

Div Com Jammu discusses Revenue issues with DCs Calls for encroachment eviction, timely service delivery & expeditious process for delineation of Gair Mumkin Khad Land

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Saturday chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners to review the Revenue related issues in the districts of Jammu division.

The meeting was attended in person by Additional Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners with Div Com and other concerned officers, while the Deputy Commissioners along with ACRs, ADCs, participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

Threadbare discussions were held on the important issues, while the Div Com reviewed in detail status of digitisation of revenue records, distribution of passbooks, clearance of land use conversion pleas, land acquisition for development works, land acquisition for Army, BSF installations, online revenue services, court cases, enquiry cases pending and other important revenue matters.

The concerned Deputy Commissioners apprised the Divisional Commissioner about the progress achieved in their respective districts under digitisation of land records under Digital India Land Records Modernization programme (DLRMP) and the course of action for furthering the land reforms.



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

The Div Com directed Deputy Commissioners to conduct random inspection (Partal) of some Jamabandis and ensure that the record is error free. He also instructed the DCs to constitute Tehsil wise, patwar halqa wise committees and set targets for the Tehsildars for completing the process in a time-bound manner.

The Div Com also instructed the DCs to expedite the process of distribution of passbooks by holding special camps. "This will help in speeding up distribution and reaching out to maximum public" he added.

While reviewing the status of online revenue services, the Div Com directed the DCs to ensure training of staff, quality disposal of people's grievances

about the online services available.

The Div Com inquired about the number of applications applied for Fard, mutation, copy of mutation, copy of Girdawari etc. The DCs apprised about the total number of applications received and disposed of.

The Div Com took note of high rejection rate in copy of mutations and in other revenue services and instructed the DCs to identify the reasons and ensure disposal of applications within designated PSGA days.

The Div Com also reviewed the status of court cases pending in the districts and directed the DCs to expedite the disposal of all pending cases.

While reviewing the clearance of the land use conversion applications, the

Div Com instructed the DCs to ensure the disposal within 30 days.

The Div Com also reviewed the progress on land acquisition process for development works and instructed the concerned DCs to expedite the land acquisition and disbursement of land compensation. He also instructed DCs to expedite the disposal of land acquisition, requisition cases of BSF, Army on priority.

The Div Com asked DCs to hold regular meetings with defense estate officers and Army, BSF Officers and follow all the pending cases.

The Div Com also reviewed progress on retrieval of government land and directed DCs to expedite the process and ensure eviction of government land, removal of encroachments. He also asked DCs to set monthly targets for retrieval of common, state land and also take measures to keep a check on fresh encroachments in the districts.

The Div Com directed DCs to fix targets for eviction of encroachment and performance will be reviewed monthly.

While reviewing delineation of Gair Mumkin Khad Land the Div Com emphasized to expedite process of delineation of Gair Mumkin Khad land and progress will be reviewed fortnightly, no laxity will be allowed in this matter.

On World Food Day, despite Garib Kalyan Yojna India slips in World Hunger Index

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

Srinagar: Today is World Food Day, almost one in ten people globally are undernourished, and more than 3 billion can't afford a healthy diet, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Conflict, climate change and rising prices are all contributing to growing food insecurity around the world.

The FAO says governments should re-evaluate their support to agriculture to help improve sustainable production of more nutritious foods.

World Food Day, held this year on 16 October, is an annual reminder that food insecurity and malnourishment remain widespread and are poised to worsen thanks to a range of ongoing threats, including climate change, inflation, geopolitical conflict, and more.

Here's what to know about World Food Day and why it's more important than ever.

World Food Day is an international day celebrated every year worldwide on October 16th to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945.

There is no good news for India on World Food Day, even central government is providing free ration to its 80 crore BPL ration card holders out of 135 crore total population under The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), which was started in April

2020 to help the poor whose livelihoods were shattered by a nationwide lockdown aimed at containing the spread of the coronavirus.

India slipped six places on global Hunger Index 2022 to take 107th position out of 121 countries ranked.

India has been ranked behind all south Asian countries except the war torn Afghanistan, with a score of 29.1, the publishers of Global Hunger Index European NGOs concern worldwide and whethernotlikehave labelled the level of hunger as "serious".

GHI scores are based on the values of four component indicators - under nourishment, child stunting, child wasting, child mortality.

The data used for the indicators have been sourced various UN and other multilateral agencies, including UNICEF, World Bank, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) the report said.

Neighbouring countries are above the India. As many as 17 countries have been collectively ranked between 1 and 17 with a score of less than five.

On release of Hunger Index many opposition leaders attack the BJP central government. Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram said this is very shocking data.

Earlier the central Government had rejected last year's GHI report saying the publishing agencies had not done their "due diligence."

Officers of various District Judiciaries call on CJ of HC of J&K, Ladakh



Officers of District Judiciaries of various districts calling on Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, the Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir at Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Srinagar: Officers of District Judiciaries Kulgam, Budgam, Anantnag, Pulwama, Shopian, Baramulla, Bandipora and Kupwara led by their Pr. District & Sessions Judges Tahir Khursheed Raina, Mohammad Ashraf Malik, Naseer Ahmad Dar, Mehrab ud din Sofi, Riyaz ul Haq Mirza, Mohammad Yousuf Wani, Mohammad Ibrahim Wani and Tasleem Arif on Saturday called on Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Ladakh at Srinagar.

The Officers congratulated and extended their best wishes to the Chief Justice on taking oath and assuming the office as 35th Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The officers interacted with the Chief Justice and assured him full cooperation to work with zeal and to perform to the best of their abilities as directed.

The Chief Justice directed them to make best use of technologies available today in order to compete with the changing technologies.

J&K Judicial Academy organises one-day Training programme for PD&SJs, AD&SJs, CJMs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Srinagar: A one day training programme was on Saturday organized by J&K Judicial Academy on "Disposal of Criminal Cases through Plea Bargaining, Compounding of Offences and Probation of Offenders Act" in compliance to Supreme Court order, through physical as well as virtual mode for Principal District & Session Judges (PD&SJs), Addl. District & Session Judges (AD&SJs) and Chief Judicial Magistrates (CJMs) of UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at District Court Complex Mominabad, here.

The training programme was organised under the patronage of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, (Patron-in-Chief, J&K Judicial Academy) and guidance of Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, and Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani and Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Members



A dignitary speaking during training programme at J&K Judicial Academy.

of Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy.

Retd. Justice Bashir Ahmad Kirmani, former Judge, High Court of J&K was the resource person in the programme.

In his inaugural address, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh described the significance of the concept of justice in maintaining a delicate equation between qualitative and speedy justice within the justice delivery mechanism through statutory procedures.

He also stated that the triple concepts of Plea Bargaining, Compounding of cases and Probation of Offenders Act in clearing the backlog of pending cases

Probation of Offenders Act are the alternative modes of dispute resolution in criminal cases which not only play an important role in bringing down the pendency of cases but also afford an opportunity to the offenders to return back to normal life instead of incarceration which is in consonance with the principle of reformation.

Retd. Justice Bashir Ahmad Kirmani, in his special remarks underscored the importance of the statutory provisions of Plea Bargaining, Compounding of cases and Probation of Offenders Act in clearing the backlog of pending cases

in various courts. He also stressed that since the new institution of cases outnumbers the disposal of cases, it is imperative that alternative modes are adopted to lessen the pendency in courts.

He also emphasised that the judicial officers must tone-up their abilities and craftsmanship in clearing the backlog yet they must not lose sight of the concept of justice which is the essence of the whole system of administration of justice.

Shahzad Azeem, Director, J&K Judicial Academy welcomed the participants and gave an overview of the programme. He stated that the present day criminal justice system is severely affected by the inordinate delays and enormous pendency of cases in courts which is a potent factor for the overcrowding of jails and has a cryptic tendency to negatively impact the entire domain of administration of justice.

He described the provisions of Plea Bargaining, Compounding of cases and Probation of Offenders Act, as sure alternative modes for disposal of cases which have the capacity of playing a very decisive role in bringing down the figures of pending cases in the courts.

In the technical sessions, Justice Bashir Ahmad Kirmani, resource person deliberated upon the concept and provisions relating to the provisions of Plea Bargaining, Compounding of cases and Probation of Offenders Act and the procedure for disposal of criminal cases by effectuating the provisions in compliance to the directions of the Supreme Court.

Later, an interactive session was held during which the participants deliberated and discussed the various aspects of the subject topic and raised queries which were satisfactorily settled by the resource person.

Power shutdown

Chamber, bazaar associations hold protest against opening of Reliance store Allowing Reliance to open store will prove fatal for small businesses: Arun Gupta



CCI President Arun Gupta speaking at a traders' meeting.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: All the major Bazaar Associations on Saturday held a meeting at the Chamber House on the request of President Chamber of Commerce & Industry Arun Gupta to discuss various burning issues including.

The Presidents of all major Bazaar Associations were present and threadbare discussions were held regarding hike in power tariff and opening of Reliance store in Jammu.

Speaking in the meeting, Arun Gupta said that the authorities should revisit the proposal to hike power tariff as this is not the right time to take such hard decisions because people are currently facing financial crunch due to pandemic corona and its ill effects.

Gupta said that the Power Department has miserably failed to reduce the transmission losses and continuously hiking the power tariff, resulting in uncertainty in the mind of the existing industrial units as well as prospective investors who are in the process of setting up new units. "The government should take preventive measures to plug the loopholes in the system and try to control transmission losses other than the Industrial Areas and also

improve the infrastructure to control the transmission losses," he added.

Gupta suggested that the Industrial, commercial and essential feeders should be separated to know about the actual losses.

The Presidents of all the major bazaar associations reposed their full faith in the Chamber team and were unanimously of the view that Chamber's stand has always been justified based on facts and logic.

Later, Arun Gupta along with members of various Bazaar Associations gathered at Tawi Bridge and staged a symbolic protest against the opening of another store of Reliance in Jammu.

The CCI President appealed to the govern-

ment not to allow this business tycoon to open another store in Jammu as it will directly affect the sales of small shopkeepers, which are already struggling for their sustenance due to rising inflation and several other issues concerning their business. He said that allowing Reliance to open new store will prove fatal for the small businesses in the region which should not be the case as the government has the responsibility to look after one and all in the Union Territory.

Arun Gupta also appealed to the members of Jammu Chamber to assemble at Dogra Chowk on October 16 at 10 AM as a mark of protest against the opening of another retail store of Reliance in Jammu.

Associations who were present in the meeting include Ware House Traders Federation, Kanak Traders Association, Raghunath Bazar Association, Old Hospital Road Association, Shalimar Bazar Association, Bus Stand Association, Link Road Bazar Association, Purani Mandi Trader Association and others.

CCI President Arun Gupta appealed to the govern-

JAMMU: Chief Engineer, (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Dhangri, Sarnao, Potha, Argi and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 16 from 11 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Lamberi, Bagnoti, Narian, Chwki-Jangher, Qila, Darhal, Lam, Iaroka, Dabbar, Dharat, Gagrote, Nowshera town and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 16 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Akalpur, Udhaywala, Sangrampur, Lale-De-Bagh, Nagbani, DPS School Manorama Vihar, Adheywala, Anand Nagar, Domana, Lower Machlian, Nagbani, Jhajjar Kotli, Dalsal, Jindral, Battal Manwal, Surinsar, Kishanpur, Mansar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 16 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Jhajjarkotli, Janipur, New Secretariat, Subash Nagar, Muthi, Rajinder Nagar, Roop Nagar, Sheetli (PHE) shall remain affected on October 16 from 6 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Jakhni, Dairy Farm, Pathi, Deik and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 16 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Bhalla, Khellani, Baderwah and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 16 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to IID Govindas, MES Janglot, Ghatti, Logate and adjoining areas shall

remain affected on October 16 from 10 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Industrial Units- Kohinoor, Diamond Factory, CTM, Janglot Civil and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 16 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Chaderkote, Peerah, Rajgarh, Ramban Town, Banihal, Ramsoo, Ukhral, Pogal, Paristhan, Khari, Neel, Patnitop, Nathatop and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 16 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Budhi, Baktha, Nanan, Barnoti, Channi Arorian, Marheen, Paharpur, Rajbagh and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 16 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Barwal, Pali, Uttri, Logate, Sakta, Chack-A Industry and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 16 from 8 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Mandal, Chatroo, Dachan, Padar, Dool, Machail and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 16 from 9 am to 3 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Tanda, Dori Dager, Basava, Gagel, Maira Mandrian, Jourian, Troti, Muthi, Mara, Bakora, Rakhi Muthi, PHE, BSF, Border Migrant, Sohal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 16 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Katal-Brahma, Katal-Gujran, Sherpur, Londi, Bane Chack and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 17 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Batori, Bheri and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 17 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Batalab and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 17 and 18 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Batalab and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 17 and 18 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Batalab and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 17 and 18 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Batalab and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 17 and 18 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Batalab and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 17 and 18 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Batalab and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 17 and 18 from 7 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Batalab and adjoining areas shall remain affected on October 17 and 18 from 7 am to 11 am.