

# JAMMU

**@OmarAbdullah**

The BJP has clearly accepted defeat in J&K. Why else would the Chief secretary be assigned the duty to change transaction of business rules of the government to curtail the powers of the Chief minister / elected government and assign the same to the LG? This information has come to me from within the Secretariat. Officers would be well advised to resist any pressure to further disempower the incoming elected government.



**@Junaid Mattu**

I supported his release and the cause he espoused but the moment I believe he is hobnobbing with the BJP and playing to their script — I will be his loudest opponent!



**ICON**

American businessman Steve Jobs, a pioneer of the personal computer era who cofounded Apple and transformed it into one of the world's most successful companies, died at age 56.



In the entire Ramban district of Jammu division, 82938 are the total male literate persons.



**82K**

In History

In Numbers

Traffic Signs

**STOP**

This is one of the most important and prominent Road Sign. This sign indicates that Driver should immediately stop. Usually Police, traffic and toll authorities use this signs at check posts.



## Saloni for strict compliance with ECI guidelines for vote counting

**UDHAMPUR:** District Election Officer (DEO) Udhampur, Saloni Rai, emphasized the need for strict compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to ensure a transparent and smooth counting process.

DEO Saloni Rai on Friday convened a meeting to review the arrangements for the upcoming vote counting scheduled on 8 October 2024 for the Assembly Elections 2024.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh, Probationer Swati Sheemar, Additional Superintendent of Police Sandeep Bhat, all Returning Officers and senior officers of the district administration were present in the meeting.

A detailed discussion was held on various aspects of the counting process. These included ensuring uninterrupted power supply, seating arrangements for counting agents, maintaining the secrecy of the ballots, provision of adequate drinking water and upholding discipline and decorum at the counting center, law and order, security arrangements, counting of postal ballots, videography/CCTV during the counting process and arrangements for pre-counting of the ETPBS and VVPAT slip counting were also thoroughly reviewed.

She highlighted the importance of establishing separate entry points for candidates and counting staff to prevent confusion or overcrowding at the center.

A dedicated room equipped with communication facilities will be arranged for General Observers, aiding them in carrying out their responsibilities efficiently. Additionally, an LCD screen will be installed to provide real-time election results during the counting process.

The DEO further directed that law and order be strictly monitored throughout the counting period to avert any potential incidents. To enhance security and regulate the movement of people, a pedestrian zone will be established within 100 meters of the counting center. The DEO also mandated a three-tier security arrangement around the counting centers, which will include barricading of access routes and strict entry protocols to ensure the safety and integrity of the proceedings.

## Power shutdown

**JAMMU:** Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDC, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Bainglar, Basantar, Raipur and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 06 from 7 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Kangwala and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 07 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Bainglar and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 08 and 10 from 7 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Balote, Navodya and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 07 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to BB Town, Kaluchak and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 06 and 08 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Badhori and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 06 and 08 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Meen and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 05 and 07 from 6 am to 10 am.

## Deeply committed towards upholding values of justice, fairness & integrity: CJ Tashi Rabstan

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**JAMMU:** The members of executive body of retired Judicial Officers Association headed by Harbans Lal, former District and Sessions Judge, on Friday felicitated Justice Tashi Rabstan for taking over as the 37th Chief Justice of High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

They discussed various issues pertaining to welfare of retired Judicial Officers and apprised the Chief Justice of the activities being carried out by the Association. They also complimented the Chief Justice for his proactive approach in upgradation of judicial apparatus in the UTs of



J&K and Ladakh so as to reach the last man in the queue of justice seekers.

The Chief Justice expressed gratitude for their warm greetings.

He stated that "It is an honour to step into this role, and I am deeply committed towards upholding the values of justice, fairness and integrity."

He further stated that together, we can work towards a judiciary that not only meets the needs of our community but also sets a benchmark for excellence. The event concluded with a call for unity and co-operation among all members of the judicial community, highlighting the shared goal of fostering a just society.

Registrar General, Shahzad Azeem and Principal Secretary to Chief Justice M.K. Sharma were also present on the occasion.

## Chief Secy Dulloo reviews saturation of ration cards among workers on e-Shram

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**JAMMU:** In a significant initiative to enhance worker welfare, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, convened a meeting on Friday to review the action plan focused on providing benefits of various schemes to workers registered on the e-Shram portal.

Present in the meeting were Secretary, Labour and Employment; Principal Secretary, PDD; Commissioner Secretary, IT; Secretary, Tribal Affairs; MD, JKRLM; Labour Commissioner; representatives from NIC and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary enquired about saturation of ration cards among registered workers. He emphasized the need for issuance of ration cards to all eligible workers, directing the department to identify and fill existing gaps in coverage. This move is expected to bolster food security for many

workers who may currently lack access to essential resources, he asserted.

In a bid to enhance the efficacy of these initiatives, the Chief Secretary instructed all concerned departments to designate Nodal Officers of their department. These officers will be responsible for ensuring that the benefits of all schemes are effectively communicated and delivered to registered workers. He also emphasized the importance of identifying eligible families for their comprehensive coverage.

Dulloo called upon the departments such as Social Welfare, Health, and School Education to work in collaboration to facilitate these workers with their respective departmental schemes. He underscored the need for an integrated approach towards worker welfare, ensuring that all relevant sectors contribute to the wellbeing of registered workers.



The Secretary informed the Chief Secretary that the department is actively collaborating with the Social Welfare Department to roll out various social security schemes for the registered workers. This partnership aims to provide a robust support system,

ensuring that workers receive the benefits they are entitled to, he added.

Earlier, the Secretary delivered a comprehensive presentation detailing the current statistics on registered un-organised workers and their distribution across dif-

ferent sectors. He outlined the eligibility criteria for registration and highlighted the sectors covered under the e-Shram initiative, underscoring the government's commitment towards supporting labourers in diverse fields across different departments.

## Rs 75000 fine imposed on garment manufacturer for deceptive labelling

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**JAMMU:** Acting swiftly on a consumer complaint, the Legal Metrology Department Jammu has taken action against a Haryana based apparel manufacturing company, for violations of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, and the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.

During inspection at a prominent garment retail store at Apsara Road, Gandhi Nagar Jammu, a team of Legal Metrology officers/officials from the office of Deputy Controller Consumer Protection, Jammu, led by Jaideep Singh Sambyal, detected misleading practices involving neckties marketed under the brand "ALVARO CASTAGNINO."

The product was prominently displayed as an imported item, alluring unsuspecting shoppers. However,

during scrutiny of the product, it was revealed that the firm, based in India, had falsely presented itself as both the importer and manufacturer of the product.

It appears that the brand name was intentionally chosen to sound catchy and appear foreign to attract customers.

Responding to the show-cause notice issued by the Deputy Controller (Consumer Protection) Jammu, the company confessed to its labelling offences and sought departmental compounding—a legal remedy under the Act. Consequently, the company paid a composition sum of Rs. 75,000, assuring compliance with the packaging requirements as mandated under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011.

In a hand-out issued by the Deputy Controller, Legal Metrology Depart-

ment (Consumer Protection), Jammu, emphasized the importance of accurate product information on pre-packaged commodities to protect consumers rights from deceptive practice.

As per the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, the manufacturers, packers, importers, suppliers, and sellers shall ensure that consumers must receive a set of accurate information about the pre-packaged commodities they purchase such as the address of the manufacturer/packer/importer; the name of the country of the origin in case of imported products; the common or generic name of commodity, MRP, Net Quantity, Unit Sale Price (USP), customer care details (name, address, contact no, email of a person or office), etc., thereby avoiding instances of deception, cheating and fraudulent practices adopted by erring the traders.

## Returning Officer issues notice on appointment of counting agents

**SAMBA:** The Returning Officer for AC 70-Samba, Kusum Chib issued an important notice to all candidates concerning the appointment of counting agents and the procedures to be adhered to during the upcoming vote counting on 8th October 2024.

The notice emphasizes the critical steps for appointing counting agents who will oversee the counting of votes through Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs), and postal ballots. Candidates are reminded that they may appoint a maximum of 22 counting agents. The appointments must be made using Form 18, duly signed by either the candidate or their election agent, and must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on 4th October 2024. Informal requests for agent appointments will not be entertained. In a meeting held today, Chib briefed all candidates regarding the notice, clarifying that on the day of counting, agents will be required to present their photo ID cards, issued by the Returning Officer, along with the second copy of Form 18 to gain access to the counting hall. Election agents must also carry their appointment letters.

Additionally, the Returning Officer highlighted that the appointment of counting agents can be revoked before the commencement of counting by submitting Form 19, and new agents can be appointed thereafter using Form 18.

Returning Officer urged all candidates to follow the outlined procedures meticulously to ensure a smooth and transparent counting process.

## NALSA launches Legal Aid Helpline, LSMS Portal to strengthen legal aid

**JAMMU:** The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has launched two groundbreaking initiatives aimed at strengthening access to legal aid for marginalized and vulnerable communities across India.

These initiatives include, NALSA'S Toll-Free Legal Aid Helpline (15100) and the NALSA'S Legal Services Management System (LSMS) Portal, which provides easy, accessible, and free legal aid to those in need, aimed at bridging the gap in access to justice for all citizens.

NALSA Toll-Free Legal Aid Helpline (15100), 24x7 helpline provides free legal advice and information to anyone in need, regardless of their background or financial situation. Citizens can dial 15100 from any phone in India to connect with qualified legal professionals and get answers to their legal queries, and the most important point is that it operates 24/7 in multiple languages to ensure accessibility for all.

This helpline offers immediate support and guidance, ensuring no one faces legal challenges alone.

NALSA Legal Services Management System (LSMS) Portal is the online portal that provides a user-friendly platform for citizens to access various legal aid services offered by NALSA. Through the LSMS portal, individuals can register for legal aid, track their case status, and find information on relevant legal services.

## Maiden Clinical Grand Round session conducted at AIIMS

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**JAMMU:** As the part of an interdepartmental academic activity, AIIMS Jammu successfully conducted its first Clinical Grand Round (CGR) session at its Vijaypur campus on Friday. The session was conducted under the guidance of Prof. Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of AIIMS Jammu, in the pursuit of clinical excellence.

The Department of Ophthalmology, led by Dr Bhavani Raina, Additional Professor, facilitated the CGR, during which two interesting cases were presented.

Dr Asma Jabeen, Senior Resident, presented a case of Neuro-ophthalmology under the mentorship of Dr Nitin



Kumar, Associate Professor. The patient was diagnosed with non-arteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy and proliferative diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Nitin Kumar elaborated on the diagnostic clues for identifying and appropriately managing such cases. He also explained the investigative modalities available, such as visual fields and fundus angiography. The possible differential diagnoses were discussed with an

expert panel of neurologists.

The second case, presented by Dr. Gaveshna Garg, Junior Resident, was of Ocular Tuberculosis, under the mentorship of Dr. Ridham Nanda, Assistant Professor. The patient exhibited unique features of tubercular retinal vasculitis, which posed various diagnostic dilemmas. The management options were thoroughly discussed, and Dr Nanda provided key insights into distinguishing

ocular tuberculosis from other similar conditions.

The expert panel included Dr Nazia Anjum, Assistant Professor from the Department of Ophthalmology; Dr. Padma and Dr. Ajay Kotwal, Assistant Professors from the Department of Neurology; Dr Taranpreet, Assistant Professor from the Department of Internal Medicine; and Dr Priya, Assistant Professor from the Department of Microbiology.