

## Saurabh Bhagat reviews working of EPFO Kashmir

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Commissioner / Secretary Labour and Employment Department Saurabh Bhagat on Thursday took a review meeting of J&K, EPFO Kashmir here.

The meeting was attended by Addl. Provident Fund Commissioner, Kashmir, Chief Accounts Officer Divisional Office, all the Assistant Provident Fund Commissioners and Provident Fund Inspectors of all Districts. Bhagat reviewed working of the online portal and issued cheques and registration certificates on spot to the subscribers and unit holders. He expressed his satisfaction over the online working of the organization in Kashmir Division. He also inquired from the Provident Fund Inspectors about the implementation of Provident Fund Act in the Hotel Industry, other Industrial units and Educational Institutions in Kashmir Division. After reviewing the performance of the offices and after hearing to the problems faced by the concerned staff, Bhagat assured that promotion avenues shall be created in the organization by creating posts as per requirement and Departmental Promotion Committees shall be constituted at Divisional level.

Commissioner/Secretary the Additional Provident Fund Commissioner Kashmir for completing digitization of 95% records of Provident Fund in record time of 6 months and this has made the Organization IT and e-governance friendly.

He directed Deputy Labour Commissioner, Kashmir and Assistant Labour Commissioners, to ensure that the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board shall provide the statutory benefits to the workers in a time bound manner.

Meanwhile, the department would confer Certificate of Excellence to the officers/officials showing excellent performance and the events for awarding such certificates shall be conducted every year by the Organization at Divisional level.

## 4 JeI leaders detained under PSA

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Government on Wednesday booked four Jamaat-e-Islami leaders under PSA and shifted them to Kathua Jail. Those detained under PSA include Muhammad Shaban Dar (64), Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, Nowshid Ahmed and Mushtaq Ahmed Veri. All the four were shifted to Kathua Jail Jammu.

## Housewife found hanging, husband booked

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A man was booked after her wife was found hanging in her house in Bakshi Nagar locality here on Thursday.

As per the details, Sushma Devi, wife of Sanjay Kumar, resident of Krishna Nagar was found hanging in her house by her family members and was shifted to hospital where doctors declared her as brought dead. Police on the complaint of deceased's mother, registered a case against her husband and started investigation.

## Accident victim succumbs

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: An accident victim who was undergoing treatment in hospital on Thursday succumbed to his injuries. As per the details, Yog Raj, son of Both Raj, resident of Pathankot who got hurt in an accident on March 6 in Kathua and was under treatment at hospital, succumbed to injuries today. Police has taken cognisance in the matter and started investigation.

## Girl booked for attempt to suicide

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Police on Thursday booked a girl for attempting suicide in Sattari area on Thursday. As per the details, Surbhi Bhagat, resident of Khandwal attempted suicide in her house and was shifted to hospital. For her suicide bid, police has registered a case against her and started investigation.

## Thief strikes at house, decamps with jewellery, cash

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A thief struck in a house and decamped with jewellery and cash worth Rs 25,000, here on Thursday. As per the details, a thief struck in house at Kaccha Talab, Bagh-e-Bahu where a marriage ceremony was going on and decamped with jewellery and Rs 25,000 cash. On seeing the thief, a woman raised alarm but he managed to escape from the spot leaving his I-card behind. Police has taken cognisance in the matter and started investigation.

## Man booked for adultery

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AKHNOOR: A man was booked for adultery in Akhnoor on Thursday. As per the details, Jamma Bi, resident of Tanda, lodged a complaint with police that her husband Abdul Hussain, son of Gulam Hussain has solemnized another marriage without her knowledge and now he is not admitting it. Police has taken cognisance in the matter and started investigation.

## Three assault cases reported

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Three assault cases have been reported in Janipur and Gharota on Thursday. As per the details, Aman Gupta, resident of Janipur lodged a complaint with police that he was attacked by Tilak Raj, resident of Janipur over an old dispute in which he got injured. Meanwhile, the rival party has also lodged the same complaint against the complainant. Gharota police also registered a similar case against Nai Alam on the complaint of Abdul Dar, resident of Kot Khaba.

## Man found hanging with tree

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A man was found hanging with tree in Bastipur area of Tikri on Thursday. As per the details, Gulam Rasool, son of Mohd Sharif, resident of Mand, Tikri, was found hanging with a tree outside his house. Some passersby on seeing him hanging informed the police which took his body into custody and after autopsy handed it over to family. Police has registered a case and launched investigation.

## MD JKSRTC reviews arrangements for ensuing polls

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: To ensure smooth deployment of vehicles during ensuing Lok Sabha elections, the Managing Director, J&K State Road Transport Corporation (JKSRTC) Bilal Ahmad Bhat on Thursday convened a meeting, which was attended by Vivek Atri (FA & CAO), Dhananter Singh (RTO Jammu), Kuldeep Singh (ARTO Kathua), Habibullah (Dy General Manager), Tajinder Singh (Coordinating Officer Lok Sabha Elections-2019) besides a number of other officers.

Welcoming all participants in the meeting, the Managing Director JKSRTC (Nodal Officer Transport) sought necessary suggestions for smooth deployment of vehicles during ensuing elections in the State. He pointed out that if any officer had faced any type of problem during previous elections, he should come up with necessary opinions/ measures required to tackle the same, well in advance. Threadbare discussions were held various agenda points and necessary decisions were taken by the officers in this regard.

The meeting decided that



Managing Director, JKSRTC chairing a meeting.

the demand of Sumos/ Taxis/ Tata Mobiles during the Lok Sabha Elections-2019 shall be catered by the RTO/ARTO of concerned districts as done during ULB/ Panchayat elections-2018. It was further decided that the Transport Plan furnished by the RTO/ARTO of the concerned district to DC concerned, should specifically mention the seating capacity of the vehicle with route

mobility. The plan should be made provided to the Nodal officer JKSRTC (Jammu Province) at least a week before the conduct of election in the constituency. The meeting further decided that GM (Operations) Jammu (Nodal Officer JKSRTC), nominated by the Department, shall make close liaison with the RTO/ARTOs of concerned districts for provisions of vehicles during the elections.

It was also decided that vide publicity should be ensured with regard to establishment of Election Cell by JKSRTC both at Jammu and Srinagar for information of general public and District Administration. The General Manager (Operations) JKSRTC Jammu/Kashmir (Nodal officers of respective

## Jan Aushadhi, AMRIT stores to provide employment avenues, access to affordable medicine: Dulloo

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Principal Secretary Health and Medical Education Atul Dulloo on Thursday convened a meeting regarding establishment of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra and AMRIT stores in the State.

Principal JMC Dr. Sunanda Raina, Director Health Services Kashmir Dr. Kunzes Dolma, Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Samir Mattoo, Managing Director JKMSCL Shiv Kumar Gupta, Managing Director NHM Bhupinder Kumar, Controller Drugs & Food Control Organization Lotika Khajuria and other concerned attended the meeting.

The Principal Secretary said that the main objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra scheme are to reduce the unit cost of treatment per person, partic-



Principal Secretary Health and Medical Education, Atul Dulloo convening a meeting at Jammu.

ularly for the poor and disadvantaged, so as to reduce out of pocket expenses in health-care, specifically those suffering from chronic ailments, through exclusive outlets called Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

Seeking details regarding the Jan Aushadhi Kendras, he was informed that 43 stores exist in Jammu and Kashmir, of which 25 Kendras are run by Private entrepreneurs and rest are Government owned.

Dulloo asked the Directorate Health Services

Jammu and Kashmir to identify adequate space within the Hospital Premises for Jan Aushadhi Kendras. He added that the stores should be situated conspicuously to allow free access to the patients and consumers.

He was informed that the 24 places have already been identified to establish new Kendras in Government hospitals and 36 for Private entrepreneur Kendras across the state.

In order to make these ventures successful, poor friendly and job-creating for youth,

## Husband, mother-in-law discharged in Sec 304-B, granted bail

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Principal Sessions Judge Kathua Sanjeev Gupta in a much publicised dowry death case at Kathua in which a Government teacher committed suicide, discharged the accused husband Anil Kumar and Satya Devi, mother-in-law from offence 304-B and framed charges under Section 306 and 498-A RPC.

After hearing Advocate Vishal Kapur for the accused, the court also granted bail to husband and mother-in-law of the deceased teacher.

While discharging the accused from the offence under 304-B RPC, Court observed that ingredients of Section 306 and Section 304-B are different and distinct. If Section 304-B is to be invoked, it is not enough that harassment or cruelty was caused to the woman with a demand for dowry at some time, but it should have happened "soon

before her death". "The aforesaid phrase, no doubt, is an elastic expression and can refer to a period either immediately before her death or within a few days or even a few weeks before it but the proximity to her death is the pivot indicated by that expression. In other words, there should be a perceptible nexus between her death and the dowry related harassment or cruelty inflicted on her, which means that there should be evidence of cruelty or harassment within a reasonable time and quite in proximity prior to death", the court held.

Court further observed that when the prosecution case is examined in the light of above principles, it is apparent that firstly, there is no material on record to show that any dowry was demanded by the accused at the time of marriage of deceased, and secondly, there is also no material on record to show that the deceased was subjected to cruelty by the accused in relation to the demand of dowry or a car, soon before her death.

After hearing Advocate Vishal Kapur in length and Public Prosecutor B.B Sharma, the court observed that the essential ingredients to constitute prima facie offence under Section 304-B RPC have not been established in the present case.

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## Progressive farmers interact with VC SKUAST-J

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Progressive farmers of Jammu division on Thursday met Dr. K.S. Risam and felicitated him on assuming the charge of the Vice Chancellor Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) of Jammu and held an interactive session with the VC.

While addressing the farmers, the Vice Chancellor assured the farmers that the farm university shall continue to provide all possible help and technical guidance to the farmers of the region. All possible efforts shall be made to fulfill the aspirations and expectations of the farming community. While replying to the queries of the farmers with regard to basmati rice varieties, he stated that an exclusive workshop for Basmati growers shall soon



Vice Chancellor SKUAST-J, Dr. K.S Risam along with progressive farmers at Jammu.

be organised for the rice growers wherein the experts from the University and Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) shall impart knowledge to the farmers on various technical aspects. Besides, the University will also train a group of 20 seed breeder farmers and also provide them the breeder seed for multiplication. Dr. B.B. Gupta and Dr. Bhupesh Kumar Rice breeders also interacted with the progressive farmers.

The farmers also spoke about various problems and difficulties of the farm sector including availability of good quality seed. They added that emphasis should be laid on the release of good varieties seed of different crops and availability of the same to the farmers. Among those who spoke on the occasion were Sat Pal Singh Charak, Tejinder Singh, Kulbhushan Khajuria, Subash Sogotra, Raghunandan Khajuria, Kishore Sharma, Kuldeep Sharma, Mohammad Yousaf and Baldev Singh.

## BJP intensifies 'Mera Parivar BJP Parivar' campaign

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: BJP J&K unit on Thursday intensified its 'Mera Parivar BJP Parivar' election campaign by hoisting the party flag at residence of senior BJP leader, Sham Lal Langar at Sainik Colony, Jammu.

BJP State President Ravinder Raina, MLC Vikram Randawa, ex-MLA Rajesh Gupta, Corporator Baldev Singh Billowria besides a number of leaders and workers were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Raina said, "From 2014 to 2019, we have made a successful attempt to strengthen democracy, strengthen the



BJP State President, Ravinder Raina along with others during 'Mera Parivar BJP Parivar' campaign at Jammu.

organisation, and increase acceptance of party's ideology. It means that in 2019, BJP will get absolute majority and Narendra Modi will be the Prime Minister of the country, once again."

Langar said that ahead of elections in the country as well in the State, this is the biggest-ever campaign started by the BJP.