

FADA Kashmir Members Meets Transport Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan

SRINAGAR, SEP 09: A delegation of the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), Kashmir Members, met Mr. Vishesh Mahajan, (JKAS) Transport Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir, to discuss various issues concerning the Trade Certificate and its implementation for automobile dealerships operating across the Union Territory.

The delegation comprised of FADA Kashmir Members, under the leadership of Mr Sanjay Aggarwal, Chairperson FADA J&K apprised the Transport Commissioner of the practical challenges and compliance-related concerns being faced by automobile dealers in relation to Trade Certificates, particularly where dealerships have multiple business locations within the Union Territory. The delegation was represented by Mr



Aawan Ahmad Narwaroo Jamkash Vehicleleads (Kashmir), Mr Parvez Kattoo KY Hyundai, Mr Azhar Mir Autowings Toyota, Mr Ajaz Kitab Kashmir Motors, Mr Junaid Beigh Himalayan Motors, Mr Hashim Paris Bajaj, Mr Tanveer Beigh Encash Mahindra, Mr Owais Jamie Force Motors and Mr Omer Beigh Arise Hyundai. The delegation informed the Transport Commissioner that FADA's national body has already taken up the matter with the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) and has requested consideration of a mechanism whereby an automobile dealer operating within one State or Union Territory can have a single Trade Certificate covering its eligible business operations, subject to the applicable regulatory requirements. One State One Trade Certificate will help the dealer to do business at any location of the J&K UT with only one Trade Certificate, as in case of GST registration with endorsement of branches on it.

The delegation apprised the Commissioner that the Auto Retail sector is the largest employment generator and revenue collector for the government. They emphasized that a robust and healthy automobile retail ecosystem is therefore critical not only for the growth of the automotive industry but also for employment generation, revenue mobilisation, and overall economic development of the Union Territory.

FADA expressed its appreciation to Mr. Vishesh Mahajan, Transport Commissioner, Jammu & Kashmir, for giving the delegation an opportunity to present the concerns and suggestions of the automobile dealer fraternity. They appreciated the reforms and initiatives undertaken by the Transport Department under the dynamic leadership of the Worthy Transport Commissioner, Mr. Vishesh Mahajan and lauded the Department's efforts towards bringing greater transparency.

BJP holds 'Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan' workshop

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J&K BJP organized a day-long workshop on the 'Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan' for the organizational districts of Jammu, Jammu South, Jammu North, Akhnour and Reasi at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Former DDCs, BDCs, Councillors and Sarpanches from these districts participated in the workshop and were apprised of the objectives, programmes and grassroots implementation strategy of the campaign.

Lok Sabha MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, BJP Vice-President Bharat Bhushan, General Secretary Sanjita Dogra and MLA Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal addressed the workshop. Jugal Kishore Sharma, while addressing the participants, elaborated on the programmes planned under the campaign and appreciated the dedicated contribution of former elected representatives in serving the people. He said their grassroots experience, public connect and understanding of local issues would be instrumental in taking the campaign from the organizational level to every booth and household. He called upon them to personally participate in the activities and ensure that the programmes translate into tangible service for the people.

Bharat Bhushan said former elected representatives have an important responsibility to mobilize workers, involve local communities and ensure that every initiative reaches the ground. "The real success of this campaign will be measured not by the number of events held, but by the number of people touched through meaningful service," he said. Sanjita Dogra gave an overview of the 11 programmes and their implementation framework. She

said the programmes include Seva Setu camps, blood donation and health check-up camps, cleanliness and plantation drives, youth skill development and employment awareness programmes, women empowerment initiatives, service activities in border and rural areas, 'Modi@25' development exhibitions and youth dialogues on Viksit Bharat@2047. Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, the main resource person, explained the programmes in detail through a comprehensive Power-Point presentation, focusing particularly on their practical execution at the grassroots. He said the former elected representatives must act as facilitators and

mentors for booth teams, ensuring that every programme reaches its intended beneficiaries. "Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan is not about celebration, it is about transforming the spirit of service into a sense of responsibility and duty towards every citizen and the nation," Dr. Manyal said. Dr. Manyal added that service activity at every booth, public outreach at every mandal and meaningful engagement with families must become the foundation of the campaign, ensuring that the message of sewa, responsibility and nation-building reaches the ground in every corner of these five organizational districts.

VDGs playing vital role in strengthening security in rural areas: Ved Sharma



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All Cells Incharge, J&K BJP, Ved Sharma, stated that Village Defense Guards (VDGs) are playing a vital role in strengthening the security apparatus in rural and far-flung areas, particularly across the Udhampur-Doda belt, by standing firmly with the security forces and remaining committed to the protection of their villages. Ved Sharma was addressing a meeting of VDG members from all four Assembly constituencies—Ramnagar, Chenani, Udhampur West and

Udhampur East—at the BJP office in Udhampur. The meeting was attended by District President Arun Gupta, VDG Cell Convenor Basant Raj Thakur and Udhampur-Doda Organizing Secretary Vipan Sharma, besides senior office bearers and members of the VDG Cell. Ved Sharma, appreciating the dedication and commitment of the VDGs, said that their role has immense importance from the security point of view, especially in rural and strategically sensitive areas. He said that the courage, discipline and sense of responsibility displayed by

VDG members reflect their strong commitment towards the nation and their communities. Sharma called upon the VDG Cell functionaries and party workers to ensure effective implementation of the programmes under the Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan, scheduled from September 17 to October 17. He informed that responsibilities have been assigned to state office bearers of the VDG Cell and the district team for organizing and coordinating various activities during the month-long campaign. Ved Sharma also announced a target of lighting 2 lakh diyas on September

17, on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday, as part of the celebrations and service-oriented activities being organized under the campaign. He urged the VDG fraternity and BJP workers to actively participate and make the initiative a mass movement. BJP District President Arun Gupta said that the VDG Cell has been entrusted with an important role in carrying out the programmes assigned to the district team, Morchas and Cells. He stressed upon the functionaries to work in close coordination and ensure successful execution of every programme. Vipan Sharma also addressed the meeting and called for strengthening coordination among the VDG Cell, party organisation and grassroots workers to ensure effective outreach across all areas. Basant Raj Thakur welcomed the participating members and senior leaders and appreciated the co-operation extended by the VDG fraternity. He also presented a detailed account of the work undertaken by the VDG Cell team in Udhampur district.

Randhawa holds public grievances camp at BJP headquarters

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J&K BJP senior leader and MLA Bahu Ch. Vikram Randhawa held a public grievances camp at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. J&K BJP Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Convenor Er. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal, and Co-convenor Er. T.K. Sharma accompanied the MLA and assisted in the smooth coordination of the proceedings. A deputation of MTS employees requested an increase in quota from 25 per cent to 50 per cent to address prolonged stagnation. A newspaper representative sought issuance of security cover. Deputations from Nai Basti, Marble Market and Vikram Chowk sought repair and replacement of streetlights. A deputation from Sanjay Nagar demanded construction of a protection wall along the nallah. Deputations from Sanjay Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Sarwal and Marble Market sought construction and improvement of lanes and drains. A deputation from Panchwati Apartments requested blackout

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ping, while deputations from Trikuta Nagar Extension, Sanjay Nagar and Bazigar Colony urged expeditious clearance and cleaning of nallahs and water channels to prevent further flood-like situations. Ch. Vikram Randhawa, while addressing the gathering, said that the immediate clearance and proper maintenance of nallahs and water channels must be accorded top priority. He said that blocked and encroached water channels not only disrupt normal life

but also pose serious risks to public property and safety. He stressed that basic civic infrastructure, including drinking water, roads, drainage, streetlights and sanitation, must be strengthened through regular monitoring and timely intervention. Randhawa directed the concerned officials and agencies to examine the issues raised during the camp and take necessary action within the prescribed framework. He said that such public grievance camps strengthen direct communication between elected representatives and citizens and help ensure that local issues are identified, pursued and resolved effectively. Er. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal said that clean and properly maintained water channels are essential for protecting communities from waterlogging and flood-like situations.

Ritu Singh launches 'OUT OF THE BOX - Gen Next Icons' to inspire, empower young minds

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 9: Young achiever Arjunveer Singh, a Class XI student of Air Force School Jammu, captivated students with his remarkable journey spanning science, innovation, research and Sanskrit, as Delhi Public School Jammu launched its new 'OUT OF THE BOX – Gen Next Icons' series with an engaging and thought-provoking Youth Icons Motivation Session. A multifaceted young achiever, Arjunveer has distinguished himself not only through his innovative thinking and scientific pursuits but also through his deep interest in Sanskrit and India's rich intellectual heritage. During the session, he recited Sanskrit shlokas and spoke passionately about the language, presenting Sanskrit not merely as an ancient language but as a living repository of knowledge, wisdom and intellectual thought. His interaction with the students beautifully reflected how scientific curiosity, innovation, cultural rootedness and a spirit of service can come together to create meaningful impact. The session was organised under the inspiring leadership and guidance of Founder and Pro Vice Chairperson Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh, who launched the 'OUT OF THE BOX – Gen Next Icons' initiative with the vision of connecting students with inspiring young role models whose journeys demonstrate that age is no barrier to dreaming, creating or making a difference. Through this purposeful initiative, Kunwarani Dr. Ritu Singh seeks to encourage students to step beyond

the familiar, believe in their abilities and develop the confidence to explore new ideas and possibilities. Her message to the students is simple yet powerful: "Dream beyond the ordinary, believe in yourself and never be afraid to think differently." Designed to take students beyond the conventional boundaries of classroom learning, the initiative seeks to bring inspiring young achievers and role models into direct conversation with students, enabling them to learn not merely from textbooks, but from real journeys, real challenges, real failures and real stories of perseverance and achievement. The programme is founded on the belief that young minds are shaped by the people they see, the stories they hear and the possibilities they are encouraged to imagine. Through these sessions, DPS Jammu aims to expose students to diverse journeys of achievement and help them develop the confidence, skills and mindset required to navigate an increasingly dynamic future. More than a motivational platform, the initiative seeks to nurture goal-setting, confidence, resilience, problem-solving, curiosity, leadership and emotional strength among students. It encourages them to set meaningful academic and personal goals, work towards them with determination and, most importantly, learn to view setbacks and challenges not as obstacles, but as opportunities to learn, adapt and grow. The inaugural session featured Arjunveer Singh, a Class XI student of Air Force School Jammu, whose diverse



accomplishments in science, innovation, research and Sanskrit offered students a compelling example of how curiosity, compassion, scientific thinking and cultural rootedness can come together to create meaningful impact. The programme commenced with a formal introduction and warm welcome by Head Boy, DPS Jammu, Samanyu Sharma, who introduced the audience to Arjunveer's remarkable accomplishments and diverse areas of interest. During the interaction, Arjunveer spoke about his innovative product aimed at making farming easier and more efficient. Sharing the inspiration behind his idea, he explained how national news reports highlighting the challenges and distress faced by farmers prompted him to think of a technological solution that could help address a real-world problem. His innovation uses sensors to as-

sess soil quality and detect moisture levels in the soil, helping farmers understand soil conditions and make more informed decisions regarding their crops. Explaining the concept and functioning of his innovation in a simple and engaging manner, Arjunveer demonstrated to the students how an observation can become an idea, an idea can become an innovation and an innovation can become a solution for society. His journey of recognition was equally inspiring. Arjunveer shared that his work has received appreciation from various universities, IITs and government institutions, along with several prizes, awards and letters of recognition. His achievements have also provided him opportunities to interact with eminent personalities including Dr. Jitendra Singh, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, President Smt. Droupadi Murmu and Lieutenant Governor of Jammu &

Kashmir Shri Manoj Sinha Ji. The session also celebrated India's rich cultural and intellectual heritage. Arjunveer recited Sanskrit shlokas and spoke passionately about his interest in the ancient language. Beyond the rhythmic chanting of shlokas and verses, Sanskrit was illuminated as a living language of profound wisdom, knowledge and intellectual richness. Through an insightful and informative interaction, Arjunveer went beyond simply sharing information—he ignited curiosity and encouraged students to explore the depths of Sanskrit and carry forward its rich legacy. His presentation beautifully demonstrated that India's ancient knowledge traditions can continue to inspire young minds in the contemporary world. The highlight of the programme was an energetic and interactive Question-and-Answer Session, where students enthusiastically engaged with Arjunveer on his innovation, its functioning, the inspiration behind it, its potential applications and his journey as a young achiever. His responses, marked by humility, patience and clarity, made the interaction particularly relatable and meaningful for the students. The session reinforced an important message: innovation begins with curiosity, achievement begins with confidence, and success is often built through perseverance in the face of challenges. Through the 'OUT OF THE BOX – Gen Next Icons' initiative, DPS Jammu seeks to create a platform

where students encounter role models who challenge conventional thinking and demonstrate that age is no barrier to ideas, innovation or impact. The initiative aims to help students dream bigger, think differently, set goals, build resilience and develop the confidence to turn their aspirations into action. Appreciating the initiative, Principal Ms. Ruchi Chhabra emphasised the importance of providing students with meaningful exposure to inspiring personalities and real-life journeys. She encouraged students to remain curious, confident and open to new possibilities, observing that such interactions play an important role in nurturing scientific temper, creativity and leadership. Vice Principal Ms. Meenu Gupta also lauded the initiative and encouraged students to draw inspiration from Arjunveer's journey. She urged them to pursue their ideas with determination, embrace challenges as opportunities for growth and recognise that young achievers can become powerful role models in shaping the aspirations and mindset of their peers. The event concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Jhanvi Sombriya, Cultural Secretary, Student Council 2026, who expressed gratitude to Arjunveer Singh for sharing his inspiring journey and valuable insights. S he also conveyed sincere appreciation to the school leadership, teachers and students for their support in making the inaugural session memorable and enriching.