

# Sanitation is all about bringing change in our attitude: CS

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 3: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today remarked that the sanitation involves simple steps to be achieved with determination. He maintained that it only takes a good resolve to make our surroundings clean.

Dr Mehta made these remarks



Chief Secretary addressing Capacity Building Prog of RDD on Friday.

during his address on the eve of One day Divisional Level Capacity Building Program for officers of the Rural Development Department (RDD) on Management of All Components of Swachh Bharat Mission (G) for initiation of its 2nd phase.

Commissioner Secretary, RDD; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; DCs from Jammu Division; Director, Rural Sanitation were present on the occasion.

Dr Mehta observed that we all have to understand its relevance and see our role vis-a-vis its accomplishment. He made out that if we are unable to do our part we would fail to convince others

to do it as well. He maintained that first all of us need to set it as a goal for ourselves and believe that it can be done in time.

He exhorted upon the officers that there is no tomorrow to defer this significant task to. He impressed upon them that either we have to do it now or we should vacate our positions voluntarily to let others to do it. He said that

there is no question of not being able to complete the targets of this mission in the stipulated time frame.

The Chief Secretary gave out that the process of cleanliness is one to be done in a mission mode. He stressed on doing the team work by understanding what, how and why it needs to be done.

He stated that Sanitation leads to prosperity. He revealed that the bad sanitation costs us nearly 6% of our GDP. He further said that it takes toll on our prosperity as it even spoils our means of livelihood instead makes us to spend our earnings on treatment of communicable diseases.

# DB directive in PIL regarding facilities for cancer patients

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JAMMU, Feb 3: In a contempt petition filed by AV Gupta in Public Interest Litigation (PIL) regarding creation of facilities for treatment of cancer in Jammu and Kashmir, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice (A) Tashi Rabstan and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi has directed Commissioner Secretary Health to depute a senior officer on the next date of hearing to apprise the court as to why the posts of Lecturers, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, Professors and Oncologists in respect of Nuclear Medicine have not been created.

After hearing Advocate Ajay Sharma and Advocate Aditya Gupta, DB directed FA Natoo appearing for the PSC to apprise this court regarding the status of the case/litigation pending before the CAT.

Earlier, when the petition came-up for hearing, DB observed, "in terms of order dated 30.12.2021, Amit Gupta, AAG for contemptor No. 1 had submitted that by the mid of 2022 in the

Super Specialty Hospital, Jammu a PET Scan Machine would be installed after necessary infrastructure for the purposes is in place".

"Today, AAG submits that the order for purchase of the Scan Machine has already been placed, therefore, he seeks time to enable him to make operational the OPD and also to procure the Scan Machine", the DB observed.

During the course of hearing, Advocate Ajay Sharma appearing counsel for the petitioner referred to the statement of facts filed by AAG on 23.02.2022, wherein the respondents have mentioned the sanctioned post of Lecturer only in respect of Medical Oncologist and no posts of Lecturers, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, Professors and Oncologists have been created in respect of Nuclear Medicine in the Government Medical College Jammu.

Upon this, DB directed respondents to depute a senior officer on the next date of hearing to apprise this court as to why the posts of Lecturers, Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, Professors and Oncologists in respect of Nuclear Medicine have not been created.

# HC upholds withdrawal of provisional selection list of ReKs

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 3: The High Court has upheld withdrawal of the provisional selection list regarding engagement of candidates as Rehbar-e-Khel (ReK) for zone Drugmulla in Kupwara district by the authorities.

The Court observed that mere selection does not entitle the candidate to claim appointment.

The advertisement was issued for filling up of 223 vacancies of Rehbar-e-Khel across 13 zones of Kupwara district in pursuance to an advertisement notice issued by the Youth Services and Sports Department on 13th January 2018. However the authorities withdrew the provisional selection list candidates as regards zone Drugmulla on 13 May 2019 amid complaints of nepotism and favoritism by a selection committee. The authorities had also ordered a fresh process for engagement against these positions.

The court was apprised that the candidates were close relatives of the officers and officials working in the Youth Services and Sports Department Kupwara and this fact was not denied by the authorities before the Court as some of the selected candidates were awarded exceptionally high marks in the interview though they were figuring at the bottom of the list as per the points calculated on the basis of their academic qualification.

The withdrawal of the list had followed a petition filed by some of the non-selected candidates who had, besides levelling allegations of nepotism and favoritism, contended that selection was not done by a duly constituted Selection Committee.

"A look at the document (placed on record by officials) would reveal that all these 06 candidates, who are stated to be relatives of the officials of the Department, have secured very high marks as compared to the other selected candidates and the candidates who have been rejected," Justice Sanjay Dhar said.

Apart from it, the court said, the record shows that the inter-

view of the candidates pertaining to Drugmulla Zone was not conducted by a duly constituted Selection Committee.

"...the interview of the candidates has not been conducted by a duly constituted Selection Committee because it was not headed by the Deputy Commissioner," the court said and rejected the contention by the counsel for the petitioners that Additional Deputy Commissioner Kupwara had the approval of the Deputy Commissioner to act on his behalf and that selection committee cannot be stated to be incompetent one.

The court also held that the petitioners do not have any vested right to seek a direction upon authorities concerned to take forward the selection process on the basis of provisional select list.

"In the instant case, even the selection of the petitioners was yet to be finalized as their selection was provisional in nature subject to the objections. Once the official respondents considered the objections, they withdrew the provisional select list. The same was well within their competence and jurisdiction particularly in view of the fact that the selection was made by an incompetent Selection Committee and there were a large number of misdemeanours observed in the selection process," the court said and dismissed the plea.

# Two DySPs transferred

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 3: Police Headquarters Jammu and Kashmir has ordered transfers and postings of two Deputy Superintendents of Police with immediate effect.

"Vishal Manhas, Deputy SP SKPA Udhampur has been transferred and posted as SDPO Ramnagar while Dr Bhisim Dubey, SDPO Ramnagar has been transferred and posted to IR 1st Battalion as Incharge Bhawan Katra," said an order issued by Police Headquarters J&K.

# After Delhi, AAP's liquor scam in Punjab should also be investigated: Chugh

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JAMMU, Feb 3: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh demanded a central agency inquiry into the excise scam in Punjab also which happened soon after the AAP Government came to power.

Chugh said an in-depth inquiry needs to be conducted into how money laundering took place in Punjab as well after a prolonged tug of war between the AAP Government and liquor cartels. He suspected that the money laundering in Punjab might have been used by AAP in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh elections.

The senior BJP leader said media reports are suggesting that

a liquor nexus mafia comprising Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, Steydra Jain and K Kavitha, daughter of Telangana chief minister KCR, operated in Delhi to extort money running into crores of rupees.

He said a similar exercise was conducted in Punjab as well which needed an in-depth inquiry. He said the investigation into alleged kickbacks of Rs 100 crore related to the excise policy "revealed that part of these funds was used in the election campaign of AAP for Goa Assembly elections 2022".

Chug said it was a grave matter of national security that a cartel was created by top AAP leaders to continuously generate illegal funds.

# SED launches online attendance app for employees

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Feb 3: The School Education Department (SED) today launched an online application for employee attendance that integrates geotagging in addition to facial recognition in order to deliver real-time attendance information on employees' actual places and times.

The department announced in the notification that the "JK Attendance App" has been released to track the online, real-time attendance of teachers. The department also introduced the SAMIKSHA portal, which enables schools and teachers to give feedback to students. The applications were created by the Samagra Shiksha Directorate under the aegis of the School Education Department.

The notification reads that the JK Attendance App will be used for online attendance of employees of the School Education Department, to get real-time attendance with respect to their exact location

over time, enabled by geotagging; besides face recognition. "The SAMIKSHA-Portal will be used to get feedback of students from their teachers and school," it reads.

In this regard, the Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) has sent a letter to all Chief Education Officers (CEOs) seeking their support to start the trail of application in Zonal Offices and schools. It states that a trial run must be conducted before the official launch of this application and portal in order to address any bugs and problems so that they may be fixed well in advance.

The initiative has been taken to ensure adequate control of the educational system across Jammu and Kashmir. The notification asks for the School Heads and Zonal Education Officers' full participation during the trial run of the app and portals, "so that the same may be copied in all the Schools of the UT, in the following days," he said.

# 'Prosecuting Officer' aspirants in lurch after tricky paper-2, seek re-exam

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SRINAGAR, Feb 3: The aspirants of Prosecuting Officer (PO) Exam held by the J&K Public Service Commission (JKPSC) today sought a re-exam of paper 2 stating that paper was not only tough, and grossly disproportionate, but was also not in consonance with the notification issued.

The aggrieved candidates who appeared in the exam held on January 29, told Excelsior that to their surprise, paper-2 was tough and was totally against what the JKPC had notified. "The syllabus as well as the previous year's papers provided by JKPSC did nothing but misled us," the candidates said.

"The questions from two important captions of the syllabus for paper-2 regarding "Decision Making and Problem-Solving" and "Interpersonal Skills including Communication skills" were discarded."

They further said that the questions from the caption of "Reading Comprehension" were ambiguous and the answers to them could be subjective. "Thus the answers to 20 questions

depended upon the sweet will and personal understanding of the particular examiner," the candidates said.

They said that the number of questions asked from Legal Aptitude/Reasoning was low and the larger part of the paper consisted of Current Affairs, Reasoning and Maths, which they also said, was of a high standard, not in consonance with the paper standards expected.

It is to be noted here that the candidates who appeared in the exam come from the legal fraternity and they said that their main concern is the law subjects.

The examination is bifurcated into three tiers: prelims, mains and interview and that the prelims exam consists of Paper 1, based on law subjects, and Paper 2 which is based on the CSAT pattern, in which paper 2 is qualifying and aspirants need to secure at least 33% marks.

"Since the work of Prosecuting Officer concerns with the legal field, testing the knowledge of legal aspirants based on purely hard banking level pattern is needless," they said.

They said that putting before

the legal aspirants such a hard level banking and UPSC CSAT level paper "results in a large number of disqualifications of the aspirants in Paper 2 and that too under no intimation."

What has been done, the candidates said, is going to disturb the selection ratio of aspirants in Mains which is 1/3rd of the total number of aspirants who appeared or 25 times the total number of vacancies, whichever is less.

"At least 1500 candidates should sit in mains examination keeping in view the ratio set by PSC for qualification but it seems difficult that even 300 candidates will qualify."

Apart from seeking a re-exam of paper 2, the aspirants said that all the candidates who appeared in paper 2 must be deemed to have qualified and the required number of students should be selected from paper 1 as per merit.

Secretary JKPSC Bashir Ahmad Dar told Excelsior that the representation of the aspirants has been received and they are examining it. "We are examining it and after the due process the decision will be taken per the law," he said.

# MP Khatana meets HM, discusses issues concerning J&K

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NEW DELHI, Feb 3: Member Parliament Gulam Ali Khatana in a meeting with

Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah discussed various issues concerning Jammu and Kashmir including security situation, developmental scenario, eviction drive and providing jobs to the unemployed youth, here late last evening.



MP Gulam Ali Khatana in a meeting with Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah in New Delhi.

Khatana apprised the Home Minister (HM) about the present situation due to rumours spread by the vested interests about the ongoing action against the influ-

ential encroachers in the union territory of J&K. He said that the LG administration has clarified that no action will be taken against the poor who have occu-

without any compensation and was used only to garner votes. He said that neighbouring country is using all its might to disturb the peace in the region by inciting passions and over ground workers of the separatists are aiding their attempts.

While praising the security forces, Khatana said that army and J&K Police are putting in their best efforts to thwart the evil designs of the enemy country and backbone of terrorism has been broken. He stressed the need for providing employment opportunities to the unemployed youth and a decisive action against the drug mafia in the Union Territory. He reiterated the need for putting gamma scanners at strategic locations to check arms and drug smuggling besides free movement of anti-social elements.

Home Minister Amit Shah assured to redress the issues raised by the MP on priority.

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