

# Principal Secretary I&C chairs Investor Facilitation Meet

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JAMMU, Mar 15: Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO) today organised a J&K Investor Facilitation Meet for Investors, Industrial Associations and trade bodies of J&K under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce (I&C), Prashant Goyal.



Principal Secretary I&C chairing a meeting.

The Investors were briefed about the BRAP reforms and services completed which are active on Single window system. The system has been incorporated with all the incentive calculators, SOP's and guide flow for applying for any service.

The session had one to one discussion with investors, industrial associations and trade bodies regarding the issues faced by them in different verticals such as land, power, change of land use, industrial estates, environmental clearances etc.

Earlier, on the occasion, Director General, Industries & Commerce, Anoo Malhotra, said that "We are fully committed to walk side by side with all the investors of J&K who are helping us to develop industrial ecosystem in J&K. We intend to work collectively with all the investors in their business Odyssey and the government will go extra miles to facilitate and resolve their issues. The Unit holder can establish the units almost free with the incentives that J&K will be giving in next 10 years."

The purpose of the meet was to hear the grievances and issues of investors including of those who have been allotted land under J&K land allotment policy. The event also aimed at to solve their issues under one platform to actualize the investment on ground through a one stop facilitation process.

The meet was attended by

Secretary in Industries & Commerce Department, Smita Sethi; MD JPDCL, Shiv Anant Tayal; Member Secretary Pollution Control Board, K Ramesh Kumar; MD SIDCO/SICOP, Rakesh Minhas; Chief Engineer JPDCL and other senior officials.

Revenue Department, Dr Puyush Singla, briefed the gathering about the e-services and the ICT interventions adopted by the revenue department. He assured special attention to the matters related to industrialists such as change of land use, registration of private industrial estates and timely monitoring of disposing of the cases in a time bound manner.

Principal Secretary assured that such meetings will be regularly scheduled in both the divisions to facilitate investors as per the directions of Lieutenant Governor, J&K.

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DC Rajouri along with VC DDC listening peoples issues at panchayat Dehralayote of Manjakote block.

## DC Rajouri, VC DDC listen people's issues

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RAJOURI, Mar 15: The Deputy Commissioner of Rajouri, Vikas Kundal along with Vice Chairperson DDC, Shabir Khan recently held a public outreach camp at the Dehralayote Panchayat in Manjakote block to hear the grievances of the people.

At the camp, the Vice Chairperson DDC and DC Rajouri listened to the problems faced by the people and took prompt action to ensure that their issues were addressed.

Among the issues projected on the occasion were water scarcity, shortage of staff in government schools, speedy execution of JJM projects, upgradation of sub centre Gagrote to dispensary, shortage of electricity poles, construction of road from Jawa to Mui, Sports Stadium at panchayat lower Dehralayote, shortage of water pipes etc.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the District Administration is working at its best level to provide basic facilities at their doorsteps and best possible measures are being taken in this regard. He also assured the people that their problems would be resolved within a stipulated period of time. He also asked the local panchayats to ensure that the government's welfare schemes are properly implemented and monitored.

In response to the issue of shortage of electricity poles, he assured the public that adequate number of electricity poles would be provided to the public under RDSS scheme of the PDD sector. Regarding the timely completion of JJM projects, he asked the officers to ensure that various JJM projects being carried out in the block are completed in time for the benefit of the general public.

DC Rajouri also called for curbing the mounting drug menace in the district. He urged all stakeholders to come together to address the issue and put an end to it. He asked the public to inform the Police and other concerned officials about any suspicious activity related to drug use or trade.

During his address, the Vice Chairperson DDC, Shabir Khan said that the District Development Council and the District Administration have been making persistent efforts to provide quality services to the common masses. In order to ensure that the public do not face any inconvenience, these services are being provided at their doorsteps.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also conducted whirlwind tour of the block Manjakote and inspected various developmental projects there. He asked the officers to work with added zeal to meet the expectations of the general public.

PHDCCI Kashmir takes up issues with Director Industries

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SRINAGAR, Mar 15: PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry-Kashmir (PHDCCI) held a detailed meeting with Saloni



PHDCCI Kashmir delegation during meeting with Director I&C at Srinagar.

Rai-Director Industries & Commerce Kashmir where issues related to existing and new Industrial affairs were discussed.

The delegation was headed by Vicky Shaw, Chairman PHDCCI-Kashmir and was joined by PHDCCI-Kashmir Industrial Affairs & MSME Committee convenor Himayu Wani and Syed Pervez Qalander along with Deputy Director PHDCCI-Kashmir.

The meeting witnessed discussion over existing industry, upcoming industries, issues with lending institutions, land allotment and DPR related matter and also the revisions to policies of Industries and Commerce, land availability for common infrastructure facilities and skill gap analysis for industry that was suggested to be bridged through employee upskilling and reskilling.

Directorates of Health Services Jammu and Kashmir gave brief presentation on district wise status of implementation of provisions of PCPNDT Act.



Resource persons with organizers of seminar at Cluster University Jammu on Wednesday.

## Seminar on 'Inter-generational bonding' at Cluster University

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JAMMU, Mar 15: School of Social Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu, in collaboration with National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and RRTC Anugraha Delhi, organised one-day awareness programme on Intergenerational bonding for students on the theme "Intergenerational Bonding and Understanding".

The whole event was organized under the venerated patronage of Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu, Prof Bechan Lal. The chief guest on the occasion was renowned Social Gerontologist Dr Anubha Chaudhary, National Chairperson of Anugraha, a Nodal Agency with the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Resource Persons at the event were Advocate Deepali Arora, a well known Legal Expert and Social activist and Prof Shapia Shameem from the Department of Education, GCOE, Jammu.

In her address, Prof Sindhu Kapoor, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu, impressed upon the young minds to understand the ageing process and remain sensitive towards the elders.

Shapia Shameem, resource person of the first technical session, dwelled upon the need to understand the Social, psychological and emotional attributes of old age people; whereby it becomes the responsibility of young generation to engage with elderly in compassionate manner.

Advocate Deepali Arora, resource person of the second technical session, elaborately highlighted the legal rights of the senior citizens. She emphasized upon the duties of children towards their parents and grandparents.

Dr Neetu Kumari, Assistant Professor, School of Social Sciences, CLUJ, also shared her experiences and underlined the importance of elders in an aware society.

In her Presidential remarks, Dr Anubha Chaudhary described her journey of initiating the concept of "ageing with dignity". Very eloquently, she exhorted the students to value their Indian roots and remain dutiful to aged persons around them. She listed the problems generally faced by elderly people and also sensitized the young participants as regards intergenerational gaps and related issues.

In a symbolic gesture, gatekeeper Saheb Singh was felicitated to mark the occasion. The whole program was ably conducted by Dr Rishi Charak, Asstt Prof, Department of History. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr Waseem Rashid, Asstt Prof, Dept of History, School of Social Sciences, Cluster University of Jammu.

Govt fails to solve genuine issue of daily wagers: Som

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UDHAMPUR, Mar 15: Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees & Worker Association president for Udhampur and senior trade union leader Som Nath today alleged that UT Government has failed to solve the genuine issues of daily wagers.

While addressing a large protest meeting of daily wagers from Majalta tehsil of district Udhampur, Som Nath highlight the issues regarding pending wages of 70 months since 2014 and release the pending wages immediately. He said recently, the UT administration of Leh has ordered to enhance the wages of daily wagers and enhanced the rate of daily wagers on the basis of criteria of skilled, unskilled workers and highly skilled workers as per Minimum Wages Act. But surprisingly, the UT Administration of Jammu & Kashmir has enhanced the wages Rs 11 for all type of daily wagers which is very disappointing and unacceptable decision. The JKUT Administration just befooled the daily wagers.

# Secretary Health reviews Pre-Conception, Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act

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JAMMU, Mar 15: Secretary Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, today reviewed Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (prohibition of sex selection) Act, 1994.

Directorates of Health Services Jammu and Kashmir gave brief presentation on district wise status of implementation of provisions of PCPNDT Act.

Secretary emphasized that the gender bias and sex determination is a critical public health concern which can be regulated through effective implementation

of PCPNDT Act for which comprehensive action strategy needs to be devised and monitored.

He instructed the Directorates to conduct an assessment of all the registered ultrasound clinics for its conformity to the PCPNDT Act. It must be ensured that all the provisions of PCPNDT Act should be strictly implemented in letter and spirit, he added.

He also asked the Chief Medical Officers to consider cancellation of those entities which are found deficient in terms of any provision of the Act. Further, Director Health Services and CMOs were asked to study last five years HMIS data for district wise trend analysis of sex ratio at birth. They were also asked to introspect and come up with micro plan to improve Sex Ratio.

Director Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir were asked to furnish comprehensive proposal to the Administrative Department in consultation with Mission Director, National Health Mission with regard to constitution of Appropriate Authority and Appellate Authority as per PCPNDT Act.

Secretary also directed the concerned to ensure that Unique

identification AB-HFR and AB-HPR is created for all the Ultrasound clinics and medical professionals (Sonologist) handling the ultrasound equipments in Jammu and Kashmir under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission in a time bound manner.

Further, both the Director Health Services and Chief Medical Officers were asked to take up the matter with respective Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners with regard to holding of Statutory Body/Regulating Body meetings under PCPNDT Act on a regular basis.

Mission Director, National Health Mission, was asked to liaise with respective experts in Government of India for conduct of offline seminars/workshops and training of Chief Medical Officers, Block Medical Officers and other officials with regard to implementation of the PCPNDT Act

The meeting was attended by Mission Director, NHM, J&K, Deputy Director Schemes, Jammu, Nodal Officers (PC&PNDT) Directorate of Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir, Chief Medical Officers (All), and other officers and officials from the Health Medical Education Department.

Itoo reviews projects under JJM

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SAMBA, Mar 15: A meeting to review the progress of Jal Jeevan Mission in District Samba, was held here today.

The meeting was chaired jointly by Mission Director, Dr. GN Itoo and District



Mission Director Dr G N Itoo along with DDC Samba Anuradha Gupta chairing a meeting.

Development Commissioner, Samba, Anuradha Gupta and threadbare discussion on progress of ongoing works of JJM.

Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Department Jammu, Hamesh Manchanda, Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Jammu- Er. Vivek Kohli, Executive Engineer PHE Div. Samba Er. Brij Mohan, Executive Engineer Ground Water Division Jammu, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE division Samba, Technical Officer PHE Div. Samba Pawandeep Singh Soni and DIO Samba. Besides, all AEEs of Samba PHE Division Samba, DPMU JJM District Samba Rakesh Gupta and other line departments were present in meeting.

During the meeting, Dr Itoo said that JJM being a national flagship program needs more dedication and follow-up for the completion of all projects with the involvement of District administrations and PRIs. He stressed out-come based efforts and ensuring strict completion of work as per timeline.

During the meeting, he recommended the monitoring of water quality at the grossroot level by way of capacity building of the local community. He laid stress on using techniques

## BSP celebrates birth anniversary of Kanshi Ram

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JAMMU, Mar 15: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) today celebrated the Birth anniversary of party founder, Kanshi Ram at village Chakroi, in Suchetgarh with great enthusiasm.

Raja Ram, Ex-MP and coordinator J&K was the chief guest while the function was presided over by Som Nath Majotra, president BPS J&K.

The venue of celebration was giving festive look being decorated with blue flags and hoardings depicting life struggle of great saints and gurus of downtrodden society. The function started with traditional lighting of candle lamp in front portrait of Kanshi Ram. Devotional songs were sung by the missionary activists.

Ex-MP Raja Ram spoke on the life and mission of M. Kanshi Ram and said that Kanshi Ram was born in 1934 in a poor family. With his hard struggle, service to the community and sacrifices, he rose up to the level of Messiah of downtrodden people in the country. Kanshi Ram came to the conclusion that rights enshrined in Constitution of India by Bharat Rattan Dr B R Ambedkar have

deliberately not implemented because of Constitution went into the hands of protectors of casteism. These peoples do not want to equalise their self with downtrodden peoples.

Kanshi Ram vowed to evolve such a strategy to uplift the common man by using his voting right to capture power with which they can open any lock of political power to mitigate their suffering. Kanshi Ram's formula showed his results and captured the Govt of Uttar Pradesh four times. Now, it has become a national movement which is now being lead by Kumari Mayawati. National president BSP, he added.

Charanjeet Chagotra vice president while speaking urged the Governor Manoj Sinha to resolve the recruitment scam as soon as possible so that youth of this UT can get employment opportunities.

Darshan Rana also spoke on the occasion. He requested the people to follow the footsteps of Baba Sahib BR Ambedkar.

Senior members Raja Singh, Hari Chand Thappa, Jawahar Singh, Tilak Raj Bhagat, Bishan Dass Bhagat, Tarseem Lal, Swarn Lata and others also spoke on the occasion.

He discussed component

like Critical Path Method (CPM) and Resource Management System for better control and understanding of the priority areas and discerning the way forward to complete each work on time.

The meeting was informed that out of 112 JJM schemes, 81 have been allotted and work on 75 schemes was in progress and three schemes have been completed and another six schemes will be completed by end of this month. The remaining ongoing schemes will be completed in the next three to four months, while the allotment process for remaining 31 schemes is underway.

The meeting was informed that Tap Water Connections to Public Institutions in Rural areas are 1539, which includes Schools, Anganwadi Centers, Health Institutions and Gram Panchayat Building and Water Quality Testing Progress total Number of tests conducted till date (during the year 2022-23) are 5925.

DC directed concerned officials to enhance the transparency and effectiveness in monitoring of the works including functioning of NGOs empanelled as Implementation Support Agencies (ISAs). These ISAs are going to work across villages and help in capacity building of Gram panchayats, PaniSamities and perform other support activities as well informed DC Samba.

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# ACS reviews plan for procurement, distribution of seeds

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JAMMU, Mar 15: Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to review plan for procurement and distribution of seeds for Kharif crops in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Secretary, APD; Director General Planning, APD; Director Agriculture Jammu; Director Agriculture Kashmir; Joint Director Jammu, APD and other concerned officials while Kashmir based officers participated online.

ACS exhorted upon the concerned officers to ensure that procurement of seeds for kharif season is completed expeditiously so that the quality and certified seeds are provided to the farmers in time.

Dulloo asked the officers to prepare detailed report regarding zone wise requirement of every crop seed so that the seeds are distributed among the farmers accordingly. He directed them to submit a report every alternative day regarding the status of seed availability and distribution percentage for all crops like Paddy, Maize, Vegetables, Millet and

potatoes to concerned departmental wings. He also asked them to ensure that the seeds are supplied to the farmers in time.

Earlier, a PowerPoint Presentation was presented in the meeting which highlighted the status of seeds procurement and distribution among the farmers.

Later, ACS convened another meeting to review progress made with respect to Seed Chain Portal in the UT of J&K.

It was informed in the meeting that the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, has envisioned and created a centralized online system called "SATHI" (Seed Authentication, Traceability and Holistic Inventory) for capturing various parameters of seed certification process in a digital mode. The initiative is aimed at to make the existing Seed Certification System more effective and transparent.

It was informed that around 150 persons have applied in Jammu division and 221 persons have applied in Kashmir division for registration of certification of their seeds in the portal.

Dulloo directed the officers to complete all the formalities regarding coverage targeted farmers under the scheme by April 15.



DC Jammu listening public issues on Wednesday.

## DC Jammu visits Akhnoor, Pargwal, listen public grievances

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JAMMU, Mar 15: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa today conducted extensive tour of Akhnoor and Pargwal where she listened to people's grievances under weekly block diwas and also reviewed development works.

DDC Member Akhnoor Sharda Bhau, ADC L&O Harvinder Singh, CPO Yoginder Katoch, ACD Preeti Sharma, CEO Suraj Singh Rathore, CMO Harbaksh Singh, SDM Akhnoor Akhil Sadotra along with PRIs, District and Sectoral officers were also present on the occasion.

In the first leg of tour, the grievance redressal camp was organised at Panchayat Garkhal where scores of individuals and deputations, including PRI members projected demands and apprised the District Administration about the problems faced by the inhabitants of their respective areas.

Being a border village, various issues included crop compensation, road connectivity, irrigation facility for crops, ambulance facility

ity, early release of PMAY, updation of ration cards, shortage of staffs, irregular water supply were mainly highlighted by the locals.

The DC passed on spot directions to the concerned departments for ensuring the redressal of the issue highlighted by people on priority and in a time bound manner.

While addressing the gathering, the DC said the Block Diwas ensures doorstep public service delivery and redressal of the genuine grievances of the common man. She called for coordination and collaboration among the departments and PRIs to achieve desired development objectives besides timely intervention and action to mitigate the sufferings of the people.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited Indripatti Bridge in Pargwal to inspect the construction works. She asked the concerned agency to expedite the pace of work so that the work is completed at the earliest and the local residents can get the benefits of road connectivity in this far flung area.



A dignitary inaugurating new store of CaratLane at Bahu Plaza, Jammu.

## CaratLane launches new store in Jammu

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JAMMU, Mar 15: CaratLane, a leading Omni-channel jewellery brand of India, launched its new store at Bahu Plaza, here today.

With the opening of this store, the number of stores of CaratLane has reached 172 in India and 56 in the North region. The new store was inaugurated with the tradition of a coal breaking ceremony at the store location, signifying the birth of a new store and prosperous times ahead. The launch was graced by the presence of friends, family and loyal customers of the Brand.

The new store at Bahu Plaza will address the needs of customers from Jammu catchment. Customers will be able to discover and try designs from CaratLane's iconic collections like butterfly and the new and exclusive launch-the Harry Potter collection along with their most popular jewellery segments such as modern mangalsutras, classic studs and bestseller rings. Catering to a wider customer base and a variety of occasions, the Store will also feature kid's jewellery and ample options for everyday.

new collection-Blaze to celebrate personal rewards in the life of every woman, all their achievements and milestones whether personal, professional or emotional. The Brand has always focused on crafting unique designs and this collection with its modern and versatile designs studded with gorgeous yellow citrines and black onyx is one of a kind.

The new collection of CaratLane spans across categories of rings, earrings, necklaces and bracelets made in 14 kt yellow gold and rose gold, studded with diamonds, yellow citrines and black onyx gemstones. The designs are within the price range of Rs 9000 to Rs 1,30,000, so every woman has something for every milestone. Talking about the launch, Atul Sinho (Senior Vice President of CaratLane) said, "It's very exciting to be present at the launch of 172nd store of CaratLane in Jammu today. It is the 56th store in the North and a testimony to the love that the brand has received in the region. We look forward to becoming the destination for all jewellery needs of the customers and be present wherever they seek."

CaratLane has launched their