



Advisor Baseer Khan chairing a meeting on Thursday.

Advisor Baseer for rejuvenating JKTDC properties for better returns

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 8: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Baseer Ahmad Khan today directed the officers of the Tourism Department to improve facilities for the tourists and take steps for generating better revenue from Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Development Corporation properties.

He passed on these directions during a meeting at Civil Secretariat regarding outsourcing of assets of Tourism Department. The meeting was attended by Secretary Tourism, Sarmad Hafeez; Secretary Law, Achal Sethi; CEO JKERA, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah; MD JKTDC, Nisar Ahmad; Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai and Director Tourism

Kashmir, Dr. Ghulam Nabi Itoo. While chairing the meeting, Advisor directed the officers to improve the facilities at various locations so that tourists enjoy the state of art facilities and better cuisine in Jammu and Kashmir.

He was given a detailed account of assets of the JKTDC, its revenue base and the facilities available for the tourists by Secretary Tourism. The Advisor directed the officers to turn these assets more productive and attractive for the Tourism sector to flourish. These assets could be better utilized by gainfully putting to use through Public-Private Partnership mode or by outsourcing after proper assessment of its feasibility.

On a pilot basis, the Advisor

directed officers to identify few places both in Jammu province and Kashmir province for the purpose of outsourcing in order to realize full potential of these assets. This will give an idea of revenue realization and accordingly future course of action could be devised for better management of assets. Advisor also said that modalities in this regard should be finalized by the Tourism department along with ERA at an earliest.

He said the facilities should be in top-notch condition having all the requisite facilities. All these facilities need to be further looked into and he directed both the directors of Tourism Jammu as well as Kashmir to come up with proper plan for their better usage.

Operationalisation of civilian flights to Kargil Airport reviewed

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LEH, July 8: Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula attended a meeting under the chairmanship of the Union Home Secretary, Ajay Kumar Bhalla to discuss various issues pertaining to Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by Pradeep Singh Kharola, Secretary, Civil Aviation, Govt of India; Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K; Piyush Goyal, Additional Secretary, MHA; Navin Kumar Choudhary, Principal Secretary, J&K; Manish Tiwari, Joint Secretary, MHA and Ravinder Kumar, Administrative Secretary, Horticulture Ladakh.

Discussion on varied issues such as operations of a small fixed-wing civilian aircraft to Kargil Airport, use of air-conditioned cargo service for horticulture products and Drip Irrigation were held during the meeting.

Regarding the Kargil Airport, Advisor, Umang Narula apprised the Ministry that

Surgeon removes woman's uterus instead of gallbladder

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, July 8: A doctor at a private hospital here has removed the uterus of a woman in her late twenties in place of the gallbladder.

The incident took place at Classic Hospital which is located on the city outskirts where a surgeon carried out surgery on the woman and removed her uterus.

The family said that the woman had a presence of tiny polyp-abnormal tissue growths on her gallbladder and was advised to go for a surgery.

After the surgery was carried, the subsequent check-up brought to the fore that the surgery was not required. "It came out to be too small to be removed, and then, it came to the fore that she doesn't have a uterus," the family hailing from Pulwama said.

After the family approached the hospital, the management, the family said, earlier was not ready to take the responsibility, "but later asked us to compromise."

While the officials of the Health Department told Excelsior that they have not received any such complaint from the family, they have reiterated that if they receive the complaint, they will take strict action.

Kargil has a civil airport with a runway of 6000 Ft and informed that AN-32 aircraft of the Indian Air Force has been operating during winters at Kargil airport for passenger services. He further apprised that there is ample scope of expansion of the existing runway.

Advisor Narula requested the Ministry that the

suitable fixed-wing aircraft to Kargil.

Advisor Ladakh further highlighted that the UT Administration of Ladakh has also identified probable locations/sites in Leh and Kargil districts for the development of alternate airport/airstrips and requested the Ministry to send a team of experts to conduct a



Director AIIMS Vijaypur Dr Shakti Gupta in a meeting with Principal GMC Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma and other officers.

Dir AIIMS Jammu, GMC Principal discuss collaboration between 2 institutes

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JAMMU, July 8: Executive Director AIIMS Vijaypur (Jammu) Dr Shakti Gupta today met Principal Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma and officers of College administration to discuss co-ordination and co-operation between the two institutions for the benefit of the patients.

After threadbare discussions, a number of decisions were taken. Dr Shakti Gupta said that 50 students of 2020 batch are already undergoing training at AIIMS Rishikesh. He said these students along with new 125 students of 2021 batch shall be joining AIIMS Vijaypur this year and these students shall utilize the classrooms and teaching labs of GMC Jammu, when these are free.

Further, Dr Shakti Gupta dis-

closed plans to set up of AIIMS campus office of Director, Deputy Director and a video conferencing facility at GMC guest house for better co-ordination and intends to provide all super specialist services to people of Jammu.

Dr Shashi assured full co-operation from GMC Jammu and said that collaboration in terms of training of human resource and exchange of ideas/vision between the two institutes shall definitely lead to improvement in healthcare delivery services to the people of Jammu.

She informed that GMC Jammu is planning to set up a Trauma Centre and a state of the art Ophthalmology Institute in the near future. It was decided to nominate Dr Arvind Kohli, who is member of GMC Faculty Guest House, as Nodal Officer to co-ordinate with officials of AIIMS Vijaypur Jammu.

Banda Bahadur's descendants offer Chinar plants as tributes to martyrs

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, July 8: An amazing green tribute was paid by descendants of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur to defenders of motherland by sending Chinar plants for Uttarakhand War Memorial.

Sardar Joginder Pal Singh Sodhi, chief of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Dera, Reasi, has sent these Chinar plants for Uttarakhand's War Memorial, which is being built with MPLADs funds of MP Tarun Vijay.

After assuming office of Chief Minister, Uttarakhand, Pushkar Dhami paid homage to martyrs at Uttarakhand War Memorial and planted these Chinar saplings, brought from Jammu & Kashmir.

The Chief Minister was welcomed by Brig S N Singh, Dy GOC Uttarakhand, Sub Area Command; Tanu Jain, CEO Cantonment Board and Tarun Vijay, Chairman of the War Memorial.

CM specially planted Chinar trees sent by the descendants of great Sikh martyr Baba Banda



Tarun Vijay accompanying Uttarakhand CM while paying tributes to martyrs at War Memorial in Uttarakhand.

Singh Bahadur as homage from Jammu & Kashmir to Uttarakhand warriors who

defended motherland and sacrificed their lives. The CM paid an emotional homage to martyrs and assured all possible help to the war memorial.

CM was accompanied with Sainik Kalyan Minister Ganesh Joshi, Sunil Uniyal Gama, Mayor Dehradun and renowned industrialist Rakesh Oberai also graced the occasion.

Pertinent to mention that Tarun Vijay has given Rs 2.5 crores for this war memorial that was started with Bhumi Pujan by then Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar in 2016.

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