

'Generate 2 lakh employment in 18 months'

CS reviews functioning of I&C Department

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 18: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired a meeting to review the functioning of the Industries and Commerce Department.



Chief Secretary AK Mehta chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, Directors, Industries & Commerce, Kashmir/Jammu, Managing Director, SIDCO/SICOP, Managing Director, J&K Trade Promotion Organization along with the concerned officers participated in the meeting.

It was informed that under the new land allotment policy, the Industries Department has so far received 4,114 online applications for land allotment, pledging a proposed investment of Rs. 44,327 crores with an estimated employment generation potential of 1,84,100 engagements.

It was further informed that all these applications are being processed under the single win-

dow system wherein land is being allotted through a transparent mechanism giving due weightage to the proposed investment per Kanal, proposed direct employment per Kanal, category of industry, environmental impact

assessment, and others. To maintain transparency in the allotment process, the finalized list of allottees along with application and selection details is shared on the Department's official website and objections are called before official allotment.

The Chief Secretary directed completion of the allotment process in favour of eligible applicants and ensure generation of approximately 2 lakh employment in 18 months, besides submitting a consolidated report on applications processed, and time taken in their processing- land allotment- and establishing the industrial unit along with the respective employment generation potential.

Dr. Mehta further impressed

upon the Department to integrate the single window system with the rapid assessment system to enable the applicant to share feedback with the Department.

He also directed the completion of end-to-end digitization of all services identified under (EoDB) by the end of this month by focussing on the remaining services of a handful of departments.

Moreover, the Industries & Commerce Department was asked to develop handicraft and handloom haats in all district headquarters to provide ready-made market to the local products. The Department was further asked to expedite identifying one product per district that can be taken up for large-scale export to national and international markets.

To boost the handicrafts and handlooms of Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Mehta stressed the linkage of the local market with the e-commerce platforms after suitable certification of product quality. Besides, he also emphasized the importance of GI tag of local products and quality testing thereafter to gain consumers' confidence in the quality of products from Jammu and Kashmir.

GMC Srinagar engages 40 Medical UGs for COVID-19 mitigation

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Jan 18: As the COVID-19 cases surge across J&K and with doctors and paramedics testing positive for the infection at an alarming rate, the Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar today deputed several MBBS undergraduates for COVID-19 mitigation.

As per details, at least 40 such doctors have been named in a list issued by the Principal GMC, Srinagar after the administrative approval for the same was granted by the Government.

An order issued in this regard stated that in view of a sudden spike in the COVID cases, the decision of deputing the medical undergraduates has been taken for which the NHM has approved, prompting the GMC to go ahead with the move.

An official privy to the developments said that while many from the existing staff across hospitals have tested positive for COVID-19, the rest of the staff has been getting over-stretched and to lessen their load, the measure of deploying the medical undergraduates has been taken.

"A similar measure was also taken last year where the MBBS students in their final year were deputed to mitigate the COVID-



Lt. Governor RK Mathur during visit to Kargil. - Excelsior/Basharat Ladakh

LG Mathur visits Hunderman village, meets delegations

Excelsior Correspondent

KARGIL, Jan 18: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, today visited Hunderman village during his tour to Kargil district.

Several delegations comprising Block Development Council (BDC), Councillor Poyen, Nambardar, village representatives and the owner of Museum of Memories, Hunderman apprised Lt Governor Mathur of the challenges being faced by them.

At the outset, the delegation requested Lt Governor Mathur to include their village in the Actual Line of Control (ALC) category

for availing schemes and benefits provided by the Government. The delegation also requested Lt Governor Mathur to digitally connect their village for the education of their children.

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The memorandum submitted by the delegation included requests for the widening of the Kargil-Hunderman Road, construction of public toilets and promoting homestays in the village keeping in view the increase in footfall of tourists to the village, construction of a library for the public, the extension of the Border Area Development Programme (BAPD) scheme to Hunderman and providing drinking water supply and irrigation water through lift scheme to the villagers.

The owner of Museum of Memories requested Lt Governor Mathur for help in providing solar lighting, laying of tiled footpaths both inside and outside the museum to make it accessible to the tourists.

Lt Governor also visited Munshi Aziz Bhat Museum of Central Asian and Kargil Artifacts in Kargil that houses a collection of goods available with the family in the Aziz Bhat sarai- an important Caravan sarai in the region in the early 20th century.

Earlier, Lt Governor Mathur was received by Chairman/CEC, LAHDC Leh, Feroz Ahmad and DC Kargil, Santosh Sukhdev. He was presented the ceremonial Guard of Honour on his arrival.

Div Com Kashmir takes stock of situation arising of 3rd wave of COVID

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Jan 18: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K. Pole today chaired a meeting to take review of the situation arising of 3rd wave of COVID-19 Pandemic in the division at Divisional COVID-19 Control Room Kashmir (DCCRR), here.

The meeting was attended by Epidemiologist Kashmir Dr. Talat Jabeen, Public Health Specialist and other senior Officers of DCCRR.

The Div Com reviewed the progress achieved in controlling the 3rd wave of the COVID-19. He stressed upon the importance of Home isolation management at Primary level care as the wave predominantly looks like omicron led and is mild in severity so far which is depicted from the data.

The Div Com directed all the CMOs of the division to monitor referral cases to tertiary care hospitals themselves and not to refer cases to tertiary care hospitals which can be managed at primary and secondary level hospitals within the district.

He also directed all the Medical Superintendents/ Nodal Officers of Covid designated hospitals to take daily meetings on the management of these Covid patients along with their

team of experts. It was brought to the notice of Div Com by the officers of DCCRR that healthcare workers working in the tertiary care hospitals are turning COVID positive off and on, for which Div. Com. passed directions to the officers for making accommodations of these warriors within the city.

The Div Com took serious note of Micro containment Zones and directed all CMOs to follow proper protocol in case identification, contact tracing, testing, isolation, treatment and follow up of these areas.

He also directed all the district administrations to report fines that have been imposed by the concerned agencies in a time bound manner.

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LG releases book titled "Prakrtik, Vaidik Avem Jaivik Kheti"

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 18: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today released a book titled "Prakrtik, Vaidik Avem Jaivik Kheti-Graameen Udyamita Ka Naya Swarop" published by Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan,

Campus, Jammu, and Shri Kailash Jyotish & Vedic Sansthan Trust. On the occasion, the Lt Governor observed that the Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan is making significant contribution to the advancement of Sanskrit in Jammu and

ple about Vedic farming, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor congratulated the publishing team and extended his best wishes to the Principal, Students and Acharyas of Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan. Prof. JP Sharma, Vice-



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and other dignitaries releasing book in Jammu on Tuesday.

Basohli, Kathua, here at the Raj Bhavan.

The book was released as a souvenir after the successful conduct of the Annual Festival and foundation day celebrations held under the aegis of Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan Vishwasthali; SKUAST Jammu; Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir

Kashmir. It is through such institutions that the Sanskrit heritage, our culture, traditions have survived, he added.

In this research-oriented souvenir, scholars of Sanskrit and agricultural science from across the country and young researchers have written their research papers, which will increase awareness among peo-

ple about Vedic farming, the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor congratulated the publishing team and extended his best wishes to the Principal, Students and Acharyas of Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan. Prof. JP Sharma, Vice-

NCLT says it enjoys all powers to entertain applications by or against Corporate Debtor

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 18: National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has said that it has jurisdiction and all the powers to entertain or dispose of any proceedings or applications by or against the Corporate Debtor or Corporate person and also the claims by or against any of its subsidiaries situated in India. Further, the Tribunal has the exclusive jurisdiction to decide all the questions relating to any claim by or against the Corporate Debtor, including the Corporate

Guarantors and Personal Guarantors and is vested with the powers of the Debt Recovery Tribunal as well for any purpose if and when required to be exercised.

A bench of NCLT comprising of Rohit Kapoor (Member Judicial) and Harish Chander Suri (Member Technical) has mentioned this in an order passed in an application under Section 95 of the Code under Section 95(1) of the Code to initiate insolvency resolution process or bankruptcy, can be initiated and continued against the Corporate Guarantors including Personal Guarantors, and it has also been made clear that the National Company Law Tribunal shall be vested with the powers of the Debt Recovery Tribunal as well."

"Section 60(5) loudly speak that the National Company Law Tribunal has the jurisdiction and all the powers to entertain or dispose of any proceedings or applications by or against the Corporate Debtor or Corporate person, including any claim made by or against the Corporate Debtor or Corporate person, and also the claims by or against any of its subsidiaries situated in India and even any question of law or facts arising out of or in relation to the insolvency resolution or liquidation proceedings or the Corporate Debtor or Corporate person under this Code", the bench said.

Accordingly, the applicant bank filed an Original Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, before the Debts Recovery Tribunal-1 in the year 2019 for recovery of the outstanding dues for a sum of Rs 13,65,19,84,971.00 as on 28.02.2019 with further interest and costs and expenses from the Corporate Debtor and their Guarantors and the Original Application is pending before the DRT-I, Kolkata.

It was further submitted that the Guarantor is jointly and severally liable like the Corporate Debtor pursuant to the deed of guarantee executed by the Guarantor, and also as per Section 128 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872 the Guarantor is liable to pay the total outstanding dues together with further interest, liquidated damages and outstanding interest.

However, counsel appearing for the Respondent/Guarantor submitted that this application under Section 95 (1) was not maintainable as the same against the

Corporate Guarantor or Personal Guarantor can only be maintainable if either the Corporate Debtor is under CIRP or if the Corporate Debtor is under liquidation.

After going through the scheme of IBC dealing with Corporate Debtor and their Guarantors, the NCLT observed, "the proceedings under Section 95(1) of the Code to initiate insolvency resolution process or bankruptcy, can be initiated and continued against the Corporate Guarantors including Personal Guarantors, and it has also been made clear that the National Company Law Tribunal shall be vested with the powers of the Debt Recovery Tribunal as well."

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The bench further said, "so in a way the National Company Law Tribunal has the exclusive jurisdiction and enjoys all the powers to decide all the questions relating to any claim by or against the Corporate Debtor, including the Corporate Guarantors and Personal Guarantors and is vested with the powers of the Debt Recovery Tribunal as well, for any purpose if and when required to be exercised".

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Many political workers join PDP

BJP turns J&K into Lab: Mehbooba

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 18: Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president and former J&K Chief Minister, Mehbooba Mufti today said that the youth have a decisive role to take Jammu and Kashmir out of morass of disappointment and hopelessness that had been created by the BJP-led Government at the Centre through its wrong policies.

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She expressed gratitude to the party workers from across Jammu for standing with the people of Kashmir at the time when people have been pushed to walls and their rights curtailed in the name of security. Praising her party workers, Mehbooba said it is heartening to see the dream of party founder Mufti Mohammad Sayeed becoming a reality with each passing day.

"I am seeing concern for people of Kashmir growing in Jammu. Mufti wanted to see the two regions stand together and understand each other's pain. This is happening today," she said.

Addressing a large gathering of youth from border belt of RS Pura at the Party head office

Jammu Mehbooba said that BJP-led government has turned entire J&K into a laboratory where experiments are conducted on daily basis.

"Our youth have been pushed into hopelessness. They (BJP) have connived with big corporate houses and industrialists to exploit and loot the resources of Jammu and Kashmir. Big corporate houses coming to J&K are hiring people from outside while our unemployed youth are moving from pillar to post for livelihood. They want us to become so poor that we become totally dependent on other states," the PDP president said.

She was addressing a large number of political workers who joined PDP under former Vice Chairman Bhushan Lal Dogra here.

Mehbooba said the PDP can't alone take this fight to a logical end and the youth will have to come forward to play a decisive role. "These are the times of the youth, for the youth. The mantle of responsibility has befallen the youth of J&K to shape a brighter future and secure our rights for the coming generations. We will have to unitedly fight against the forces which are bent on ruining our future," She added.

Super Specialists services extended for evening hours in GGN Hospital

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 18: In the interest of better patient care, Directorate of Health Services Jammu has extended the services of Super Specialists and Specialists at Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar Jammu during the evening hours also from 7 pm to 10 pm.

This will be in addition to the daily evening rounds of consultants on their emergency days.

The Gandhi Nagar Hospital though presently a Non-Covid hospital, is carrying out Dialysis of Covid positive patients under Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Program in a separate block of the hospital.

As per an order, the deployments include Dr. Mahesh C. Gupta (Sr. Consultant Pediatrics) at Room No. 40 near Ward 11, Dr. Samita Bhat (Consultant Gynaec) at Gynaec MO Room and Dr. Akhil Menia (Psychiatrist) at Room No. 6 on January 15, 21 and 27, 2022. Dr. Anayat Lone (Sr. Consultant Pathology) at Central Lab Room No. 17, Dr. Gagan Bali, (Consultant Surgeon) at Surgical Theater, Dr. Susheel Sharma (Consultant Radiologist) at Room No. 6 and Dr. Sashank Sharma (DNB Gastro) at Room No.6 on January 16, 22 and 28, 2022.

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The services of Dental Surgeon will be available on Sundays also from 10 am to 1 pm.

Family alleges murder of their daughter over dowry

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Jan 18: A family of Shelipora Achabal in South Kashmir's Anantnag today alleged that their daughter was murdered by her in-laws over the issue of dowry.

In this connection, the family staged a protest, urging the police and higher-ups to ensure the culprits involved in the alleged murder daughter are brought to book.

"From time to time, we have been fulfilling their demands of dowry, but this time around, they ended up killing my daughter by poisoning her," said Muhammad

19, 25 and 31, 2022. Dr. Surinder Sharma (Consultant Medicine) at Room No 6, Dr. Mamta Kalsi (Consultant Gynaec) at Gynaec MO Room, Dr. Kanav Padha (Consultant Ortho) at Room No. 22 and Dr. Rohit Lahori (Pain Specialist) Surgical Theater on January 14, 20 and 26, 2022.

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Yousuf Mir, father of the deceased woman.

The family said that the in-laws of their daughter fled from the hospital after she died. "They left the body thereafter she died instead and didn't take her for last rites," the family alleged.

The protesters demanded strict action against those involved and urged the police to act swiftly so that the culprits are brought to book immediately.

In this regard, the police have said the 30-year-old woman was brought dead to the hospital while the preliminary medical report suggests cardiac arrest is a cause of death.



Beneficiaries and Army personnel posing for group photograph. -Excelsior/Tilak Raj

Army reaches out deaf and dumb villagers, starts tutorials

Excelsior Correspondent

DODA, Jan 18: Extending its community welfare development projects to extend helping hand to the tribal villagers suffering with mysterious illness (born deaf and dumb) that has struck like a curse in a particular village Dadhkai of Gandoh, leaving 78 of them deaf and dumb, Rashtriya Rifles unit based at Bhadarwah reached out to the tribal gujjars to distribute specialized hearing aids among the differently abled children, besides starting tutorials to teach them sign language.

Giving a new dimension to the Sadhbhavana project, Army located the far off hill top tribal village Dadhkai, 105 km from Bhadarwah town and came with a novel initiative to provide the deaf and dumb villagers with specialised hearing aids beside the RR unit also started 2 months door to door tutorials to teach the differently abled children the sign language.

The programme was inaugurated at Dadhkai-A village by SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom who was also the chief guest, while CO 4RR presided over the function and Mohammad Hanief Deedar BDC Chairman

was the guest of honour.

Commanding Officer while addressing the villagers informed that the hearing equipment costing Rs 17,000 each have been especially designed for the deaf and dumb with lifetime warranty and will help the specially abled younger generation to understand the sign language for which experts will provide door to door tuition to affected children.

SSP Abdul Qayoom said that this gesture will not only provide the much needed self confidence among these villagers and will also help bring them out of the despair but outside world may also come to know about this mysterious disorder which is limited to this particular village of gujjars only.

Chairman BDC Mohammad Hanief appealed to that Ministry of Tribal Affairs to open a permanent special school for the deaf and dumb villagers which will be of great help to them.

SSP, CO 4RR and SDM Gandoh assured that they will take up the matter with the concerned Ministry with a request to open the School for differently abled tribal children.

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