

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## LIC employees observe Int'l Labour Day



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135TH 'MAY DAY' was observed by Northern Zone Insurance Employees' Association Srinagar Division, representing LIC employees of Jammu and Kashmir in the leadership of Comrade Pawan Gupta, Divisional Secretary of the Association. For workers world over May 1st is an important day to be remembered and celebrated.

This day reminds us of the glorious history of the working class struggles and the need to unite and fight to liberate working class

from exploitation. This was in the great and inspiring memory of workers' agitations held in United States, especially in Chicago, from May 1 to 4, 1886 and the subsequent police firing on May 4th in Haymarket Square in which many agitators lost their lives while raising their demand for eight hours work, eight hours rest and eight hours recreation.

Naturally this slogan caught the hearts of workers who were desperate with the inhuman treatments from the employers. The struggles and sacrifices of the workers at Chicago instilled confidence in the

minds of the workers world over that this exploitation can be resisted and gave them hope that a new dawn is possible. Today when attack on working class is manifold; their response also should be similar. The May Day reminds us the need to stage battles on economic, political and ideological fronts.

It will be easy to mobilise workers on their economic issues. But to mobilise them against the political atmosphere that create these economic issues won't be so easy. But this political task has to be undertaken. Working class with its correct political and ideological

understanding is a potential threat to the capitalist system and a tool to bring in social transformation. When we celebrate this May Day let us pledge to make our movement strong with a correct political and ideological understanding. Let us fight unitedly for RECRUITMENT in LIC, OLD PENSION SCHEME, FOR MSP TO FARMERS, AGAINST PRIVATISATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR, PARTICULARLY LIC, and AGAINST AMENDED LABOUR CODES. Others who spoke- Rajesh Gupta and Raj Kumar Sharma-Joint secretaries, Dinesh Kumar Sharma-Vice President, Rajesh Kumar-Treasurer, Raj Kumar-Office Secretary, Priya Sharma, Shunali Gupta, Neeraj Bhagat-Women sub-committee, Dharminder Kumar, Nanak Chand, Kishore Lal and others.

The programme was organised at Jammu-2 by R.P. Singh, Samba by Surat Singh, R.s.Pura by Jagdish, Udhampur by Sham Singh and Moti Ram, Rajouri by Vikas and Vinod Sharma, Doda by Ram Raj, Poonch by Raj Kumar, Kathua by Vijay Verma and Mohan Lal.

## Govt Polytechnic celebrates 'International Labour Day'



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Government Polytechnic Jammu today organised a function to honour all the workers of the institute on occasion of International Labour Day 2024, in which Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal of the college was chief guest who in his inaugural speech appreciated the efforts of all Class IV and labour class for their sincere efforts in performing their duties with full dedication and their contribution towards the society.

The Principal stressed on

the fact that Government Polytechnic Jammu is committed to provide every possible help to the employees of the college and at same time advised them to work with more dedication. All the workers were felicitated with a token of gratitude for their untiring services to the college.

Sh Amit Sharma I/C HoD Travel and Tourism and Sports Secretary also highlighted the efforts and services of the workers and presented a vote of thanks in favor of chief guest Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal, Sh Raj Kumar HoD Mechanical Engineering de-

partment, Sh Raj Shekhar HoD Automobile engineering, Sh Manjeet Singh HoD Electrical engineering, Sh Sanjay Koul HoD Computer science, Sh Sukhdeep Singh HoD Civil engineering department and all the workers in whose honour the function was organised. The proceedings of the program were conducted by Smt Mannu Rajput, Sh Chamel Singh and Smt Shaila Iram. Others who were present on the occasion include Sh Akhil Kumar Lecturer, Sh Himanshu Bakshi, Sh Gagan Partap Singh, Smt Toshie Devi and Sh Rakesh Kumar.

## PP incharge suspended

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Following the murder of a man at Greater Kailash here by a group of persons over a land dispute in the presence of police, the incharge of Greater Kailash police post has been placed under suspension.

The suspension order was issued by SSP, Jammu, Vinod Kumar, according to officials.

Officials said Avtar Singh, son of Sardar Singh of Kaluchak, was attacked by a group of persons yesterday at about 6 pm after he objected to taking forcible possession of a piece of land he had allegedly purchased long back.

In the scuffle that erupted between two groups, Avtar Singh suffered severe head injuries. He was taken to the Government Medical College & Hospital, Jammu, where he later succumbed to his wounds, the officials added.

A case in this connection was registered at Gangyal police station.

## YCET organises lecture on 'Hydrostatic Forces'

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The Department of Civil Engineering Organized an Extension lecture on 'Hydrostatic Forces on 1st May 2024 at Yogananda College of Engineering & Technology, Jammu. Er. Rajnish Magotra HOD (Civil Engg) welcomed the guest and said that the prime aim of conducting workshops, Extension lectures, Industrial visits and seminars is to create awareness, deep Learning and appropriate problem solving skills to the young budding engineers. The session began with presenting bouquet to the guest Speaker by Er. Dinesh Gupta, Dean Academics, YCET and Er. Rajnish Magotra, HOD, DOCE, YCET.



The resource person Er. Ajay Khajuria, Retd. AEE, Shared in depth knowledge about fluid mechanics and the principles of Hydrostatic Forces. He discussed, About static Fluid, Its properties, Nature and direction of hydrostatic forces. He said that Hydrostatic forces

acts on the basis of Magnitude (on surface like plain, curved whereas in plane surface there are three conditions i.e Horizontal, vertical & inclined. He explained pressure diagram.

The session was inaugurated by Er Dinesh Gupta, Dean Academics, YCET.

This session was attended by 50 students of 4th, 6th Civil Engineering & Mechanical Engineering. Prof. K.R Sharma, Er. Loveneesh Talwar, HOD (Electrical Engineering), Er. Inderdeep Singh, HOD (Mech. Engg), faculty members of both Civil and Mechanical Engineering.

Management (JGEI), appreciated the efforts of Civil Engg department for their valued support in making the Session highly fruitful and successful. Department thanked the resource person for sparing his precious time from his busy schedule and sharing rich knowledge. The session was well coordinated by Er. Ankita Singh, Assistant Professor and formal vote of thanks was presented by Er. Manjula Sharma, Asst. TPO.

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Lauding the resilience and fortitude of work force for their sustained efforts in building Naya Jammu and Kashmir as per the dreams of visionaries, who envisioned a progressive, prosperous and peaceful state, senior National Conference leaders on Wednesday said that May Day is reminiscent of the workers' rights and societal response towards their well-being. The meeting was organized by Nar Singh President Labour Wing JKNC.

"It is a day of introspection for us all to ponder whether we have succeeded in assuaging their aspirations and urges", Addressing the gathering Ajay Sadhotra, Additional General Secretary JKNC and former Minister, said and complimented the relentless campaign of the Labour Union in fighting for genuine cause of the work force.

The former minister said that National Conference has always fought for the cause of labour-class and said their welfare was an integral part of Naya Jammu and Kashmir Charter. He made a particular mention of interest evinced by Sher-e-Kashmir Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah for the empowerment of weaker sections especially the labour force and said this continues to be a guiding force for the party. "Labour force are the builders of nation and catalyst of socio-economic transformation", he added.

Sadhotra castigated the BJP for ignoring the welfare of labour force, saying but



for remaining entangled in divisive politics, the party ditched the people of Jammu, especially weaker sections.

The senior NC leader said that every day is a labour day but observing it on May 1 has a historical significance as hundreds of people sacrificed their lives during the Haymarket Massacre in Chicago nearly two centuries ago while struggling for their rights. "Commemorating this day should not be a ritual but an occasion to pledge for wellbeing of the labour class and strive for dignity and honour of the work force". He recalled the crucial role played by labourers in shaping the public movement in Jammu and Kashmir as elsewhere in the world decades ago.

Addressing the gathering, former minister and Zone President Udhampur Reasi Mr Abdul Gani Malik referred to the background of this day and said it is being observed on May 1st all over the world to highlight the need for restoration of labour rights with a view to bridge the gap between haves and have nots for har-

monious growth of the society.

Babu Rampaul former minister and Central Zone President recalled the great role played by Sheikh Sahib for weaker sections of society especially the labour force and said history of National Conference is replete with steps taken from time to time for overall welfare of the labour class. He said that sought special schemes for the weaker sections of the society so that they lead a dignified life. He said that National Conference will always strive for seeking restoration of labour rights and implementation of welfare schemes to uplift their socio-economic conditions.

Highlighting the problems of the labour class, President State Central Labour Union, Nar Singh listed several issues, saying these are needed to be earnestly looked into by the government.

Mr Nar Singh also listed various issues of the labour class and called for time bound implementation of Minimum Wage, regularization of daily wage employees/ Casual Workers/ Consolidated employees /

ITI diploma holders in PSUs and Government Departments, revival of sick/ loss incurring units, abolition of contract system in private sectors, setting-up non-polluting as well as employment generating units and Constitution of Labour Board, DPC of employees in timely, employment to local workers in private sectors, Pension benefits to the public sector employees, enhancement of budgetary support of to PSUs, improvement /up gradation of basic infrastructure of PSUs, unauthorized closing of units, Industries policy, Loss of Interest Paid to CPF amount of employees and Orders of furniture to School Education and other deptt. Joinery Mills, JKI.

The speakers stressed the crucial need of economic emancipation and welfare of the work force.

Those present on the occasion included Qazi Jalal Ud Din former MLA, Pardeep Bali, Ayub Malik Provincial Secretaries, Bushan Lal Bhat former MLC, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Jugal Mahajan Treasurer, Raghbir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Vijay Lakshmi Datta Senior leader, Rashida Begum, Ashok Dogra, Waris Gill President Christian Cell, Kuldeep Sharma, Master Aslam, M.K Rana, Karan Singh Senior Vice President SCLU, Mahohar Karlopiya District President Jammu Urban SCLU, Ajeet Kumar, Pritam Lal, Parveen Kumar President Intex, Sumita Bhan, Veer Ji Bhat, Ajay Kumar, Shiv Kumar Magotra and others.

## CJ organises insightful visit to SCERT

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The Department of Educational Studies embarked on an insightful visit to the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) in Jammu, seeking to deepen the understanding of educational practices and policies among teacher trainees. The visit aimed to provide invaluable insights into the dynamic landscape of education, offering students a glimpse into the innovative practices and strategies employed in shaping the future of teaching and learning.

During the visit, the students delved into the heart of educational governance and innovation as they explored the SCERT facilities, interacted with professionals in the field, and gained first-hand insights into the development and implementation of educational curricula. The students engaged in interactive sessions with Ms. Jyoti Sudan & Mr. Yogesh Kumar, Sr. Academic Officer, who had shared the role of SCERT in education enhancing the pedagogical skills of teachers through training, research in educational technology and teaching methodologies, application of new and emerging technologies in the field of education. Furthermore, the SCERT officials also ex-



changed ideas and perspectives on various educational initiatives and flagship schemes adopted by the institution like TOYCATHON 2023, Kathashilp, Felicitation of FLN teachers under NIPUN Bharat Mission, Veergatha Edition 2.0, etc. The officials also emphasized the crucial role of the State Council of Educational Research and Training Jammu in implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at the state level where its responsibilities include curriculum development, teacher training, educational research, and monitoring and evaluation of educational programs.

Additionally, SCERTs are expected to align their activities with the principles and objectives outlined in the NEP-2020 to promote quality education and holistic development. During the visit, students had the chance to witness the collaborative efforts undertaken by SCERT to enhance the quality of education and address the evolving needs of learners in the region.

Reflecting on the visit, Prof. J.N. Baliya & Dr. Aman expressed gratitude to Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director, SCERT, and other

SCERT officials for providing an enriching experience to the students. They also added that visits like these are invaluable for our students as they enrich the academic journey and offer a glimpse into the practical aspects of educational administration, training, etc. which undoubtedly shape their careers in the field of education. Prof. Baliya also commended the efforts of Prof. Asit Mantry, Head of the Department, for taking various learner-centric initiatives that enriched the young and talented students of the teacher education programme.

## DLSA Samba hosts legal awareness program for workers

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Under able aegis of JK Legal Services Authority and as per action plan issued by J&K Legal Services Authority (JKLSA) for the month of April, 2024 and also under the insightful directions and supervision of Adnan Sayeed, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Samba, (Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Samba), District Legal Services Authority, Samba observed 'International Labour Day, 2024' under the theme 'Social Justice and Decent Work for All' by organizing a legal awareness programme on the relevant provisions of Labour Laws for the workers of Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited today at Emcure Pharmaceutical Co Ltd, SIDCO Industrial Complex Bari Brahmana here.



The Chairman DLSA, who was Chief Guest on the occasion, in his special address greeted the workers on International Labour Day, 2024.

He also discussed the historical background and importance of this day as well as New Codes of Labour Law i.e. Wage Code, Social Security Code, The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions

Code 2020 and the Industrial Relations Code.

Assistant Labour Commissioner, Samba, Amil Khateeb in his address discussed the mandate of the department of Labour in district as well as the challenges being faced by the workers of the unorganized sector.