

Dr Jitendra informs LS about increased intake of IAS officers

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NEW DELHI: Informing the Lok Sabha about the increased intake number of direct recruit IAS officers, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today stated that the Government has increased the annual intake of IAS officers to 180 through Civil Services Examination (CSE) till CSE-2021.

In reply to a question, the Minister further informed that the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) has constituted a committee for recommending the intake of direct recruit IAS officers every year



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking in the Lok Sabha.

through Civil Services Exam (CSE) from CSE-2022 to CSE-2030.

The sanctioned strength of IAS officers in the country today is 6,789 against which only 5,317 officers are in place or position, he said.

Dr Jitendra also informed that the intake of Indian Police Service (IPS) through CSE has been increased to 200 from CSE-2020, while intake of Indian Forest Service (IFS) has been increased to 150 in 2022.

For IPS officers, sanctioned strength in the country is 4,984 while 4,120 are in position, whereas for IFS sanctioned strength is 3,191 while 2,134 are in position.

In reply to another question related to the same Ministry, Dr Jitendra Singh informed the House that around three Lakh Life Certificates have been generated by using Face Authentication Technology from 1st October to 6th December 2022 for Central Government pensioners in comparison to 72,338 in previous year.

The Government introduced Face

Authentication Technology in November 2021 for the pensioners to submit a Life Certificate, the Minister informed.

All Central Government pensioners are required to submit a life certificate. He, however added that Face Authentication is not mandatory and the pensioner can submit a life certificate by other modes also.

The Minister said, India Post and Payment Bank (IPPB) provides doorstep service for submission of life certificates of central Government pensioners.

IPPB is utilizing its national network of more than 1,36,000 access points in Post Offices and more than 1,89,000 Postmen & Gramin Dak Sevaks with smart phones and biometric devices to provide Doorstep Banking Services.



Farooq Abdullah's 'neighborly love' said 'peace will come from good relations with Pakistan'

Rent amount of all Waqf properties is still very low even after revised rates: Dr Darakhshan

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JAMMU: In furtherance to the decision of J&K Waqf Board regarding the implementation of the recommendation of the Rent Review Committee (RRC) with regard to revision of rent as per market value, a meeting of shopkeepers of Auqaf Commercial Complex, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu on Wednesday met Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K Waqf Board in her office chamber at Jammu and discussed in detail the reservations of the shopkeepers regarding rent payment as per new enhanced schedule issued by the Waqf Board.

Dr Darakhshan gave a patient hearing to the grievances put forth by the tenants and deliberated on all issues raised by the representatives of the aggrieved shopkeepers. The discussion lasted for about more than two hours in a cordial atmos-



Chairperson JKWB, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi interacting with shopkeepers of Auqaf Commercial Complex, Jammu.

phere and ultimately the tenants of Auqaf Commercial Complex, Gandhi Nagar, agreed to pay rent as per revised rates as per the decision of the Waqf Board.

Dr Darakhshan hailed the positive approach of the representatives and further requested them to persuade others to follow suit.

Dr. Andrabi appealed to other tenants and users of the Waqf properties to make payment of rent as per the decision of the Waqf Board, the ultimate

aim and objective of which is the creation of due returns from the assets for the Waqf so that the amount is used for the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden people and also for creation of public welfare infrastructure which is expected from the new Board.

"Even after the hike as per the Rent Review Committee, all Waqf assets are still available to allottees on very low amounts as compared to the market rates", said Dr Andrabi.

Alok Kumar inaugurates Kala Utsav at Jammu

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JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar, on Wednesday inaugurated 3 day UT level Kala Utsav 2022 at Teacher Bhawan organized by the Samagra Shiksha, Department of School Education J&K.

The programme started with National Anthem followed by a cultural bonanza reflecting varied cultural flavours of different socio-geographical regions of J&K.

The students belonging to different districts, who performed best at divisional level Kala Utsav competitions, are participating in this 3 day event with mesmerizing performances. A total of 40 performances would be presented during the event. The best among them under various categories of art forms, one male and one female (in each category), shall be shortlisted for National level event which is scheduled to be held in the month of January, 2023 at Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

Principal Secretary congratulated all the participants and encouraged them to put in



Principal Secretary Education, Alok Kumar and others at inaugural ceremony of 3-day UT level Kala Utsav 2022 at Jammu.

their best efforts during the final performances at national level.

He informed that Government of India is implementing various schemes for providing better platforms to children for showcasing their talent in different fields. He stressed upon teachers and parents to avail maximum benefit out of these schemes for overall nurturing of children.

Principal Secretary reiterated that Pariksha Pe Charcha, is a part of larger movement 'Exam Warriors' led by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to create a stress free and comfortable atmosphere for

youngsters where unique individuality of each child is celebrated, encouraged and allowed to express itself fully. He regarded PPC as much awaited and joyful event for all.

Alok Kumar said that Nation is moving towards new directions under the innovative leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who shall be hosting the presidency of forthcoming G-20 Summit, which is matter of pride for every citizen of India. He said that young talent needs to be explored and School Education Department shall continue the exercise in the coming

days as well.

He appreciated the joint efforts of Samagra Shiksha and Directorates of School Education for the selections made at zonal, district and divisional level.

Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu, Director Finance Itikhar Hussain, Special Secretary, SED Nasir Wani and Parshotam Kumar, Joint Director SCERT, H R Pakhroo, Joint Director Planning and other officers of Samagra Shiksha, SED and SCERT were present on the occasion. Earlier, Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj Kanethia, present-

CCI lauds police for solving Gandhi Nagar dacoity case in a short time

Says Jammuites have full confidence in force

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JAMMU : The Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CCI) Jammu has congratulated the Jammu and Kashmir Police for solving the much hyped dacoity case targeting the Aggarwal family of Gandhi Nagar in a very short span of time.

In a meeting held at Chamber House here on Wednesday, Arun Gupta President CCI Jammu along with his office bearers Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President CCI, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President CCI , Gaurav Gupta, Secretary General, Rajesh Gupta Secretary and Rajesh Gupta Treasurer welcoming the development said that this has proved yet again that Jammu and Kashmir Police is second to none and its efforts especial-



President CCI Jammu, Arun Gupta chairing a meeting.

ly towards zeroing in on the culprits in the instant case deserve full appreciation.

He said that Police establishment has always been on the forefront and done played its role marvelously in a highly professional manner whether it is action on the crime front or the terrorism or onslaught against the drugs.

Moreover, it has been playing a significant role under

its Corporate Social Responsibility to serve the people of this sensitive region.

The Chamber President said that the people of the City of Temples have full confidence and faith in the professionalism of the J&K Police and are sure that they can live peacefully with the men in khaki being ever alert to respond to any emergent situation when required.

While offering salutations to police force, he expressed gratitude on behalf of the CCI and the people especially the business fraternity to the police establishment for solving the aforesaid case instantaneously.

It is pertinent to mention here that soon after the dacoity incident the CCI delegation had called on the ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh on 9th Dec besides also met SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli and demanded immediate arrest of culprits and booking them under law.

The ADGP had assured the delegation that the men and machinery of the police force is already on the job and the culprits would be identified and booked under law very soon.

STD launches online portal to monitor compliance of timely payment of GST by works contractors against payments made by Govt agencies

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JAMMU: On the directions of Commissioner State Taxes Dr. Rashmi Singh, the State Taxes Department (STD) in collaboration with NIC, J&K on Wednesday developed an Online Web application namely 'APNA TDS' portal to identify payment made to works contract service providers by DDOs through JKPaysys portal.

Currently DDOs are mandated to deduct a particular percentage of the tax payable at source while making payments above a particular threshold. Subsequently they have to file a monthly return for such deductions made.

However this deduction happens outside the GST system; as a result the GST System only has the information for those deductions against which return is filed by the DDO concerned.

Now Apna TDS portal gives the State GST department a window directly to the JKPaysys system to find as and when

TDS is done against work contract payments.

This information then can be followed up to ensure that the DDO concerned who has done TDS files the monthly return in time (by 10th of next month) and that the contractor concerned actually files his own return afterwards and clears the total tax liability besides the two percent deducted at source.

The initiative for designing of this portal was led by Shakeel Maqbool, Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Adm. and Inf.) Kashmir, while Sunil Bhagat, Programmer, State Taxes Department was the nodal officer of the department for coordinating with NIC on making the portal.

It is hoped that this portal when properly used will revolutionise the process of tax collection from works contractors and other taxpayers eligible for TDS. This in the long run will play a vital role in augmentation of tax revenues collected by the department.

Central Kashmir is epicentre for illegal mining, 238 people arrested this year: J&K Police

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Illegal mining that continues unabated in the Central Kashmir has endangered to natural beauty , besides posing threat to river beds and adjacent area. It poses risk to the retaining the natural beauty of the upper reaches of Budgam and Ganderbal Districts where hundreds of tippers are busy in day light loot of natural resources.

Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, the J&K Police said that recent in a major operation they arrested eight persons and seized as many vehicles, mostly trucks, in the district Budgam. As many as 238 people have been arrested

and 211 vehicles impounded in central Kashmir's Budgam district this year for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals from riverbeds and plateaus, police officials said.

The spokesperson said that cases under relevant sections of law were registered at respective police stations and investigations have been taken up. This year, so far, 92 cases have been registered in the district.

It is important to mention there that unabated mining has become a major environmental issue in the valley. It has a direct bearing upon the losses in the Union Territory. Many experts are of the opinion that illegal mining results in massive revenue loss to the

public exchequer. It is a fact that unregulated and illegal mining of minerals are undertaken without the proper permission from the concerned authorities.

According to the government's policy, mining cannot be carried out without proper permission, but mafia's are active without any kind of threat and fear.

Sources said, in view of following destruction , a complete ban should be imposed on mining in the Kashmir valley. The mining mafia, however, is engaged in the illegal activity right next to the foundation of natural resources.

A few local residents claimed that they had brought the issue to the notice of the mining authorities and the local

administration, but to no avail.

Despite tall claims by the local administration and the Mining Department, a large number of mules can be seen carrying extracted from these areas. The illegally mined material was transported on mules to certain points from where it was shifted to vehicles by the mining mafia for further sale, said, an environmental activist.

The government must come up with a proper policy on the extraction of minerals like sand in the UT and ensure that licenses are granted on the basis of merit. All vehicles ferrying the mineral illegally extracted or obtained must be seized by the law enforcement wings.

Implementation of Ease of Doing Business initiatives, status of e-Unnat reviewed



Secretary H&ME, Bhupinder Kumar chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Secretary, Health and Medical Education, (H&ME), Bhupinder Kumar, on Wednesday reviewed implementation of Ease of Doing Business (EODB) initiatives including status of e-Unnat in the Health and Medical Education Department.

Dr Shafqat Khan, Additional Mission Director, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission J&K briefed the Secretary that in H&ME Department, 17 services are being provided at District and State Level through online mode at present.

After detailed review, Secretary emphasized that main objective of providing the public services through online mode is to reduce compliance burden through G2B (Government to Business) and G2C (Government of citizen) services.

He issued on spot instructions to give wide publicity to these online services. He impressed upon the HODs to identify timelines for speedy disposal of all the cases in a time bound manner under the Public Service Guarantee Act. Secretary directed all the HODs to identify more services which can be incorporated under the PSG Act with timelines. He instructed the HODs to monitor the feed-back and grievance mechanism in order to create an efficient interface with the citizens.

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The borrowers, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of gold ornaments / security pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted. The auction is of the gold ornaments / security of borrowers who have defaulted to pay, as per the terms of Loan Agreement signed & accepted by them, despite notices by HDFC Bank Limited (the "Bank") to clear the loan dues. The Bank had also issued a notice to the borrowers whereby, 7 days' time was given to repay the entire outstanding dues in the below accounts, failing which Bank would be at liberty to auction the entire pledged gold security without issuing further notice. The borrowers have neglected and failed to make payment, therefore, Bank in exercise of its rights under the loan agreement as a pledgee has decided to enforce the pledge over gold security by selling the entire gold ornaments / security by way of auction and recover the dues owed by the borrowers to the Bank.

The auction will be conducted at below mentioned branch/s on 23rd December 2022 from 9:30 am onwards.

Loan No/ Reference No	Borrower's Name	Date of Loan	Overdue as on 31-12-2022	BRANCH
73320833	BHUSHAN SINGH	11/23/2021	131000	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
72333061	ROHIT SUDAN	12/12/2019	37000	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
73434066	NTISH SHARMA	3/2/2022	111400	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
73304939	MOHD SHARIEF	11/9/2021	96900	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
73692253	RANJEET SINGH	9/3/2022	103600	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73465919	RANJEET SINGH	3/29/2022	94200	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73339129	SHEIKH SHAHNAWAZ AHMED	12/7/2021	70200	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73174529	INITIN KAKURAM	8/11/2021	33800	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73464393	NISHU SHARMA	3/28/2022	25200	2558-BARI BRAHMANA-PRIME
73249995	SUSHEEL BAGAL	9/27/2021	12800	2558-BARI BRAHMANA-PRIME

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