

Prabhari officers of top ranking Panchayats to be felicitated: CS

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 17: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired a meeting to review the overall progress on different schemes being executed across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by their districts into model panchayats. He highlighted that the work and achievements of Prabhari of each panchayat will be reflected through this scheme. The Chief Secretary also announced that in coming Aspirational Panchayats ranking index, which will be released soon, the Prabhari whose Panchayat will achieve top ranking in the index will be felicitated. He delved on the DCs to work with full spirit and will so that their respective districts can score good on the index.

Deputy Commissioners to prepare the list of deliverables to be achieved in the next financial year. He highlighted that the introduction of deliverables has significantly improved the growth trajectory of each district and therefore it should be made a regular affair in planning from now onwards.



Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting.

ACS, Home Department, R.K. Goyal; Principal Secretary, PWD, Shailendra Kumar; various Administrative Secretaries, Special DG CID, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners of all districts and other concerned officers both in person and through video conferencing.

While reviewing the progress on Jal Jeevan Mission, Dr. Mehta observed that there has been substantial improvement on the progress of this prestigious project. He delved upon the DCs to complete the project in all aspects by 15th August in their respective districts.

While reviewing the Aspirational Panchayats programme, the Chief Secretary impressed upon the deputy commissioners to utilise this scheme effectively so as to transform the most backward panchayats of

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary also directed the



Prof Neelu Rohmetra being presented a memento during valedictory function of FDP at JU on Friday.

FDP on Data Analytics through SPSS concludes at JU

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JAMMU, Mar 17: The Department of Statistics at the University of Jammu successfully organized a one-week Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Data Analytics through SPSS from March 13-17, 2023.

on the event and highlighted the need for more such workshops to enhance the research skills of faculty members. Dr V K Shivgorta presented the workshop report.

During the workshop, resource person Prof Suresh Sharma from Punjab University, Chandigarh, gave lecture and hands on Data Screening, Missing Value analysis and Introduction to SPSS, Type of variables and data sheet preparation. Prof G P Singh from Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, Varanasi delivered lecture on Assumptions and hands on SPSS and made the participants learnt how they can be applied in research. Dr Susheel Sarkaar from IASRI, Delhi shared his expertise on the use of SPSS software for data analysis of Design of Experiments related research, while Dr Mukender Kadyan, KU Kurukshetra, shared his insights on how to use data analytics to establish the relationship between different attributes.

Dr Sunil Kumar from Department of Statistics, JU, proposed the vote of thanks. Ableen Kaur, a PhD scholar of the department, anchored the program.

Valedictory function of the FDP was held today and Professor Neelu Rohmetra, Director DD&OE University of Jammu and former Director of IIM Sirmour, was the chief guest. In her address, she emphasized the importance of data analytics and its applications in various fields. She also appreciated the efforts of the department and organizers in conducting such an informative workshop. While sharing her own experience, Prof Neelu asked the participants to plan and dream big and put hard efforts to realize them.



Doda migrants during a protest demonstration at Jammu on Friday. —Excelsior/Rakesh

Doda migrants demand facilities at par with those of Kashmir

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JAMMU, Mar 17: Doda migrants here today staged a protest demonstration outside the office of Relief Commissioner and raised slogans in favour of their demands.

Expressing similar concern other protesters said that without getting names entered in Ration Cards their children are denied of many facilities and government schemes.

Leader of the protesting migrants said that they are migrants of 1996 and questioned different yard sticks being used for different migrants in the same State when both are affected by militancy.

The protesting migrants were demanding facilities at par with the migrants of Kashmir.

"Even a child born in the family of those migrants (from Kashmir) gets registered on Ration Cards with the birth while our children even after completing the age of 16 years are being discriminated in this regard," a protester told the reporters.

He said that the Relief Commissioner concerned is not cooperating with them. "When they have to delete names from our Ration Cards they do it promptly after some death or marriage of some girls, but when it comes to entering the new names, they avoid the same," leader of Doda migrants maintained.



Chief Justice being felicitated by Bar.

CJ assures HC Bar Association of redressal of grievances

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JAMMU, Mar 17: The J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu today accorded warm welcome to the new Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh Justice N Kotiswar Singh.

All the High Court Judges of Jammu wing, Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar, ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa, Commissioner JMC Rahul Yadav, SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli and SP Kulbir Handa were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Justice emphasized that the

young lawyers should not resort to short-cuts prompted by impatience and emerge as the professional lawyers. He stressed that the young lawyers should always seek guidance from the seniors in the profession to excel in their careers.

Chief Justice assured the members of the Bar that he will try his best to ensure that the lawyers' long pending demands/difficulties are redressed.

President of the J&K High Court Bar Association, Senior Advocate Vikram Sharma briefed the gathering about the illustrious profile of the Chief Justice. He said that Chief Justice has asked for exploring the possibility of slash-

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ing down the prices of the judicial soft-wares so that lawyers in general get benefitted professionally.

He said that the lawyers difficulties and grievances will see early redressal with the new Chief Justice assuming the role of a new head of family.

Meanwhile, J&K High Court Bar Association headed by President Vikram Sharma for the first time started a new series to honour the senior-most members in the Association by felicitating them for their life-long dedication and contribution in the service of justice dispensation system.

DR Khajuria became the first one to be presented with the memento for his life-time service for justice to common masses spanning to 60 years.

The welcome function commenced with inaugural address by the General Secretary of the Bar Parvesh Salaria while Anshuja Tak anchored the ceremony. The function was coordinated by Chetan Misri (Joint Secretary) and Utkarsh Pathania (Treasurer) concluded with vote of thanks by Amit Gupta, Vice-President of the Bar Association.

LG presents 'Mata ki Chunni' for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg procession

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JAMMU, Mar 17: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha presented 'Mata ki Chunni' for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg procession to be organized on March 26 from Kol Kandoli Nagrota to Oli temple.

He also issued on the spot directions to Divisional

Vaishno Devi Ji route prepared by INTACH Jammu Chapter containing information regarding heritage temples, step wells, ponds, Bowlis, other heritage structures including



LG releasing brochure of traditional Mata Vaishno Devi Ji route.

On the occasion, the members of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg Shrine Sanstha, led by Sh. Devender Singh Rana, Senior BJP Leader and former legislator also presented the Lt Governor the traditional 'Dogra Turban' and 'Mata ki Chunni' amidst the chanting of Vedic mantras by the priests of the traditional route temples.

The Lt Governor assured every support and assistance from the UT administration in the con-

Commissioner Jammu for ensuring smooth conduct of the Navratra celebrations on the pracheen marg.

The Lt Governor also released a brochure of the traditional Mata

lodging sheds for devotees. Devender Rana was accompanied by S M Sahni, Convenor INTACH Jammu Chapter, Randeep Singh, Harbans Sharma, Ghulam Mustafa Sarpanch Shiba, Jagdish Raj General Secretary, Kartar Chand, Madan Lal Ji, Sukhdev Singh Sarpanch Kanjali, Pandit Harish Kumar, Pandit Sanjay Kumar, Pandit Vidya Sagar, Pandit Sanjay Kumar, Ashok Thakur VHP Nagrota, Nazir Ahmed, Zamayat Ali, Arjun Sharma along with others members of the community.

Controversial house of ex-DyCM at Ban Nagrota

Special Tribunal fixes

April 6 for final arguments

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JAMMU, Mar 17: A Bench of J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu headed by Member (Judicial) Rajiv Gupta has listed the much publicized appeal preferred by Mamta Singh, wife of Dr Nirmal Kumar Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K against the JDA's Demolition Notice regarding the alleged illegal construction of a palatial house at village Ban (Nagrota) for final arguments on April 6th, 2023.

While fixing the matter for final arguments, the Presiding Officer observed, "on January 24, 2023 the appellant Mamta Singh moved an application wherein she contended that her case is covered under Unified Building Bye Laws, 2021 and her case be considered in the light of these Bye Laws".

The Jammu Development Authority (JDA) filed their response saying that the Unified Building Bye Laws, 2021 have prospective effect and the case of the appellant Mamta Singh cannot be considered under new Bye Laws. When the matter came up

for hearing two days back, Advocate Jugal Kishore Gupta with Advocate Rahul Sadotra appearing for the appellant Mamta Singh sought more time to respond to the objections filed by the JDA.

However, the Law Officer JDA present on behalf of Advocate Adarsh Sharma submitted that this is purely a legal question and no further time should be allowed to the appellant to controvert the objections filed by the JDA.

After considering the rival contentions, the Tribunal observed, "the question as to the retrospective or prospective operation of the Unified Building Bye Laws, 2021 can be considered while hearing final arguments on merits of the appeal", adding "no finding on that issue is necessary to be returned at this stage. Thus, there is no need for the appellant to make any clarificatory response to the objections."

Accordingly, the J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu headed by Member (Judicial) Rajiv Gupta has listed the much publicized appeal preferred by Mamta Singh for final arguments on April 6, 2023.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, Mar 17: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Exchange Road, Rehari, New Plot and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 18 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to BSF, Pindi, Aldehar, Baba Chamlyal, Suhagpur, KotliJabowal, Part of Arnia, Trewa and its adjoining areas will remain affected on March 18 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Satwari, Nai Basti, Ashok Nagar, Shastri Nagar and its adjoining areas will remain affected on March 18 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to JIO Reliance Office, Part of Greater Kailash will remain affected on March 18 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Parts of District Rajouri and Poonch will remain affected on March 18 from 8 am to 2 pm.



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