

**“LG’s Mulaqaat”**

**Sinha directs officials to safeguard interests of common citizens**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today interacted with citizens, who had filed their complaints on JKIGRAMS, during the “LG’s Mulaqaat- Live Public Grievance Hearing” at the Civil Secretariat.

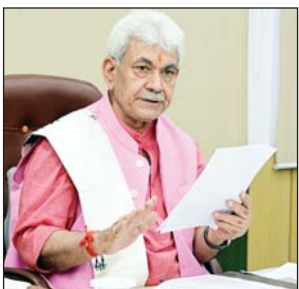
During the public hearing, several cases were disposed of on the spot for which the applicants expressed their gratitude to the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor directed the officials to safeguard the interests of the common citizens and ensure that the grievances are attended promptly.

“JKIGRAMS complaint mechanism is serving a range of objectives including feedback on the quality of services and strengthening transparency, integrity and accountability in the system to respond to people’s needs,” observed the Lt Governor.

On one grievance filed by Sanjay Sharma from Akhnor regarding non-functioning of tube well in his area, the Deputy Commissioner Jammu informed the chair that it would be replaced with a new one within 3 days.

In another grievance, an appli-



Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta launching integration of services.

cant had urged the authorities for providing road connectivity to an ancient temple in village Bagooona, Vijaypur. The Lt Governor directed the Deputy Commissioner, Samba for necessary action.

On the grievance regarding release of due subsidy under the PHEMEG Scheme, the Chairman, J&K Bank apprised the chair that the issue will be resolved within 15 days. The Lt Governor asked the concerned officers to process the subsidy cases on priority to clear any backlog.

On the issue of water supply in Jaganu, Udhampur, the Deputy Commissioner informed the chair that the matter will be resolved soon as the works have already been taken up under relevant scheme. The Lt Governor also directed the Deputy Commissioner to take advance

arrangements so that people do not face any issue of water supply in ensuing summer season.

In a complaint filed by an applicant from Poonch regarding delay in financial assistance under Marriage Assistance Scheme, the Lt Governor directed Deputy Commissioner, Poonch to conduct an enquiry into the matter and submit a detailed report within 15 days.

In another grievance filed by Mir Irshad Hussain regarding encroachment within the premises of Govt. Middle School Hajipora in Anantnag, directions were issued to District administration to remove encroachments from the School land and restore it as per the revenue records.

Waseem Ashraf from Kupwara expressed his gratitude towards the LG led Administration for prompt resolution of the issue through JKIGRAMS regarding provision of pipes for water supply.

Narinder Kour, Additional Secretary, Public Grievances cell, J&K conducted the proceedings of the LG’s Mulaqaat.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners; Deputy Commissioners; SSPs; HoDs and other senior officers, in person and virtually, were present during the interaction.

**Water supply to remain affected**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: To carry out cleaning process of the water reservoirs at Manda, water supply to Panjirthi, Jain Bazar, Moti Bazar, Afghanah Mohalla, Dogra Hall, New Plot, Rehari, Sarwal and adjoining areas being fed from Manda will remain partially affected for next 3 to 4 days from 03-03-2023.

General public has been requested to maintain adequate storage and use the drinking water judiciously.

**First phase of smart traffic management system completed**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: The first phase of the intelligent traffic management and surveillance system (ITMSS) has been made operational in Jammu, a step that would help authorities better manage vehicular flow and catch violators.

The system is operational at 12 major locations in the city and activities are being monitored from a traffic department-managed integrated command and control centre.

“Operations (of the ITMSS) first phase) have started in Jammu,” Vehant Technologies chief executive officer (CEO) and co-founder Kapil Bardeja said.

The project is being implemented in phases with system integrators, he said.

“The project was initiated in November 2022. Installations are going on and depending upon the installations with system integrators, the project will be completed soon,” Bardeja, whose firm has been tasked with implementation of the ITMSS in Jammu. He added that software solutions have already been deployed at some locations.

In the first phase, the ITMSS has been deployed and made operational at 12 major locations, including at Zorawar Singh Chowk, railway station, RBI Turning, G L Dogra Chowk, Panama Chowk, Jammu University Gate, Last Morh, Main Stop Gandhi Nagar, R S Pura airport, Gujjar Nagar Chowk and Valmiki Chowk, officials said.

The intelligent traffic management and city surveillance system will be in place at 38 junctions having traffic signals, once the project is completed, they said.

The officials said automatic vehicle number plate identification, red light violation, stolen vehicle identification and using of mobilephone while driving are among the things that can be detected by the smart system.

Usually, these intelligent traf-



Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta launching integration of services.

**‘Digital J&K’ to usher in golden chapter in UT: CS**

\*Launches integration of services with Digi Locker, Umang app

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today remarked that the progress achieved towards the goal of ‘Digital J&K’ in recent times is one of the brightest chapters that would go down as the most transformative part in the history of the UT.

He made these remarks while launching the integration of services of Municipalities with Umang and DigiLocker applications.

On the occasion Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology; MD & CEO, J&K Bank; SIO, NIC; representative from H&UDD and other concerned officers were present either physically or virtually.

Dr Mehta observed that the Government has launched digital services for ease of living of the public and to bring transparency in delivery of services to the citizens. He said that the IT enabled governance has reduced the gap between intent and delivery.

He maintained that the transition to Digital J&K has empowered people like never before as it has brought government to the doorsteps of people. He pointed out that the digitization of services not only ensures promptness in delivery of services but equally aids in maintaining highest degree of transparency and accountability.

He established that the endeavour of the LG administration is to bring every possible comfort to the citizens. He emphasized that there is no better way to do it but to enable them to assess all the services from the comforts of their homes. He laud-

ed the IT Department and the local chapter of NIC for making it possible to switch to online mode of service delivery in such a short period of time.

The Chief Secretary impressed that onboarding the services on mobile applications like Umang and DigiLocker will make the services more user-friendly and easily accessible. He reiterated that the time is not far when all the citizen-centric services will be integrated with such platforms including the RAS for feedback with an additional feature of auto-appeal to ensure timely delivery and fixation of responsibility in case of any undue delay.

At the same time the Chief Secretary urged the MD & CEO of J&K Bank to further reduce the timeframe for extending the loans taken for self employment. He also vouched for handholding of all the artisans and craftsmen by giving them easy access to capital to upscale their activities or establishing the enterprises. He stressed on simplifying the procedures for all such advances by doing away with asking for collaterals for loans of lesser value and documents least required or available online now.

Later on the Chief Secretary launched two separate services of H&UDD meant for seeking ‘No Objection Certificates’ in Municipal Corporations and other Municipalities for establishment of commercial enterprises on Umang application. He also launched the integration of services namely Registration of Societies, Weavers Registration Card and Artisans Registration Card on DigiLocker platform.

All these services are essential for the shopkeepers, artisans and craftsmen for availing the credit facility from the banks and many other services offered by government departments. These developments are going to address lot of their issues they were facing and would give them access to documents instantly just at the click of a button.

The ITMSS automatically encrypts and transfers data of violation to a centralised server at the Traffic Police headquarters, the officials said.

“The system also facilitates e-challan generation along with photo and video evidence which is then sent to the violator’s mobile phone through SMS. The system is capable of 24X7 operations,” an official said. This solution will have an overview camera to capture the zoomed-out picture of an entire area when there has been a red-light violation, he said.

The officials said the network will read the number plate of an offending vehicle and store it in the database.

Based on the information received from these cameras, an adaptive traffic-control system can also alter traffic signal cycles in real time to respond to changing traffic conditions. Once fully-operational, the system is expected to cut down waiting time at traffic signals by almost half, they said.

“The red light violation detection system will allow traffic police to keep a track on violators and generate e-challan,” an official said.

The system would consist of camera mounted sensors for better detection of traffic violations and data would be relayed to the central control room, the officials said.

“It will also help police to detect and register cases against persons for not wearing helmets, over speeding, triple-riding, stop line violations, speaking over the phone while driving and other violations,” the official said.

These cameras also function effectively during night hours as recording takes place only if there is vehicle movement on the roads, he added.

**Karan voices for restoration of Statehood, early elections in J&K**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: Senior Congress leader and former Sadar-e-Riyasat of erstwhile J&K State, Dr. Karan Singh has claimed that there is a lack of communication between public and bureaucrats in the newly formed Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir.

He also said that assembly elections should be held in J&K in a free and fair manner and

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Statehood should be restored to the UT without any delay.

When asked to comment on the bifurcation of J&K State into two Union Territories, he said that we should look ahead rather than looking back and added that same remained his principle in life.

Replying to a question of taking back the regions of J&K occupied by Pakistan, he said that it was not easy as the same could not be materialized without a war which



Senior Congress leader Dr Karan Singh speaking at a function in Jammu on Tuesday.

mother language in routine conversations.

Speaking on the occasion, Ritu Singh, FICCI FLO J&K Head said that Vedanta is a way of life which we should all adopt.

She also said that the function organized today was all about empowerment of women and as she wanted that FICCI women should also know Vedanta to adopt it.

“Ladies do multi-tasking as they work at home, do job, teach children etc and it is very important that women should know Vedanta as the same may help them in their lives,” she maintained.

He was speaking in a session on Vedanta organized by FICCI FLO J&K wherein he educated a gathering on Gyan Yoga, Bhakti Yoga, Karam Yoga, Raj Yoga and also touched Hath Yoga.

Dr. Singh also made a mention about the practice of awakening Kundlini.

After this he stressed on speaking in Dogri language and expressed dismay that the present generations avoid use of their

**CJ inaugurates customized training for officers of Labour Deptt**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: Jammu and Kashmir Judicial Academy organized a three day customized training programme for officers of Labour Department, which commenced here today.

The program aims to further enhance efficiency, knowledge and skills of officers in discharging the quasi-judicial functions while presiding over the courts under various legislations concerning labour laws.

The training programme was inaugurated by Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Patron-in-Chief of J&K Judicial Academy, Justice N. Kotsiwar Singh, in presence of Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, J&K Judicial Academy, Justice Rahul Bharti and Ladakh and Justice Bansal Bhat, Former Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Delivering the inaugural address, Chief Justice stated that to achieve continuous improvement in any activity involving human effort and skill, giving training to those who are required to execute the activity plays an important role in achieving the goal. He said that the objective of training is to bring a systematic development of knowledge, skills and atti-



Chief Justice speaking during a training programme.

tudes required by an individual to perform a given task or job effectively.

Chief Justice complimented the J&K Judicial Academy for organising this customized special programme to sensitize the officers of Labour department on the issue of Labour law jurisprudence and the welfare schemes meant for the marginalized section of society. He further stated that while adjudicating, the Labour Officers assume the role of a Judge and become part of the judicial system so they should be fair, transparent and stick to the rules while deciding a case.

Justice Sindhu Sharma, in her special address stated that with the initiation of the concept of a welfare State in the early realm of independence of our country, various legislative efforts have made their first move in the direction of welfare, equitable rights, social justice, social equity and equitable participation of the labour as a stakeholder at

Director, J&K Judicial Academy, M.K. Sharma in his welcome address, underscored the need of organising this program.

Veenakshi Koul, Deputy Labour Commissioner, Jammu proposed vote of thanks.

In the first technical session chaired by Justice Bansal Bhat, Former Judge of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, a threadbare discussion was held with regard to cannons of judicial ethics while discharging quasi-judicial functions, hearing of parties and decision making, and the extent of adjudicatory power of Labour Courts, procedure and practice.

The post lunch technical session was chaired by Pawan Dev Kotwal, District & Sessions Judge (Retd.) who gave an overview of labour laws including concepts, scope and relevant provisions.



PoJK DPs staging protest demonstration near Hari Singh Park in Jammu on Tuesday.

**Stop giving notices to refugees**  
**PoJK DPs protest, demand release of pending relief**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: The displaced persons from Pak occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) today held strong protest demonstration against LG’s Administration and BJP Govt for issuing notices to refugees for vacating lands and demanded release of pending relief package in favour of displaced families.

A large number of DPs led by Capt (Retd) Yudhvir Singh Chib, under the banner of PoJK DPs Front 1947, 1965, 1971 and Non Camp-71 assembled near Hari Singh Park, at the bank of river Tawi today and held protest demonstration. They were shouting slogans in favour of their demands and also against the J&K Relief authorities. They pointed out that after long struggle, Prime Minister Modi released Rs 2000 crore relief package in favour of PoJK refugees/DPs but the authorities in J&K have failed to disburse the same to all the deserving families. Many families have been left out on different pretexts.

While addressing a large gathering Capt Chib said that till today, the Relief Commissioner office distributed relief to the tune of Rs 5.50 lakh/ family to hardly 80 % of the families while rest have been left out on various pretexts. Many families are moving from pillar to the post for jus-

tice. The DPs leader further pointed out that JPC had recommended Rs 30 lakh relief per family and the Government must release remaining Rs 24.5 lakhs relief amount per family. This Rs 5.5 lakh was just first installment of the amount declared by the Joint Parliamentary Committee.

He strongly condemned the move of the LG’s administration for issuing notices to the refugees and forcible vacation of the lands. They said Govt had allotted them lands and now LG’s administration was forcing them to vacate these lands. Where these families would go now after 5-6 decades. Capt Chib also condemned imposition of property tax on the people of J&K by BJP Govt.

Capt Singh demanded issuance of Identity cards for the DPs. He said the DP families residing in Himachal, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and elsewhere should also be considered for the relief package, reservation should be given to the wards of DPs in education field and Govt jobs, 12 Assembly seats be reserved for PoJK DPs, implementation of JPC report on relief package, ownership rights be given to the Camp DPs of 1965 and 1971.

Senior DP leaders J P Sharma (gen secy), Kulbir Singh Chib, Kuldip Singh, Sakandya Devi (Women wing president), Kehar Singh, Kamal Kumar and others also joined the protest.



Stone sculptures discovered during digging in a Doda village.

**Ancient stone sculptures, idols discovered in Doda village**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 28: In a noteworthy development, ancient water source along with some stone sculptures and idols have been found at village Siwli of Bhallesa in Doda district.

Siwli is a small village in Bhallesa, situated at a distance of 70 kms from the district headquarter Doda where these ancient sculptures and structures have been discovered.

Reports said that a few days back, villagers were digging to make basement for a memorial when these structures and sculptures were found. While digging around 10 feet deep, they found 11 stone water pipes, two small ponds, one idol and some ancient stone sculptures.

The stone sculptures depict the characters of Mahabharata. The small ponds are made up of stone plates which are curved. All these materials found there seem to be hundreds of years old and need survey by ASI (Archeology Survey of India).

Following the development, people from adjoining areas are visiting Siwli for having a glimpse of the discovered sculptures and other structures. They have demanded excavation in the area under supervision of ASI for discovery of more such heritage items.

Pertinent to mention that Bhallesa terrain is surrounded by ancient Hindu place like Mehel Nag Temple Dhosha, Durga Mata Cave in Khaljugasara, Mehlaar temple and Kalgoni Temple, etc.

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