

Div Com reviews arrangements for JKSSB Exam

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Monday convened a meeting to review the preparations for forthcoming written examination to be conducted by J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB) for various posts.

Chairman JKSSB, Rajesh Sharma; Additional Commissioner, Pankaj Katoch; SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli; Joint Director Information, Sapna Kotwal; Secretary JKSSB, Sachin Jamwal; Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta and other concerned officers attended the meeting in person while Deputy Commissioners Samba & Kathua and SSPs of Kathua, Samba, Jammu and Udhampur participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

The meeting discussed measures to be taken at different levels to ensure fair and smooth conduct of the exams.

While giving details of the forthcoming exams, the Chairman JKSSB informed that the Board has initiated the process for conducting written examination for selection against different posts through Computer Based Test (CBT) from November 29, 2022. "For the purpose dedicated centres have been identified in 4 districts of Jammu Division i.e Jammu, Udhampur,



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

Kathua & Samba," he informed. It was further informed that the test for Horticulture Technician Grade IV and Junior Stenographer have been scheduled from November 29, 2022, while the exam for Junior Engineer Civil (Jal Shakti Department) Exam would be conducted from December 5 to December 6, 2022 and the examinations for the post of Sub Inspector (Home Department) is scheduled to be held from December 7 to Dec 20.

Giving details of steps taken, the meeting was informed that the Board has resorted to Third Party Audit of Computer Centres and installation of jammers in the exam centres for free and fair conduct of the test(s).

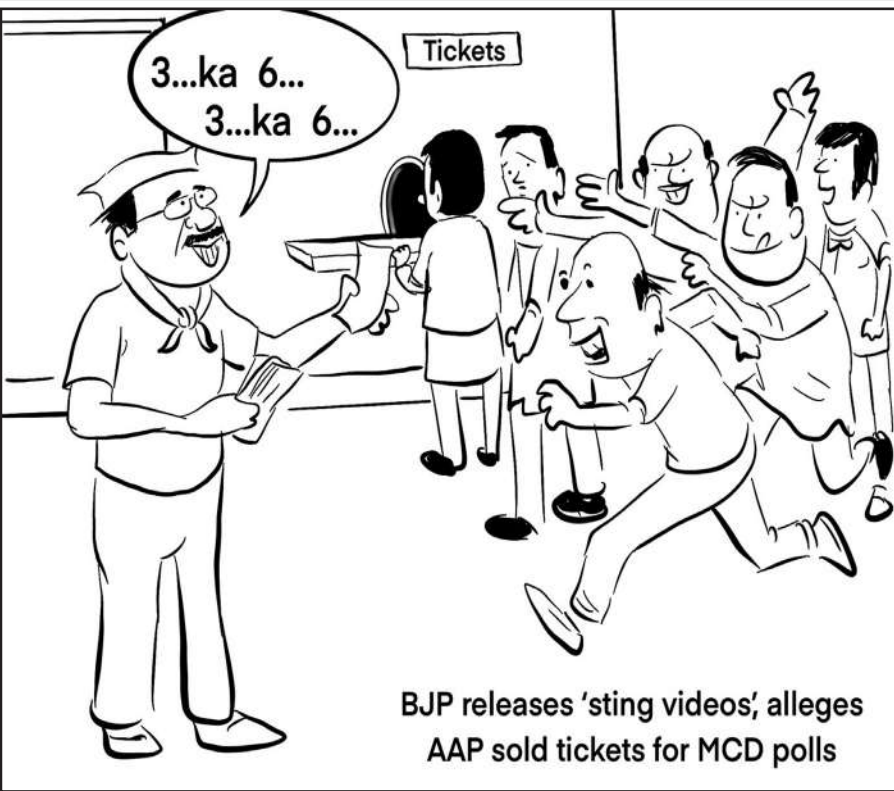
Maintaining that the credibility of centers was the vital factor in ensuring conduct of fair and transparent examinations, the Div Com directed the concerned Deputy Commissioners and SSPs to thoroughly scrutinize the conduct and past history of the identified centre well before the start of examinations. He also asked the DCs and SSPs to inform JKSSB about the adverse report against the identified centres, if any. He stressed on putting in all possible measures for foolproof security, maintenance of law and order, provision of logistic support for successful conduct of examinations.

The SSPs were directed to deploy an adequate number of men and women police personnel for frisking and other arrangements at various centres.

The Div Com also directed DCs concerned to make available proper arrangements of uninterrupted power supply, water supply and other amenities in the examination centres during the examinations and ensure that the candidates are not put to any discomfort.

The Div Com stressed that no electronic gadgets be allowed in the examination halls. He asked the KSSB to issue instructions for the information of candidates and also ensure wide publicity of these instructions.

The Div Com directed DCs to nominate observers/magistrates besides computer expert observers for each centre after checking the credentials.



BJP releases 'sting videos', alleges AAP sold tickets for MCD polls

Improper implementation of instructions forcing authorities to issue orders repeatedly

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI
SRINAGAR: Over the years, the government has issued repeated orders directing the government school teachers to refrain themselves from taking private tuitions. However, the orders see poor implementation on ground level as teachers continue to take classes at private centers. Due to improper implementation of orders, the School Education Department (SED) is forced to issue orders every winter prior to the commencement of the new academic session in the schools. The SED invoked Rule 10 of J&K Government Employees

(Conduct) Rules, 1971 and issued circular instruction to teaching faculty to prohibit them from taking private tuitions. The government stated that no government employee, whether on leave or active service, shall except with the previous sanction of the government engage directly or indirectly in any trade or business or undertake any other employment. The government also referred to the Chapter (IV) section 28 of the RTE Act, 2009 which prohibits private tuition by teachers saying that "No teacher shall engage himself or herself in private tuition or private teaching activi-

ty."The Principal Secretary SED, Alok Kumar in his circular said that some members of teaching faculty of SED were undertaking coaching assignments in private institutions and coaching centres even during school hours in violation of Rule 10 of the J&K Government Employees (Conduct) Rules, 1971 as well as Chapter (IV) Section 28 of RTE Act, 2009.

Director School Education, Jammu and Kashmir division besides all Chief Education Officers, Zonal Education Officers, Principal of Higher Secondary Schools and

Headmasters of all government schools have been entrusted with the responsibility to ensure that no teaching faculty violates the circular instructions. Earlier, the department had also directed the coaching centres to ensure that no government employee is imparting teaching in their coaching centre for which the proprietor has to submit an affidavit duly attested by the judicial magistrate as well. Now, all eyes are on the government and the district authorities of the education department to ensure strict implementation of the circular instruction issued by the government.

Era of bullying Delhi, exploiting Kashmiris over: Rana

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JAMMU: Slamming the opportunistic, deceptive and dubious politics pursued by vested interests in Jammu and Kashmir for decades, Senior BJP leader, Devender Singh Rana today said that the era of bullying New Delhi and exploiting the sentiments of Kashmiris is over, as their machinations stand exposed before the politically conscious and sagacious people.

"In sheer desperation, the fair weather politicians, whose every move revolved around the sole objective of attaining power by hook or crook, have lost the sense of discretion to the extent of telling lies and selling dreams over the various issues," Rana said while interacting with various deputations.

They go and offer salutations to Delhi in private and tell them that the abrogation of Article 370 & 35 A is irreversible which has been passed in the Parliament in their presence, but back in Kashmir they sell dreams and make announcements of struggle for restoration of these from their cosy homes, Rana said adding that J&K



Senior BJP leader, Devender Singh Rana interacting with delegation members.

has changed, the change is irreversible we must move forward with the objective of the welfare of the people of J&K and uphold their dignity.

Rana said some politicians draw sadistic pleasure from isolated incidents of terrorism. They should know that terrorism is on decline and will not be tolerated and the Government of the day will eradicate terrorism from the scape of J&K and destroy its ecosystem whose foundations have already been shaken.

He said the irony of Kashmir has been the dubious role of a section of political class that managed to remain glued to the power in turns at the cost of the interests of the common people. It has not been a new phe-

nomenon for them to deceive the people as they have mastered over the decades by resorting to reactionary politics for their opportunistic agenda. The rhetoric over the restoration of repealed constitutional provisions is nothing but another attempt of underestimating the understanding of the people, which is why they are facing most embarrassing situations in the so-called home turf, he added.

Devender also referred to bullying and blackmailing instincts of the politicians with vested interest and said they adopted these tactics to bully the erstwhile gullible powers in New Delhi in order to remain favourites for holding the reins of the sensitive border state. He said

the scenario has now changed because Delhi now has a strong determined government that wants the common people to be the end beneficiaries of the schemes and funds allotted for Jammu and Kashmir with no role for the 'middle-men' in terms of dubious politicians. He said time has come when the people must exercise their democratic power and choose the public spirited representatives, who will be accountable to them for each of their actions.

Cautioning against the dubious and deceptive political entities, who were attempting to strain Jammu and Kashmir tryst with progress, development and harmony as per the cherished agenda of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's solemn pledge of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Priyas, Rana said the people cannot be dissuaded from their chosen path of being the part of the country's growth story, with equal opportunities to all, irrespective of region, religion or caste.

Rana referred to the fast changing landscape of Jammu and Kashmir, after the political developments of August 2019 which paved the way for implementing all the schemes here like other parts of the country. He said the Union Territory is witnessing discernible transformation in all the economic and developmental sectors with special thrust on encouraging investments. This is a key point for a place where industrial development has not been substantial which has largely impacted the growth and job generation. He also referred to the laudable efforts of pursuing and pushing the developmental initiatives to the next level so that the benefits percolate down to targeted segments of the society in a time bound manner.

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URI: Chairperson of Jammu & Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Monday toured border areas in Uri and inspected Waqf properties and assets at many places.

Accompanied by civil society representatives of the area including Ex-Minister Taj Mohiuddin and the officials from different departments, Dr Andrabi conducted the physical verification of properties, asset management and spoke to public delegations who met her during her visit. Ishtaiq Mohiuddin, the Magistrate of Waqf Board was also present during her visit.

Dr Andrabi gave directions for submission of project plans for re-construction of the shopping complex in Uri by Waqf Board.

Later, Dr Andrabi spoke



Chairperson of J&KWB, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi interacting with officials.

to media and assured the public of desired actions soon on their proposals.

"It is pleasing to see that the recent decisions of Waqf Board have been well received by the public & even in these remote areas, people express their support to the Board for the reformist measures taken & again the expectations of public from Waqf management have risen manifold now," said Dr Andrabi.

She said that we are

committed to our resolve to make Waqf Board thrive and progress so that we are able to deliver as per the expectations of the public.

"The era of loot in Waqf has ended and now we are in the age of transparency and accountability. New projects of public welfare will be taken up by Waqf Board despite the opposition of a few opportunists and illegal beneficiaries," assured Waqf Board Chairperson.

Chief Secretary felicitates Sarpanch Balbir Singh



CS, Dr A.K Mehta presenting award to Sarpanch Balbir Singh (Happy) Jasrotia of Panchayat Mearth.

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JAMMU: Sarpanch Balbir Singh (Happy) Jasrotia of Panchayat Mearth Block Barnoti Distt Kathua, stood first in the district and got the prize for Best protected

Sarovar located in the Panchayat Mearth. He got the prize from the Chief Secretary in presence of BDC Chairperson Ch Brijeshwar Singh Indu and Naib Sarpanch Pandrar Kuldeep Singh

Padwal, Naib Sarpanch Kuldeep Sharma at Krishak Mela 2022 organized by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta appreciated efforts of the Sarpanch and assured the BDC Chairperson that the Govt will adopt the Zero tolerance in encroachment of Traditional Ponds and also appreciated the suggestions for doubling the Farmers Income by giving them uncut power supply to the Lift Irrigation Schemes Raitti, Jakhole, Juthana and Plal by installing Special Line and Feeder from Bakhta Receiving Station.

IIM, AIIMS host week-long Healthcare Executive Management Dev

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu in partnership with the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Jammu and the Research Foundation of Hospital & Healthcare Administration (RFHHA) on Monday organized a joint program titled, "Healthcare Executive Management Development Programme (HxMDP)".

The program was formally inaugurated by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Gupta, Director, AIIMS Jammu at Hotel Radisson Blu, the other day.

The HxMDP is a week-long residential program being held from the 20th of Nov-27th Nov 2022. The program has 25 participants from across the country and the list features top-of-the-league medical professionals.

The Program Directors of the event are Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, and Col (Dr.) Rakesh Verma, RFHHA.



IIM Jammu, AIIMS Jammu and RFHHA representatives posing for a photograph during a programme at Jammu.

The Program coordinators for the above program are Dr. Sajit M. Mathews and Dr. Kapil M. Gunte from IIM Jammu, and Dr. Khalid Mohammad, and Dr. Pranay Mahajan from AIIMS Jammu. The program commenced with the welcome address by Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, and Col (Dr.) Rakesh Verma, RFHHA.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Gupta, Director, AIIMS Jammu said, "Medical Administrators are often appointed to leadership roles

by virtue of their expertise and eminence in clinical domains but the need for the development of core competencies related to the administrative skills of their roles is most often overlooked."

"Formal Management training generally is not a part of the career progression, even though knowledge in the domains of human resources, legal and ethical issues, equipment management, financial management, hospital operations, hospital performance, quality, and patient safety, etc. is required to the success of healthcare

organizations and systems. The program for sure address such needs and is sure to up-skill and contribute in a way to overall development and progress of healthcare in India," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu said, "I would like to let you know that Jammu is the only city where all three national institutes of importance namely IIM, IIT, and AIIMS are there. IIM Jammu has already an MoU with IIT Jammu and AIIMS Jammu where we

have two courses B.Tech + MBA (Dual Degree) with IIT Jammu and MBA Hospital Administration and Healthcare Management with AIIMS Jammu and IIT Jammu. The program offers the unique advantage of learning the basics of management and operations from IIM Jammu, technological aspects from IIT Jammu, and gaining subsequent practical, hands-on experience in the management of hospitals and health care services at AIIMS Jammu under the guidance and supervision of hospital administrators. The

HxMDP is designed with a focus on essential skills and competencies relevant to senior healthcare professionals in administrative roles. This program tries to fill the knowledge gap for those involved in healthcare administration by providing comprehensive learning in management concepts along with upgraded contemporary tools and techniques."

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu said, "The Healthcare Executive Management Development Programme (HxMDP) is

designed with a focus on imparting essential skills and competencies to senior healthcare professionals holding administrative positions in their organizations. I am sure this programme will open newer vistas in the understanding of managing healthcare facilities and hospitals that will be of immense value for one and all."

Col (Dr.) Rakesh Verma, RFHHA added that "The program aims to enhance healthcare leaders' abilities to plan, organize, control, and lead their organizations and enable them to discover new ways to handle issues, seize challenges and take their organizations and people to new directions."

The domains covered under this program are human resources, strategic planning in hospitals, hospital services and operations, healthcare communication, healthcare technology, safety, quality and accreditation, healthcare ethics and law, materials and supply chain management, population, health and pan-

demics, hospital facilities planning and designing, Gen Next Healthcare.

The program HxMDP is designed as an IIR intervention, through which it is envisaged to enhance the skillsets of Professionals in leadership roles, and experience sharing by key professionals and faculty. The program will also provide learning through Problem-based learning, Case methods, and experience sharing by the participants and faculty including interactive sessions and group discussions aimed at sharpening analytical skills.

HxMDP addresses the learning needs of medical professionals in leadership roles in the public and private sectors, like Facility Directors, Directors of Health Services, Medical Superintendents, Directors/Principals of teaching/tertiary care hospitals, etc. The inaugural ceremony ended on a positive note with a promise to create new milestones in the field of medical health.