

Secy Health reviews functioning of H&ME Dept

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, conducted a comprehensive review of department's operations during a meeting held here at Civil Secretariat on Monday.

The meeting was attended by various senior officers including Director SKIMS Soura, Principals from all Medical and Dental Colleges, Mission Director NHM, CEO Ayushman Bharat, Directors Health Services Kashmir and Jammu, Director AYUSH, Director Family Welfare MCH, and Immunization, Director Finance HME, Managing Director JKMSCL, Joint Director (Planning) HME and other senior officers from Health & Medical Education Department.

Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Director (Coordination) New Medical Colleges J&K, delivered a presentation on various aspects of Health and



Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah chairing a meeting.

Medical Education Department, encompassing existing health facilities, status of manpower, upcoming infrastructure, Centrally Sponsored Schemes, operational status of new Government Medical Colleges, as well as imminent operationalization of Bone & Joint Hospitals and State Cancer Institutes in Jammu and Srinagar.

Secretary enjoined upon all officials to work conscientiously in providing best healthcare facilities to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He instructed all Heads of Departments to

work with utmost dedication to ensure delivery of quality health services to the general public. Dr. Abid Rasheed directed the MD JKMSCL to ensure timely procurement of drugs, diagnostic and treatment machinery and equipment to prevent any disruptions in patient care services. He further emphasized facilitating necessary procurements for operationalization of State Cancer Institutes, Bone and Joint Hospitals, and other healthcare institutions.

Highlighting the importance of digital interventions in healthcare delivery,

Secretary stressed the need of imperative utilization of technology to expedite and enhance the quality of healthcare services for patients in need. He asked for removal of any impediments hindering the use of technology in the healthcare sector. During the review of implementation of PMJAY Sehat and functioning of Health & Wellness Centers, Dr. Abid Rasheed directed for conducting impact assessment studies for these flagship programs. Additionally, instructions were issued to the concerned officers to expedite the finalization of

recruitment rules and referral of vacancies to recruitment agencies while reviewing the HR status.

While reviewing the major developmental projects, it was emphasized that a close liaison be maintained by the HoDs with the executing agencies and District Development Commissioners to ensure timely completion of the projects. Further, it was stressed upon that the handing over and taking over process of ongoing projects be ensured between JKPC and respective R&B (PW) Divisions.

Dr. Abid Rasheed emphasized the necessity for all officers to work closely in coordination. This concerted effort aims not only to improve public services across healthcare institutions for patient care but also to elevate the quality of undergraduate and postgraduate education to match that of premier institutions in the country, he maintained.

Mission Director Dairy Development visits JKMPCL

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Mission Director for Dairy Development in Jammu & Kashmir, Er. N. S. Bali on Monday paid a visit to the Jammu and Kashmir Milk Producers' Cooperative Limited (JKMPCL) in Satwari, here.

His visit aimed to assess the ongoing construction of the first UHT plant in the hilly Indian state, dedicated to processing high-quality milk. This plant is a part of the NPDD project.

He assured that the future of dairy in J&K is bright.

He directed JKMPCL to expedite the project's execution, ensuring that processed milk with a shelf life of three months would soon be accessible to consumers within J&K.

The 'JKMPCL being the apex dairy cooperative in the state, has consistently pioneered the technology



Mission Director for Dairy Development in J&K, Er. N. S. Bali paying visit to JKMPCL in Satwari, Jammu.

necessary for producing superior-quality processed milk and milk-based products.

During his visit, he also reviewed the final stages of a new five-story Administrative Block within the JKMPCL premises in Satwari. This block is nearly at its completion stage.

He highlighted the significant employment opportunities generated both direct-

ly and indirectly for the youth of J&K.

Additionally, he pledged ongoing support and urged JKMPCL to promptly seek assistance if needed to accelerate their work. Furthermore, he promised the establishment of more new Amul parlors in J&K.

Throughout his visit, he was accompanied by the CEO, Plant Incharge, and their respective teams.

School owners to show resentment against JKBOSE for its wrong policies on Jan 10



Vice President JKPSA, Deepak Handa talking to reporters.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The school owners of district Jammu under the banner of Jammu and Kashmir Private Schools Association (JKPSA) expressed resentment against the wrong policies of J&K Board of School Education and the School Education Department for the private schools.

While talking to reporters, District President Rural Lal

Chand and Subash Chib President Urban, along with the owners of the private schools of district Jammu, said that J&K Board has established a new precedence of tagging the private schools not only those which are constructed on the state land but also the private schools which are constructed on their own land. Lal Chand also briefed the media persons that government has no vision for the

easy disposal of recognition through single window clearance system.

Maitree Jain, member central executive body briefed the media that Government is hell bent upon shutting down the small schools by putting number of complicated yard sticks.

Deepak Handa, Vice President Central Body condemned such type of malafied intention of the J&K Govt which will ruin the private school owners and will also create a worrisome condition for those who are solely dependent on the private schools. With these wrong policies majority of the educated youth who are serving as teachers, as ministerial staff will become jobless, he said.

Members appealed to the school owners, drivers, cleaners etc. to gather in front of JK BOSE Jammu at 11:00 AM on January 10, 2024 to mark resentment for its wrong policies.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In an impressive function held at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, here on Monday, dozens of office bearers, elected representatives and activists of Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), joined BJP.

They were welcomed into the party fold by General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul and Vice-President & former Minister Shakti Raj Parihar.

Ashok Koul said that the BJP is becoming more stronger with each passing day in entire length and breadth of Jammu and Kashmir like other parts of the country.

He said that there has been very promising change in the hilly and far-flung areas as well, where people associated with Congress and other parties are fast embracing BJP in large numbers.

He said that the sole rea-



General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul with newly joined members.

son of joining BJP by the leaders of other parties is that the good governance model of PM Narendra Modi has impressed and witnessed wide appreciation by the people.

They are convinced that it is only BJP, which has a government genuinely concerned for every region and every section.

He said that during the last about ten years, splend did work has been done by Modi government in all fields, which is surely going

to benefit it in 2024 general elections and help return this party to power with thumping majority.

Shakti Raj Parihar, while speaking on the occasion, said that the day is not far when the entire cadre of Congress and other political parties will join BJP and convert the erstwhile Doda district as stronghold of BJP.

Prominent among those who joined BJP included Hardeep Singh Manhas, District Secretary Doda

Congress, Mushtaq Ahmed, Block President Jakyas, Aam Aadmi Party, Ramez Raja Sarpanch & Block President Jakyas Congress, Congress activists Koshal Kumar, Jugjeet Singh, Parshotam Singh, Surender Singh, Vinod Kumar, Arvind Singh, Nasar Hussan, Naresh Kumar, Madan Mohan Singh, J.K. Harvender, Ajay Singh, Atta Mohd. Harga, Amit Singh, Saroj Singh, Sunil Kumar, Satesh Kumar and Mohd. Hanief Naik and others.

Ganesh Mandir Sabha elects new body

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A meeting of the residents of Ganeshpora Pahalgam Kashmir was organized at Durga Nagar; here on Monday in which a large number of people participated.

The previous body was dissolved and new body was elected under the presidency of Sanjay Kumar Pandita.

Several issues like taking proper care of the property of Sabha which is located in the Village Ganeshpora like land of temple, land of Dharmshala and cremation ground etc. came under discussion.

The Sabha requested the government to remove the encroachment in cremation ground at Ganeshpora. The Sabha has decided to have the Hawan on Ganesh Chaturdash at Historical Temple at Ganeshal Pahalgam in the current year.

The Sabha consisted of Ashish Bhat Vice President, Susheel Bhat General Secretary, Bantoo ji Cashier and Vickey as Member.

JKESL delegation meets Chief Secretary, projects issues

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A delegation of J&K Ex-Services League (JKESL) comprising of Lt Gen Rakesh Kumar Sharma, (Retd), President JKESL, Col Rajinder Singh, General Secretary, Lt Col O S Chouhan, Secretary met Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary, J&K UT on Monday and submitted a memorandum of demands pertaining to the welfare of Ex-Servicemen. During the meeting, major issues affecting ex-servicemen in general and JKESL in particular were projected and explained to the Chief Secretary. The issues projected before the Chief Secretary included increase in J&K Govt Re-employment Quota of Ex-Servicemen from 6% to 13% (akin to neighbouring States) with vertical representation; Creation of Sainik Corporation or Corporation Ltd to generate employment for the ESM; Long outstanding issues of Brig Rajinder Vihar & Kargil Vihar Sainik Colonies for ESM to be resolved on priority; Extension of Exemptions & facilities to include Provision of Allotment of Plots 'Free of Cost' to Gallantry Award Winners, Exemption of Property Tax, Exemption of Stamp Duty on properties up to 20 Lakhs and Awarding of Degree of Graduation to ESM of J&K at par with the ESM of other States; New Security Strategy in J&K to include max employment of ESM in security grid, 50% of ESM in VDC / VDG, creation of ESM belt along the LOC; renewal / issue of arms licenses & appointment of Security Advisor; Excise duty on Liquor through CSD to be at par with the neighbouring states like Punjab.

The Chief Secretary heard the issues patiently and assured of earliest resolution of issues in a time bound manner.

AIMCCC urges Govt to redress long pending demands of KP Migrants

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: All India Migrant Camps Coordination Committee (AIMCCC), President, Desh Rattan Pandita and Chairman, K. Raina urged Government to redress the long pending demands of KP Migrants.

Talking to reporters here on Monday, Pandita said that discrimination with KPs and Migrants is not tolerable as KPs are the worst sufferers of militancy and cross Border Terrorism.

"We express anguish and grief as the problems which got birth at the time of our migration are still stand with us. As were never solved by Governments from time to time," he said.

AIMCCC demanded and will write to Prime Minister regarding rescue of encroached land at Valley.

"Maximum land of KP have been encroached since



AIMCCC members talking to reporters at Jammu.

1989-90 and also records have been tempering may needs stern action from the government side against culprits and land grabbers," Pandita said and demanded complete enquiry against discrimination with such poor and deserved people by some officials at that time pendency of files even civil secretariat/departments or in courts for want of justice.

AIMCCC demanded healing touch for those who

could not get government jobs during whole migration period. These people may be sanctioned Rs 25 lakh in shape of loan so that without any mortgage and hurdles for to run up their own business units for their survival.

AIMCCC demanded release of our balanced ex-gratia payment pending within the govt. since decades, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi on Kashmiri Pandits also as

we were and are still farmers and are stake holders of JK UT, installation 4 bore wells at Jagti Township, enhancement of cash upto 25,000 per family, direct election for 2 KPs reserved seats instead of nomination.

AIMCCC rejected discrimination with Rajput Community Living in Valley since Maharaja Time.

"These people are assets for government and nation. So it is duty of the government to make their demands full fill immediately on priority bases," Pandita said.

Daljit Singh, PN Jalali, CL Koul, O N Koul, Anjali Kar, Priya Dhar, Mela Misri, Asha Koul, Sagar Koul, T K Bhat, Anil Mehta, Yogesh Chib, Vinoo Misri, Binu Singh and Kuldeep Bhat were also present in the press conference.

Eye check up camp organized



Doctor examining patient at a medical camp.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Samvedna Society Chairman Keshav Chopra organised 79th Free Eye Screening/Check Up, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Scheme and Domicile registration camp at Baby Caterers Rehari Jammu. The Camp was organized in collaboration with Sood Eye Centre (A unit of Agarwal Hospitals).

A total of 102 patients were provided free of cost treatment

including Refraction, NCT, AR Check Up, Vision Check Up by a team headed by Dr Avitesh Kumar M.S Eye Surgeon and free medicines were also given to the patients. Speaking on the occasion Keshav Chopra said that this initiative aimed to provide accessible eye care services to the people at their doorstep, we are committed for the overall upliftment of the living standard of needy sections and Samvedna believe in giving back to the community and

promoting the importance of Healthcare, "Those who can't afford the treatment we will work to provide them free of cost" Aim of organizing this camp was to help the People to easily get the Ayushman Bharat Golden Card, PM Vishwakarma Scheme registration and Domicile Registration at one place, Keshav further added.

Dharamveer Chopra, Jugal Kishore, Ashish Sharma, Brijesh Kumar, Rakesh Bali (Marketing Manager), Kartar Chopra, Manoj Tandon, Diyaanish Gupta, Vikas Kumar (Operator), Rahul (Operator), Sushil Gupta, Sourav Gupta, Ritesh Peer and others were also present during the camp.

UGC Refresher course in Environmental Sciences started at JU

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A two-week online refresher course(RC) in Environmental Sciences (Interdisciplinary) started at the University of Jammu, Jammu. Prof S K Pandita, Director, UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), University of Jammu graced the inaugural event as Chief Guest.

Prof. Pandita suggested the participants to extensively study and follow the National Education Policy (NEP) guidelines to enhance the overall teaching-learning experience. Earlier, Prof. Piyush Malaviya, Course Coordinator and Head, Department of Environmental Sciences informed that due to the interdisciplinary nature of the course, experts from diverse educational and research institutions, PSUs and industries, and various geographical regions both from within and outside India, having expertise in diverse research fields are invited for knowledge sharing in this refresher course in Environmental Sciences.

The inaugural session was also attended by Dr. Deepika Sathia and Dr. Rakesh Kumar Atri, faculty members from the Department of ES, JU.

Maj Gen RK Sachdeva ADG, NCC Dte JK&L visits Republic Day Camp at Delhi



Maj Gen RK Sachdeva ADG, NCC Dte JK&L with cadets at R-Day Camp in Delhi.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Maj Gen RK Sachdeva, Additional Director General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Directorate for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, visited the Republic Day Camp -2024 (RDC-24) in Delhi during the Chief of Naval Staff's visit.

It was marked by inspiring visits and motivational engagement. Through a motivational

lecture, he fuelled the cadet's enthusiasm in various activities like Guard of Honour, Parade, Cultural Programme, Flag Area and Line Area Competition.

The distinguished visit left an indelible mark, sparking a wave of motivation among 122 cadets hailing from the three regions.

The ADG's presence served as a source of inspiration, fos-

tering a sense of discipline and commitment among the cadets. This interaction undoubtedly strengthened the NCC's commitment to nurturing potential leaders, inculcate discipline and patriotism among the youth from Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh.

He also rekindled the spirit of excellence for the Directorate's success in the Republic Day Competition.