

CS calls for election in all functional Cooperative Societies

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JAMMU, Sept 28: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun K Mehta chaired a meeting today to review the working of



Chief Secretary chairing a meeting at Jammu on Wednesday.

Cooperative Department. The meeting was attended by Secretary Cooperatives, Yasha Mudgal alongwith the officers of the department. Registrar Cooperative Societies also attended the meeting through virtual mode.

The Chief Secretary urged the department for improving digital footprint in the cooperative sector along with exploring convergence in sectors like dairy, horticulture, fisheries, agriculture etc. with other departments for sustained gains.

Earlier during her presentation, Secretary, Cooperatives informed about the financial position of eight Cooperative Banks in terms of CRAR, NPA and CD ratio. It was informed that for improving the CRAR of the Cooperative banks as per the RBI norms, the targets have already been assigned to the concerned Banks and the recovery of NPAs has also improved during the last one year.

The total NPAs recovered during 2021-2022 was to the tune of Rs.45 Cr.

Yasha stated that out of 8

Cooperative Banks, 7 SMS alerts should also be sent to the eligible voters of the Societies to make the process of elections fair and transparent.

Secretary Cooperatives highlighted the progress made on establishment of food processing units through Cooperatives within the approved Capex Budget 2022-23 and stated that 24 DPRs have been formulated and steps will be taken to establish these units expeditiously.

She further stated that the department plans to establish a Cooperative Milk Federation in J&K for providing benefit to the local dairy farmers presently selling their surplus produce in an unorganized sector. Yasha emphasized that with the establishment of the Federation, the surplus milk in J&K shall be tapped from unorganized sector to organized sector and processed, resulting in increase in incomes of the milk producers.

She further informed that the department has de-registered 1361 Cooperatives/ Cooperative Societies that were non-functional to create space for new ones.

Dr. Mehta urged the department to look for convergence with agriculture and allied sector to maximize the potential of the cooperative sector.

He said that the department must take steps towards a single Cooperative Societies Act for better administration of the sector in J&K.

He asked the department to lay out an actionable plan for reviving the sector by introducing cooperation as an enterprise in the sectors where it is likely to create sustainable livelihoods and improve incomes of the people.

Bank and instructed the department to ensure that the bank migrates to CBS platform without any delay.

In order to strengthen the democratic structure of the Cooperative Societies, Dr. Mehta directed that at the time of elections apart from ensuring wider publicity through media,



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Commissioner State Taxes Dr Rashmi Singh interacting with Trade and Industry Associations on Wednesday.

Commissioner State Taxes interacts with Trade, Industry Associations

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JAMMU, Sept 28: Continuing the month-long initiative, Commissioner StateTaxes Dr. Rashmi Singh interacted with the Trade & Industry associations of district Udhampur & Reasi.

Commissioner State Taxes appeals the general public/citizens to perform their duty by paying taxes as the Tax collected is used by the Government for carrying out various welfare schemes which further contributes in nation building.

Welcoming the suggestions from Trade unions/Industry associations / C A S , Commissioner StateTaxes, assured to establish the GST Facilitation Centre (GST Suvidha Kendra) to provide a dedicated help-desk & support system to Taxpayers.

Additional Commissioner

StateTaxes Nitu Gupta also spoke as the occasion.

50 militants including 10 Pak nationals killed in Kulgam

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SRINAGAR, Sept 28: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Kulgam, G V Sundeep Chakravarthy today said that 50 militants including 10 Pakistani

were killed by security forces in Kulgam district in the last one year.

While giving details of the two successful operations in the district in which three militants including a Pakistani national were killed, he told a press conference that the main aim in these operations was safety and security of the civilians.

Chakravarthy said that security forces are alert and during the last one year they have killed 50 militants including 10 Pakistani nationals in the district.

LG Ladakh reviews winter preparedness of depts

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LEH, Sept 28: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, today reviewed the position of preparedness of stocking of essential supplies for the winter with the concerned departments. Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson; Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk, Executive Councillors- Tashi Namgyal Yakzee, Gulam Mehdi; Executive Councillor from LAHDC Kargil, Mubarak Shah Naqvi; Advisor Umang Narula; Divisional Commissioner, Saugat Biswas; Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Shrikant Suse; Deputy Commissioner, Kargil, Santosh Sukhdeve and head of departments (HoDs) were present in the meeting.

LG advised the concerned departments to complete the stocking of essential supplies for the winter by the end of October keeping the cold weather of Ladakh in mind. He also advised that the stock for the winter should last from October till April 2023. He emphasised the need for extensive planning for winter stocking for Zaskar and early completion of stocking, including fuel for vehicles and aviation turbine fuel (ATF) for helicopters for the sub-division.

He requested the Food Corporation of India officials to build the stock of essential supplies for the winter at the earliest and suggested that the maximum lifting of winter stocks may be completed by the Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Department. He directed that ten-

dering for the purchase of sugar for Antyodaya beneficiaries may be expedited. He advised the HoDs and Administrative Secretaries to monitor the stocking of essentials on a daily basis.

LG requested Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Ministry of Civil Aviation in this

requested to keep Zoji-La till late in the winter and open at the earliest next year. He advised that cargo rates for airlifting sorties from outside Ladakh during the winter should be kept in check and assistance may be sought from the Ministry of Civil Aviation in this



LG Ladakh chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to increase the stocking of fuel in Zaskar. He advised DC Kargil to explore all possibilities to increase the capacity of storage of fuel for Zaskar.

He suggested that an advisory may be issued so that the Government departments and telecom companies may complete their stock for the winter at the earliest and there is no further need for lifting of fuel from the petrol pumps in the Zaskar sub-division.

He suggested that essential commodities manufactured in October may be purchased for maximum validity, especially milk, salt and tomato puree. He advised that the Cooperatives Department and Market Association may target higher purchases of fresh vegetables for the winters.

LG Mathur suggested that the Director General, Border Roads Organisation (BRO), may be

regard. He directed the Divisional Commissioner to hold a review meeting in this regard with the airlines. LG Mathur advised the Medical Department to supply stock for the winter to Zaskar from the existing stock from Leh and Kargil.

Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Advocate Tashi Gyalson, highlighted several issues, including providing DG sets and keeping a spare DG set for people in the trans-Singge La villages for the winter; providing subsidies to people of trans-Singge la area and Zaskar to avail of helicopter services during winter in case of emergencies; the need to engage human resources, especially operators and linemen, in the Power Development Department; ensuring availability of chakki atta during the winter and purchase of fresh eggs along with fresh vegetables for the winter.

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J&K felicitated for excellence in achieving UN SDGs in last couple of years

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JAMMU, Sept 28: The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has been felicitated for



Secretary, Mining Department Amit Sharma receiving honours on behalf of J&K.

making remarkable contributions towards achieving 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals during last couple of years and Secretary, Mining Department Amit Sharma was invited to attend felicitation for J&K Union Territory in it.

Alongside, Amit also participated in a power-packed panel discussion alongwith Secretaries of States like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Goa and Maharashtra on achieving Carbon Neutrality and sharing perspectives towards Eco sensitivities in respective states/ UTs for saving planet earth.

Secretary Mining Amit Sharma received the honours on behalf of J&K while Goa felicitation was received by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh were also felicitated in this ceremony.

Amit happened to share important achievements of the UT of J&K towards the important goal of Carbon Neutrality wherein Panchayat Palli has been fully powered with Solar

Energy with a 500 KW Solar Plant and various works are being carried out in Palli panchayat only through power supplied by this solar plant. He mentioned that this unique initiative was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the month of April this year only in J&K as a follow-up of the UN Climate Change Glasgow Conference.

During this ceremony, Secretary Mining Amit Sharma also talked about public awareness and mass campaigns reaching upto grass root level in J&K for multiple sectors like Health, Jal Shakti, Urban Development through Swachh Bharat Mission and he further disclosed that there has been significant improvement in improving J&K ranking in UN Sustainable Development Goals over the last couple of years. He also mentioned that recently, J&K Government approved Rooftop Solar Scheme for residential households towards reducing over 5 million tonnes of Carbon emission which shows the resolve of UT to contribute substantially towards UN Sustainable Development Goals well within the target year 2030.

The felicitation ceremony followed by Panel Discussions were led by Union Ministers Smriti Irani and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and it was inspired by NITI Aayog and organised by the Times Group vertical Economic Times who have happened to acknowledge the positive contribution of J&K towards achieving success in achieving UN SDG and improving its ranking by leaps and bounds in the last couple of years.

AAP holds blood donation camp as tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh

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JAMMU, Sept 28: In order to pay tribute to freedom fighter Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today organised a blood donation camp in Jammu in which party volunteers donated blood to save precious human lives.



AAP senior leader Gourav Sharma donating blood during a camp in Jammu.

The blood donation camp was organised by AAP youth wing and a number of party leaders and activists including AAP Jammu province Incharge Gourav Sharma, Jammu province Incharge of youth wing Parvinder Singh, vice president Harbajan Singh, secretaries Harneak Singh, Usman Kohli and Ranjit Singh Goldy, and youth leader Gurjeet Singh participated in it.

The camp started by paying tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh who was remembered for

his services in freedom struggle. Later, a number of AAP volunteers donated blood for saving precious human lives and the donated blood units were over to health Institutions for further use at the time of need.

Speaking on the occasion, Gourav Sharma said that blood donation is the biggest donation in

mankind and volunteers of AAP always remain upfront for this noble cause. He added, "We are paying tribute to Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh and there

can be no tribute bigger or better than tribute through blood donation." He further appealed all the citizens to be an active blood donor in society and to save precious human lives.

Parvinder Singh said that blood donation is the biggest tribute to national heroes and freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the nation. He said that AAP volunteers are setting a trend in this line and spreading the message of 'Bleed Red' and everyone in society should follow these lines.

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