal Bharat Bhushan said that Rajwal family has contributed a lot to the party and still this family is extending services to the BJP sincerely without any personal interest

While speaking Mr Munish Sharma said that I personally know Mr Rajwal. He is the real soldier of the party. Whatever assignments are assigned to him

He is professional and skilled leader. He services to the Morcha will be extremely fruitful. The Morcha will progress lot under his adept guidance.

Jaidev Rajwal before joining the facilitating program paid floral tributes to the busts of Late Sh Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and Pt Prasad Nath Dogra and took their blessings

While addressing the

SC Morcha President and we feel privileged to be a part of the party.

I was assigned the task of state incharge of IT and Social media department by the party. I worked hard day and night along with my team and the department earned a place at the national level in the party of which all party men feel proud.

Now the party has assigned me new assignment of Prabhari of JK UT SC Morcha. For this I extend my sincere gratitude to Mr Ravinder Raina ji and Ashok Koul ji for trusting my credibility and I assure that now Morcha will perform more better and all the programs will be implemented on the ground.

He also said that all senior Morcha workers will be approached and will be reactivated.

New joining will be started at booth level, Mandal level, District level and UT level where prominent people from the community will be approached to join BJP.

He said that his doors are always open for the party and Morcha and he is available round the clock for the cause of party.



he took them as challenges and always give his best.

The place where the IT and Social media stand today is the result of hardworking and sincerity of Mr Rajwal to the party

Mohan Thapa while addressing the gathering said that Mr Rajwal has vast experience of the political field as well as of the party,

**JUTA organized Teachers Day Virtually**

MT NEWS SERVICE  
Jammu, September 8:

The last one and a half year has taught us to continuously evolve, and build capacities as teachers to face challenges that may be natural, man-made, societal, or individual. Keeping this in mind and celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsava, Jammu University Teachers Association (JUTA), University of Jammu, organized Teachers Day virtually on occasion of Birth Anniversary of former President of India, Scholar, Philosopher and Bharat Ratna Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, on 5th September 2021. In a statement issued to mercury times, Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. At the very outset he wished all present on the teacher's day. A comprehensive presentation was made by him to familiarize the Faculty members especially newly inducted ones, a glimpse and an idea about the University of Jammu, it's beautiful campus and 7 offsite campuses, academic and research programmes, NRIF Ranking, CWUR Ranking, the Hansa Research Survey ranking, various faculty achievements, the RUSA grant, setting up of new institutes, establishment of new departments and courses in the University of Jammu. He spoke about the achievements of Main Campus, Offsite Campuses, and affiliated Colleges, and discussed about significant initiatives and milestones in research. Further he laid the future directions about the priority areas for the faculty which are implementation of NEP 2020, establishment of new departments and courses, timely interviews of faculty and construction of multistoried parking in University Campus, among others. He also stressed on the need of quality publications and research projects. He concluded with the words that we must all derive happiness and pride that we are the Faculty of University of Jammu, which is progressing in leaps and bounds in the development indicators.

Prof. Rajni Dugga, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu, was the Guest of Honor in the function. She welcomed and wished all the teachers a very happy teachers' day. She applauded the efforts of JUTA for organizing the event and the excellent presentation by JUTA President for honoring the superannuated teachers. She viewed that learning is not only through the mode of formal teaching, but among all persons from whom we learn first one is the mother. Learning is not intentional, but we learn a lot in our lives from our experiences, from many significant others who may be our senior teachers, students, non-teaching staff, or administrative staff. Covid time has taught us that we must come out of comfort zones and work under all circumstances. We must have leaders who can think about innovative ideas, who can create and collaborate. All teachers are academic leaders and teachers are always learning through their teaching-learning process. Teachers are always adopting new learning techniques. She emphasized that we should make this University a better place day by day. Teachers should try to become role model for children, enjoy teaching, and if we add joy in learning process then only will we be able to deliver effectively. She quoted the theories of human development given by Vygotsky and Piaget in the understanding of the role of teachers and learners.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, University of Jammu extended his warm greetings on the day and congratulated all the teachers for their active support during Covid times.

Earlier, Prof. Neeru Sharma, President JUTA, University of Jammu, Jammu, welcomed the Guests and Faculty. In her Welcome Address she highlighted the role of teachers in present times and congratulated the superannuated and newly appointed faculty members. The programme was followed by offering a token of respect to the great teacher whose birthday is celebrated as teachers day. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, in the form of documentary presentation, which included biographical sketch, his views on education, facts about the Legend as Nation Leader and as a Great Teacher, and his rare photographs. She said that it was the glory of Indian democracy that an educationist aloof from politics but with an international acclaim as a profound scholar was placed in the position of the President.

It was in 1962 when Dr. Radhakrishnan became the President of India. It was a tribute to Radhakrishnan's close association with the cause of teachers. Whatever position he held whether as President or Vice President or even as Ambassador, Dr. Radhakrishnan essentially remained a teacher all his life.

The teaching profession was his first love and those who studied under him still remembered, with gratitude, his great qualities as a teacher. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was one of his closest friends throughout, said about Dr. Radhakrishnan, "He has served his country in many capacities, but above all, he is a great Teacher from whom all of us have learnt much and will continue to learn. It is India's peculiar privilege to have a great philosopher, a great educationist, and a great humanist as a President. That shows the kind of men we honour and respect."

The JUTA President also honored the building blocks of the University, and talked about the achievements of various Professors who had superannuated since last two years, which included Prof. Baidyanath Labh, Prof. Neelam Saraf, Prof. Parvinder Kour, Prof. R.K. Bamzai, Prof. Anil K. Raina, Dr. Gauri Devi Bajju, Dr. Sharda Dubey, Prof. Keshav Sharma, Prof. Kulwant Singh, Prof. R.K. Ganjoo, Prof. Dev Raj Singh, Prof. Roopma Gandotra, Prof. Darshana Sharma, Prof. Mubarak Singh, Prof. G.M. Bhat and Prof. Anurag Gangal. All had contributed to the growth of University of Jammu in their own unique ways.

Dr. Sikander Pal Choudhary General Secretary, JUTA introduced all the newly appointed Faculty Members of University of Jammu, namely Ms. Suman Kumari, Dr. Kajbir Singh Sodhi, Dr. Ashok Sharma, Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Mr. Ajay Lakhotra, Dr. Monika Bhardwaj, Dr. Ripu Daman Parihar, Ms. Kajal Kalsi, Dr. Rajendra Nath Patra, Dr. Harjit Singh, Mr. Ashwin Kumar Koshwaha, Dr. Bandana Thakur, Dr. Chinmoyee Maharana. The teachers expressed their happiness at being given the opportunity to work in the prestigious University of Jammu.

In the end Prof. Neeru Sharma, President JUTA thanked Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Rajni Dugga, Dean Research Studies, University of Jammu, Jammu for sparing their valuable time and gracing the occasion.

She also thanked all JUTA Members for making this event a great success. Earlier all the JUTA Office Bearers, Dr. Vijay Salgal, Vice President Dr. Sikander Pal Choudhary General Secretary, Dr. Pritam Singh, Joint General Secretary, and Dr. Meghna Dhar, Treasurer wished all the JUTA Members a very happy teachers day.

The event was organized with the special technical support of Dr. Suresh Kumar Murugesan, The American College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.