

# CS assesses preparedness for full solarization of government buildings till 2025

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Saturday took stock of the preparedness of the UT for saturation of rooftop solar power plants on all the government buildings by December, 2025 here as per the target fixed by Prime Minister in the recently concluded CS Conference at New Delhi.

Principal Secretary, Finance, Commissioner Secretary, Science & Technology and CEO, JAKEDA and other senior officers of the concerned departments attended the meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary.

The Chief Secretary emphasised upon making a robust strategy for time bound delivery of the same without any fail. He made out that the solar energy is clean and less expensive so it is in the fitness of things to adopt and exploit its potential in the UT as much as possible.

He advised for holding meetings with the biggest players available in the market like those of NHPC,



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Jammu on Saturday.

NTPC or SECI for tapping the potential and studying the feasibility and potential of each government building here in the UT.

Dulloo asked for conducting a day long workshop with such players and apprising them about your interest before them about this solarization mission here. He further gave out that besides providing the requisite revolving fund to the JAKEDA for

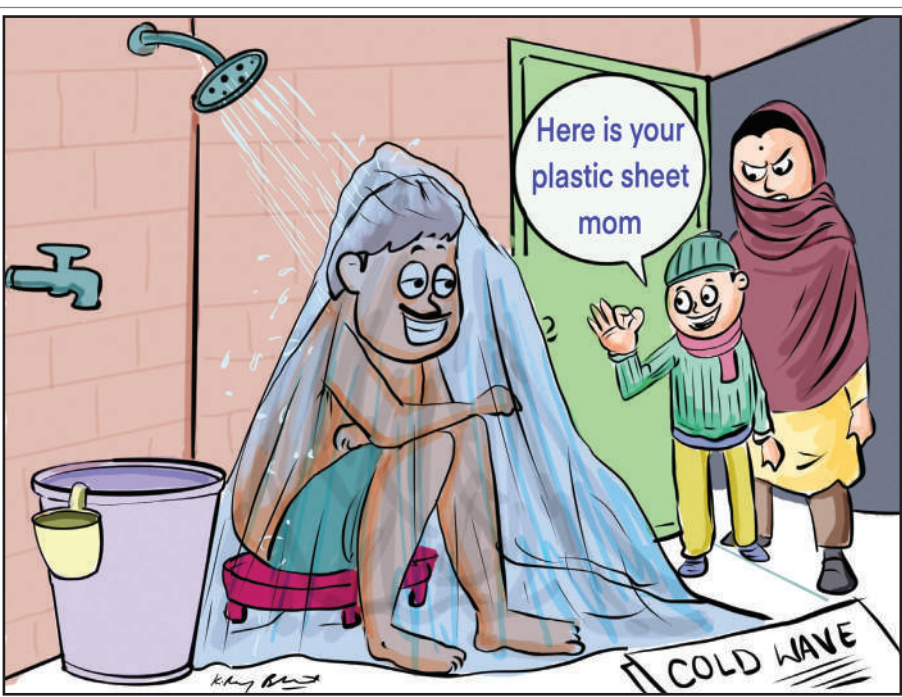
this task the government is also open to extend subsidy to the agencies implementing this programme in the UT.

He advised the department to prepare a model contract and DPR for each district after carrying out survey of identified buildings in next couple of weeks. He told them to watch for the successful precedences left by other States/UTs in the country. He

also stressed on seeking technical assistance from any reputed organisation in order to have a clear roadmap for achieving this goal.

In his presentation the Commissioner Secretary, S&T, Saurabh Bhagat revealed that the UT government offices has 22494 registrations to their names across the districts of J&K with a sanctioned load of about 486 MW. It was given out that nearly 1900 buildings had already been solarized either by JAKEDA or other departments with a cumulative capacity of 27.61 MW till now.

Moreover it was revealed that approximately 300 MW could be added by installing these rooftop solar power plants in remaining 20,000 buildings. It was added that each of the department has to provide the information like list of their buildings along with sanctioned connected load, shadow free rooftop space, geo-coordinates and other relevant details about such structures here.



## Yudhvir led shopkeepers' delegation meets Darakhshan Andrabi, highlights issues



J&K BJP Vice President, Yudhvir Sethi led delegation calling on Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir, spearheaded a delegation of shopkeepers who are tenants of the Aquaf Department, met with Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board and discussed the problems being faced by the shopkeepers.

In a meeting held here, Yudhvir Sethi highlighted the pressing issues affecting the livelihoods of the shopkeepers, seeking solutions and support from Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi.

He expressed the importance of addressing these

issues promptly to ensure the welfare and sustenance of the business community associated with the Aquaf Department.

Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi, acknowledging the concerns raised by the delegation, attentively listened to the grievances of the shopkeepers.

Assuring the delegation of her commitment to resolving the challenges faced by the shopkeepers, Dr. Darakhshan emphasized the need for a comprehensive and effective approach to address the concerns raised by the delegation and to foster a conducive environment for business growth.

Yudhvir Sethi expressed gratitude for Dr.

Darakhshan Andrabi's receptive stance and her commitment to finding viable solutions.

He highlighted the significance of the Aquaf Department in fostering economic development in the region and appreciated the collaborative efforts initiated to tackle the challenges faced by the shopkeepers.

Sethi reaffirmed his commitment to advocating for the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting with Dr. Darakhshan Andrabi marks a positive step forward in addressing the concerns of the shopkeepers and fostering a cooperative environment within the Aquaf Department.

## Anugoonj-a poetry collection by Madhu Gupta released



Dignitaries releasing Anugoonj-poetry collection book written by Madhu Gupta.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Anugoonj-poetry collection book written by Madhu Gupta was unveiled today in Jammu by Dr. A.K. Gupta, President, All India Institute Medical Sciences, Vijaypur.

In this poetry collection of 52 poems of 85 pages, Madhu Gupta, wife of Dr

Shakti Gupta, Director AIIMS Jammu, has touched every aspect.

There is a harsh attack on social inconsistencies. There are wonderful compositions on mother's sad story, daughter-in-law's poem, daughter-in-law, sister, grandson, farmer and father. The author has dedicated this

book to her literary Guru late Vijay Gupta.

Besides, senior doctors and IIM Jammu Director Professor B.S. Sahay, Natrang Director Padma Shri Balwant Thakur, ex-MLA Pawan Gupta, many prominent citizens participated in book launch function.

## INDIA bloc will discuss seat-sharing in J&K, Ladakh for LS polls: Mir

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: The opposition INDIA alliance partners will discuss seat-sharing in Jammu and Kashmir for the Lok Sabha elections when the polls are announced, senior Congress leader Ghulam Ahmad Mir said on Saturday.

The people of J-K and Ladakh are ready to give all six seats to the INDIA alliance, said Mir, who is the Congress general secretary in-charge for Jharkhand and West Bengal.

"There are six Lok Sabha seats in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The INDIA alliance will sit together and decide on it," he told reporters in Anantnag.

"We are waiting for the elections, and the people of this region are ready to bring a change in Delhi and elect a strong, pro-people government that represents people under the Constitution," Mir added.

Former Union minister and All India Congress Committee (AICC) J&K in-charge Bharatsinh Solanki said the senior leadership of the party is discussing the issue of seat-sharing with INDIA alliance members and the details would be shared soon.

Solanki said the people of Jammu and Kashmir will unitedly give a befitting reply to the BJP in the polls. The Congress party is stronger than before and its workers are

working with a greater zeal, he added.

Both the leaders addressed a workers' convention at Dak-Bungalow Khanbal in the south Kashmir district during the day, in which they asserted that the party would put in strenuous efforts to wipe out the BJP and fight the upcoming Lok Sabha elections with great vigour and vitality.

Addressing the convention, Solanki said the party is fully prepared to overcome "the divisive and misleading politics" of the BJP, which is "responsible for the chaos and confusion in the country".

"Although many tall claims are being made to build a fake narrative about inclusive development, employment generation and many other things, the reality is contrary to the ground situation which reflects that the nation has been pushed towards darkness," he alleged.

On the current socio-political and security situation in J&K, Solanki claimed that there was restlessness among the people in J-K, given the denial of democratic rights to disempower them politically and economically.

"Downgrading Jammu and Kashmir into two UTs was an unfortunate move by the BJP to rule J&K directly from the Centre which tantamounts to dismantling the very foundation of democracy," he added.

## NEET-PG exam likely in first week of July; no National Exit Test this year

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Postgraduate examination is likely to be held in the first week of July and the counselling in the first week of August, sources said on Saturday.

They further said the National Exit Test (NExT) will not be held this year.

"The NEET-PG examination is likely to be held in the first week of July. The counselling is likely to begin in the first week of August," a source said.

According to the recently-notified "Post-Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2023" which have replaced the Postgraduate Medical Education (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, the existing NEET-PG examination will continue till the proposed NExT becomes operational for the purpose of PG admission. The NEET-PG is an eligibility-cum-ranking examination prescribed as the single entrance examination for admission to various MD/MS and PG Diploma Courses under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.

## Preliminary inquiry initiated against G&M Dept officer

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A news item appeared in the daily newspapers and social media on 6th of January, 2024 regarding involvement of an officer of Geology and Mining (G&M) department in a case filed by ACB, J&K. In this respect a preliminary enquiry has been initiated and a report has been called from ACB J&K to take necessary disciplinary action on this matter.

The G&M Department is committed to the highest standards of integrity and professionalism in its functioning.

## Nation determined to strengthen hands of PM Modi: Rana

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today said the Nation has resolved and is determined to strengthen the hands of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, in his relentless and dedicated pursuit of inclusive growth of India that has witnessed an unprecedented and stupendous transformation during the past over nine years.

"The PM's vision of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas has galvanised the compatriots and motivated all to ensure Viksit Bharat by 2047", Rana said while interacting with party colleagues of Nagrota, Dansal, Mathwar and Amb-Ghrota Blocks of Nagrota Assembly constituency, here this afternoon.

He said the Prime



Senior BJP leader Devender Rana addressing public meeting.

Minister's commitment to inclusive growth is reflected in initiatives like "Make in India", "Start-up", "Svachh Bharat Abhiyan", and "Ayushman Bharat", which aim to uplift every section of society, bridging the gaps that have persisted for six decades since the independence. For the past nine years, however, the thrust and motivation has been to ensure economic development that

reaches every corner of the country's diverse society without appeasement or discrimination, he said, adding that the beneficiaries of this mission have primarily been the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who are now becoming a vibrant and proactive part of India's growth story.

Devender Rana said the momentous shift came after the abrogation of Article

370 which made all the difference in August 2019 with obstacles in the implementation of various central schemes and welfare programmes removed, ending the deprivation and denial of seventy years to marginalised segments.

He said path breaking initiatives are gaining momentum which are to be taken to the next level during the third term of Prime Minister Modi, he asserted.

"By empowering the poor, the youth and the women, promoting skill development, fostering innovation and encouraging investment, Prime Minister Modi believes in carving out a nation where prosperity knows no socio-economic boundaries", Rana said adding that the unwavering devotion of the BJP to building a stronger and

Viksit Bharat calls for collective support.

These efforts and the dynamic and progressive leadership of the Prime Minister will surely make India the Vishwaguru, he said, hoping that the people, irrespective of religion, caste or region will rise to the occasion once again to steer the nation towards the goal by contributing to the realization of a prosperous and vibrant India.

Devender Rana dwelt in detail the progress registered by the country in all sectors of development, science and technology, economic affairs which has enabled India to become fifth economic power of the world. In the next five years, the country is destined to become the third economic power across the world, he said.

## JKJA organises sensitization programme for Registrars, Sub-Registrars of Jammu Province

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Judicial Academy (JKJA) on Saturday organised a day-long sensitization programme for Registrars and Sub-Registrars of Jammu Province in collaboration with the J&K Registration Department at Judicial Academy, Janipur here. The programme was organised with an aim to hone the skills and knowledge of officers and increase their efficiency in discharging their statutory duties more efficiently.



A dignitary speaking at JKJA's sensitization programme at Jammu.

Jammu, Mansoor Aslam Choudhary were also present on the occasion. Former District and Sessions Judge and President, District Consumer Commission, Jammu, Pawan Dev Kotwal and Former District and Sessions Judge and President, District Consumer Commission, Kathua, M.S. Parihar were resource persons for the training programme.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar deliberated on the need to learn from rich experiences of the Judicial officers who were earlier discharging those duties, particularly the adjudicatory part of registration. He also added that

the J&K Judicial Academy aims to enhance the knowledge and expertise of Registrars and Sub-Registrars through this sensitization programme, contributing to the efficient and effective implementation of registration processes across the UT of J&K. Justice Rahul Bharti stated that the DNA of registration has been with the Judiciary since the pre-independence era and it is a golden opportunity to transfer knowledge from the judiciary to the executive. He highlighted that registration is a time-bound process and needs to be accomplished within the shortest possible time period. In his special

remarks, Secretary Law, Achal Sethi highlighted that the abrupt change of laws in 2019 posed a challenge to officers with non-judicial backgrounds. He appreciated the Academy for organising the two training programmes on previous occasions which went a long way in ensuring smooth and hassle-free transition of document registration from the judiciary to the executive. In his introductory remarks, Sheikh Arshad Ayub shared the history of developments in the field of registration since 2019 for a transparent document and registration regime. He exhorted the Registering officers to work tirelessly to facilitate the general public in the matter of registration of documents with a citizen-centric attitude. He also gave an overview of document registration through the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS), and numerous initiatives implemented to streamline the registration of documents. Director, J&K Judicial Academy, Yash Paul Bournay

in his introductory address emphasised the importance of organising such programmes. He also underlined the need for proper maintenance and preservation of the records in perpetuity so as to prevent fraud. He also emphasized the need to sensitize the Registering officers at the time of the entrustment of powers to them as Registrars and Sub-Registrars. Special emphasis was given to the need to adopt a uniform approach by all Registering officers to facilitate a smooth and hassle-free exercise of powers by Registering Officers. The incidental matters, as to payment of stamp duty, registration fee and the provisions regarding exemptions from payment of such duty and fee, were also elaborately discussed. Participants were engaged in a series of insightful sessions throughout the day, covering various aspects of the Registration Act and related matters.

The queries of Registering officers were responded by the resource persons.

## IIJSA organises seminar on 'Scenarios in Jammu, post de-operationalization of Art 370 in light of SC's Judgement'



Dignitaries at seminar being organized by IIJSA in Jammu on Saturday.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: International Institute of J&K Studies and Analyses (IIJSA) Jammu organised a seminar on "Scenarios in Jammu, post de-operationalization of Art 370 in light of Honourable Supreme Court Judgement" at Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), here on Saturday.

The seminar was presided over by Kuldeep Khoda, former DGP J&K State and Maj Gen Goverdhan Singh Janwal, (Retd) was the Guest of Honour. Brigadier (Dr) Vijay Sagar Dhemani, Managing Director IIJSA Jammu in his keynote address highlighted the peculiar aspects of emerging social, political and developmental scenarios in Jammu in light of Supreme Court of India approving the actions of the Govt on August 5, 2019 for 'Naya Jammu' evolving into a vibrant entity. KB Jandial, IAS (Retd), emphasised the aspects of Supreme Court of J&K. He opined that judgement is welcome but it would have been better, if they had adjudicated

on the issue of statehood as well. He also assured that it will result in industrialization of Jammu and even that prosperity.

Adv Sumer Khajuria in his address, questioned the legality of the process of adoption of Art 370 and 35 A and explained to the house as to how the legal provision were intelligently floated by the Govt of the day in 1949 to appoint a particular section of J&K. Maj Gen Goverdhan Singh rendered an advice to the Dogra in Duggar Land to leave their difference aside and unite to avail this golden opportunity (which is once in centuries) to pave the way for golden evolution of 'Naya Jammu Division' for generation to come. Kuldeep Khoda pointed out the positive aspects that are ahead for the youth of Jammu. The seminar was conducted by a young scholar Arushi Sharma, welcome address was delivered by Prof Aekta Gupta, Associate Director, IIJSA Jammu and vote of thanks was presented by Prof Shalini Rana, Hony Secretary IIJSA Jammu.