

CCI delegation calls on CS; highlights demands of traders, industrialists

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JAMMU: A delegation of Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) led by its President Arun Gupta along with his team on Wednesday met Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta at Civil Secretariat and discussed various issues of the traders and industrialists besides the common masses of Jammu. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar was also present on the occasion.

Several issues which came up for discussion Development of Patnitop, power amnesty for commercial users including industrialists of Jammu region, tourism development, expedition of Mubarak Mandi Heritage projects, etc.

The CCI representatives also demanded enhancement in the limit of E-way bill from the existing Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh. The delegation demanded ownership rights for sons of the soil entrepreneurs who have been allotted the industrial land and our traders at Warehouse.

The CCI also raised the issue pertaining to the circle rate besides demanded inclusion of separate clause of Land Value/Stamp Duty for Industrial Units on the lines of other states claiming that existing com-



CCI delegation members during meeting with Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta.

cial notified rates are too high.

Further the CCI demanded extension of VAT Amnesty Scheme as the traders couldn't avail this earlier due to COVID-19 lockdown.

CCI deputation demanded extension in validity period beyond June 30, 2022 upto at least one year for the industrial units which could not commence production within the stipulated time due to several genuine reasons.

Another important issue which came for discussion was declaration of Gair Mumkin Khud by the Revenue Department despite the fact that no water body is passing through these lands.

It was apprised that registration and construction activities on these lands was barred therefore there is need to redefine the "Kism" of this type of land and also a policy to allow the commercial and construction activities on such land chunks.

As the period of lease deeds in respect of some allottees in Sabzi Mandi and Fruit Mandi Narwal have expired, therefore the Chamber appealed that their lease deeds should be renewed further after charging minimum possible premium.

The issue of some commercial shops in Bahu Plaza area which have been allotted to some persons but the pos-

session of the aforesaid shops has not been given to the concern allottees and lease deeds are also pending was also raised and it was demanded that possession should be given and lease deeds be executed henceforth.

CCI also discussed the issue pertaining to the Jammu Central Cooperative bank besides the issue regarding the Transport Nagar and Div Com Sh. Ramesh Kumar has assured the CCI team that issue of Transport Nagar will be resolved within fifteen days.

The CCI President also apprised the Chief Secretary and Divisional Commissioner Jammu about the notice served by the JDA declaring Bus Stand and Warehouse buildings as unsafe. He advised that there should be some policy for the aforesaid traders so that their businesses should not be affected as hundreds of people are working with these establishments.

The Chief Secretary gave a patient hearing to the visiting delegation and assured for early consideration of the aforesaid issues.

The delegation comprised of Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President CCI, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President CCI, Sh. Gaurav Gupta, Secretary General and Rajesh Gupta Secretary.

DB directs Prpl Secy HU&D to file affidavit regarding compliance of Court's direction

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JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul while hearing Public Interest Litigation on preservation and conservation of Dal Lake, initiated in 2002 on basis of a letter of one, Syed Iqbal Tahir Geelani, a student of 6th Semester LLB University of Kashmir, Srinagar, directed Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, to file affidavit compliance of the directions passed by this court on 08.09.2022 and 09.11.2022 read with the order DB also directed Vice Chairman, J&K Lake Conservation &

Management Authority, Srinagar, to file the responses to the applications/ writ petitions seeking direction for grant of permission for construction in accordance with the Master Plan and the applicable law.

When the PIL came-up for hearing, DB observed that during the pendency of this Public Interest Litigation, several applications/ writ petitions came to be filed seeking directions upon the respondents for grant of permissions to raise constructions around the Dal Lake in accordance with the Master Plan 2035 notified vide notification dated 13th February, 2019 by the Government, after the necessary approval was accorded by the State Administrative Council (SAC) on the recommenda-

tions of the Committee. In terms of the order passed by this Court on 19.07.2002, it was directed that no construction work or even carrying of building material in and around the 200 meters from the centre of the foreshore road be allowed. The only exception provided was for the purposes of grant of permission for repairs and renovations of the existing buildings falling within 200 meters from the centre of the foreshore road.

DB observed that when matter was taken up for consideration, Advocate General submitted that the respondents are in the process of implementing the order and shall be submitting the responses so as to enable the court to decide the applications/ writ petitions seeking directions for

grant of permission in terms of the Master Plan 2035. While considering the prayer for grant of extension of time, DB observed that the Court is facing with the resistance made by the counsel appearing for the applicants/ writ petitioners who submit that the order passed by this Court on 19.07.2002 was not based on an expert advice and the same was passed only on the basis of the submissions made by the learned Amicus and other counsels who had placed their views before the Court. Counsel for the applicants/ petitioners further submitted that court has document in the shape of Master Plan which is in tune with the scheme of the law notified by the Government after having associated and discussed

the Master Plan with the people of all shades including traders, public representatives, common citizens, hotel associations etc.

DB directed Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, to file affidavit in compliance of the directions passed by this court on 08.09.2022 and 09.11.2022 read with today's order in advance of the next date with copy in advance to learned Amicus and further directed the Vice Chairman, J&K Lake Conservation & Management Authority, Srinagar, to file the responses to applications/ writ petitions seeking direction for grant of permission for construction in accordance with the Master Plan and the applicable law.

National Press Day celebrated at DIPR Leh



Media fraternity of Leh on occasion of National Press Day.

LEH: Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR), Leh organised an interaction-cum-discussion programme on the occasion of National Press Day with the members of the media fraternity functioning in Leh district on Wednesday.

The programme was headed by Assistant Director, Information Department, Leh Dr. Tundup Namgail. Members of all government and private media houses, officials and staff of DIPR, Leh, journalists from Ladakh Journalists Union, Press Club Leh, Doordarshan Leh, All India

Radio Leh and other media organizations attended the special media persons meeting on the occasion of the National Press Day.

RNU Head Ramesh Chandra, President Press Club Leh Stanzin Desal and STATE TIMES Bureau Chief Leh & General Secretary Ladakh Journalists Union (LJU) Tsewang Rigzin were among the prominent media persons present on the occasion.

A detailed deliberation was held on various topics, including the role and functioning of the media in Ladakh as a watchdog, and the challenges and difficulties faced by the media persons.

Appreciating the hard work and dedication of the media persons, Assistant Director, DIPR, Leh assured to take up their issues and concerns with the higher authorities and expressed hope to have them resolved in the future.

All the members participating in the programme put forth their views, ideas, feedback, and suggestions, to be worked upon, to strengthen the existing media scenario in the district and to facilitate the media persons to ensure detailed and informed coverage.

Sharing their concerns, most of the media members stressed the need for timely and proper channelization of information regarding events and programmes with buffer/cushion time rather than instantaneous expectation to provide due coverage of the events/ activities.

Also, the media fraternity lauded the efforts of DIPR Leh for observing National Press Day, a first-of-a-kind, acknowledging the work of the media houses and persons.

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DC Jammu reviews progress of RURBAN mission works



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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa on Wednesday chaired a meeting to review the progress of works under RURBAN mission.

CEO, Suraj Singh Rathore; CPO, Yoginder Katoch; ACD, Preeti Sharma along with senior district officers of the concerned departments were present in the meeting.

Giving details of the status of works, the ACD informed the meeting that against 153 proposed works, work on 95 was taken up and 90 have been completed.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized on optimum utilization of available resources and instructed the concerned officers for regular monitoring and follow-up of all ongoing development works to achieve quality parameters. She also directed the officers concerned to resolve the bottlenecks, if any.

Reviewing the progress, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned agencies to expedite the pace of works and complete all the pending development works within the given timeline. The DC exhorted the officers and field functionaries to work as a team for better public service delivery.

The Secretary appreciated the efforts of JKMSCL for expanding the penetration of Drugs Vaccine Distribution Management System (DVDM) portal upto Chief Medical Officer's Level and directed both the Directorates of Health Services to ensure its implementation upto PHC level. He said that implementation of

DVDM portal in all the health institutions shall ensure supply chain management and proper distribution of drugs, vaccine, machinery and equipments in a transparent manner besides ensuring timeliness.

Bhupinder further directed all intending departments to project complete requirements for drugs, machinery and equipments and other logistics, duly vetted by concerned HOD in their annual demands to JKMSCL in time, so that process of procurement is initiated by JKMSCL. He

stressed upon them that all the end users shall ensure that requisition is routed through their respective HODs and funds for the same are transferred only after the vetting of the requisition by HOD concerned. Further, it was directed that HOD concerned shall reconcile the fund position with JKMSCL on regular basis.

Managing Director JKMSCL was asked to hold review meetings with principals of Govt. Medical Colleges for effective operationalization of DVDM portal by the end of this month to ensure that all the bottlenecks involved in the procurement process are resolved.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Director Health Services Jammu and Kashmir, Additional Secretary (H&ME), senior officers of JKMSCL and other concerned officials of health department.

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WWAO delegation calls on LG



WWAO delegation members calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

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JAMMU: A delegation of World Women's Awakening Organization (WWAO) called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Wednesday.

The delegation led by its President Rita Jaiswal and comprising the office bearers including Sneha Bali, Dr. Usha Kiran Rai, Vice Presidents, Dr. Madhu Pandey, Gen. Secy, Dr. Renu Gupta, President WWAO Jammu Chapter, Dr. Shraddha Singh, President

Varanasi Chapter and Veena Handa, National External Affairs, WWAO, apprised the Lt Governor of the aims and endeavours of the organisation that works for the growth, development and empowerment of women in all sections of the society.

The Lt Governor appreciated the activities undertaken by the organization and assured the members of the delegation of all support through related schemes of the UT government for women.

Similarly, Advocate Abhinav Sharma, former President J&K High Court Bar Association and BJP Spokesperson also met the Lt Governor and put forth the demand for expediting the recruitment process in Fire and Emergency Services, besides raising the issues of daily wagers.

The Lt Governor while interacting with Abhinav Sharma assured him that the issues presented by him would be looked into for redressal on merit.

StartUp 'Skyroot' creates history

Dr Jitendra to witness India's first-ever private Rocket launch

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NEW DELHI: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is all set to make history on Friday when it launches in the Space India's first-ever private Rocket developed by a StartUp, setting a new milestone in the 75 years journey of independent India.

Minister Incharge Department of Space, Dr Jitendra Singh will be personally present at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh on November 18 to witness the historic maiden private launch of Vikram-suborbital (VKS) rocket, named after Vikram Sarabhai, the founding father of India's Space programme.

This was disclosed here today in a special media briefing by Dr Jitendra Singh.

Speaking ahead of the launch at 11 AM on 18th November, Dr Jitendra said, this will be a major milestone in the journey of ISRO, after Prime Minister Narendra Modi had unlocked the Space Sector in India two years ago for private participation.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed that the Non-Government Entity/ StartUp, Skyroot Aerospace Pvt Ltd (SAPL) has developed the VKS rocket, which is a single stage spin stabilised solid propellant rocket with mass of approx. 550 kilograms.



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh briefing media about maiden private launch of Rocket "Vikram" on Wednesday.

He said, the rocket goes to the max altitude of 101 kilometres and splashes into the sea and the overall duration of launch is 300 seconds only.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that Skyroot was the first StartUp to sign a MoU with ISRO for launching its rockets.

He said, apart from being the nation's first private launch, it will also be the maiden mission of Skyroot Aerospace, named "Parambhi". It will carry a total of three payloads in space, including one from the foreign customers.

Implementation of PMEGP, JKREGP reviewed



Vice Chairperson, JK KVIB, Dr Hina Shafiq Bhat chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Vice Chairperson, J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB), Dr Hina Shafiq Bhat, on Wednesday chaired a meeting with Bunker's of Jammu division to review implementation of Prime Ministers Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and Jammu Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) at Udyog Bhawan here.

The meeting was attended by Secretary/CEO KVIB, FA/CAO KVIB, Deputy CEO (P/R/S) KVIB, Divisional Officer,

money of Rs.100.00 crore during the current financial year.

Dr Hina said that youth of Jammu and Kashmir has shown keen interest in establishing their own business ventures under the schemes of KVIB.

She emphasized the need for raising awareness among the people especially unemployed youth regarding the schemes of the Board so that maximum beneficiaries are covered.

Vice Chairperson asked the concerned officers to work hard towards clearing all pending cases in order to achieve the target of disbursement of a margin

Secy H&ME discusses issues of JKMSCL



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