

CS bats for making agri-allied sectors attractive with lucrative economic returns

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday impressed upon the officers of agriculture and allied sector to make the agriculture sector more attractive and remunerative with attractive economic returns for farmers.

He stated this while chairing a meeting to discuss the financial structuring of policy for holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors in Jammu and Kashmir here at Civil Secretariat.

He called for a multi pronged strategy as the sector is going through large scale interventions to increase farmers' income manifold and be more profitable.

He added that in order to achieve better results on ground, the department has to work in mission mode to facilitate farmers in such a way that he would sustain beyond government support at the end of five years or so.

He called upon the concerned that



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting.

J&K should become a role model as an UT.

He said any scheme becomes successful only if it is implemented well on the ground and added that there should be continuity for the implementation of these agricultural interventions on ground with clear withdrawal strategy so that farmers will reap maximum benefits even after external

support winds up for them.

Earlier, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dullo made a detailed presentation on envisioning robust growth in agriculture and allied sectors in the Union Territory of J&K.

The meeting held a threadbare discussion over the list of projects cleared by Apex Committee.

The meeting discussed development of seed and seed multiplication chain in PPP, promotion of niche crops in J&K, farm mechanization and automation in detail while deliberating over interventions, output, and outcome in particular sector.

Besides, the meeting held discussion on other projects already cleared by the apex committee for implementation in the UT.

While summing up the discussion, it was informed that with the infusion of Rs 5013 crore, the compound annual growth rate (CAGR) is projected to increase from Rs 37559 Crore/year (2.02%) to 65701 Crore/year at 11.08%.

It was given out that livelihood would be secured for 13 lakh farm families with additional SDGP of R 28,142 cr/year. Similarly, 18,861 additional enterprises would be created to generate additional 2.88 lakh jobs and skill development for over 2.5 lakh persons to be trained in agri-skills.



Member NCSC appreciates works of PMG Jammu

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JAMMU: Member of National Commission of Scheduled Castes Government of India, Dr Anju Bala conducted a review of matters related to the safeguards for Scheduled Castes in connection with Department of Posts, Jammu and Kashmir circle on Friday.

The review meeting was held in conference hall of Deputy Commissioner Office in presence of Rahul Pandey Deputy Commissioner of Kathua district and other senior officers.

Col Vinod Kumar Postmaster General Jammu along with his team of officials presented the report of position of SC officials in Jammu.

Dr Anju Bala reviewed the vacancy position in postal offices, roster management and system of settlement of public grievances related to the se officials.

Member appreciated the meticulous work done by the postal department and systematic record maintenance in respect of schedule caste officials.

Col Vinod Kumar explained that Postal Department has adapted the army system wherein officers take tea with their members of staff and also interact with them at least once in a fortnight. In this manner any official can discuss her/his grievance directly to the officer;



PGM Jammu, Col Vinod Kumar presenting customized Stamp to member NCSC Dr Anju Bala.

this method of 'Chai Pe Charcha' was appreciated by the Dr Anju Bala.

Other matters like reservation in promotion and direct recruitment were also discussed during the meeting and found all policies are implemented in Jammu and Kashmir circle.

Shahnawaz Khan Assistant Postmaster General, Vinod Kumar Postal Assistant, Ram Lal PA and Manoj Das Postal Assistant Jammu were also present in the review meeting.

Dr Anju also explained that the national commission has power to inquire about the specific complaints with respect to the deprivation of the rights and safeguards of the Scheduled Castes across the country.

Commission presents report to the president annually

and at such other times as the commission may deemed fit, reports upon the working of those safe guards.

Dr Anju Bala was found so pleased about the constitution of departmental committee system of postal department, in which one officer from Scheduled caste is mandatorily made a member, so that interests of SC officials can be protected properly.

SK Singh Director NCSC also intimated that grievance settlement mechanism should be in place so that if there is any problem then officials can bring into the notice of the senior officers.

Col Vinod Kumar Postmaster General Jammu presented a customized My Stamp with her photograph of the member Dr Anju Bala as a token of regards.

MD NHM presents National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate to UPHC Shastri Nagar



Mission Director, NHM J&K, Ayushi Sudan presenting NQAS certificate to Dr Ila Gupta, Medical Officer Incharge UPHC, Shastri Nagar.

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JAMMU: Mission Director, NHM J&K, Ayushi Sudan, on Friday presented National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) certificate to Dr Ila Gupta, Medical Officer Incharge UPHC, Shastri Nagar, Jammu, at State Health Society, Nagrota, Jammu.

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has accorded National Certification under National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) Programme to UPHC Shastri Nagar in recognition of high standards of quality in the hospital.

Pertinently, the quality of services being extended in the hospital has been assessed by a team of highly qualified and

empanelled assessors from the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the month of July, 2022. The National Certification will be valid for a period of three years subject to annual verification of the scores by the State Quality Assurance Committee.

UPHC Shastri Nagar shall receive an additional annual grant of Rs.3.00 lakh as part of NQAS certification for next three years under National Health Mission for further strengthening, following which there will be re-inspection.

Ayushi Sudan, while congratulating the staff of UPHC Shastri Nagar for this achievement, urged upon all Medical Colleges, District Hospitals and CHCs of J&K

to work hard for implementation of NQAS for improved patient care.

Elaborating on the achievement, Mission Director, NHM said that the certification has been accorded to UPHC Shastri Nagar, Jammu, in recognition of "high standards of quality and performance maintained by the hospital". He informed that all efforts are being made to strengthen the health care delivery system to the utmost satisfaction of general public under NHM.

Others present on the occasion were Rajini Charak, Director P&S, Abhishek Talwaria, FA&CAO, NHM, Dr Jitender Mehta, Programme Manager, Quality Assurance Programme, State Health Society, NHM.

Stern action will be taken against youth involved in cheap video shoot at Hazratbal: Dr Darakhshan

'We cannot tolerate vulgarity at our shrines'

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JAMMU: Chairperson of Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi has ordered the police authorities to take stern action against the youth who have shot the vulgar video in Dagah Hazratbal lawns and uploaded it on social media, hurting the public sentiment.

"We cannot tolerate such vulgarity at our spiritual shrines. Waqf Board has already issued orders for prior permission for all for any shoot in shrine complexes

and this cheap video shoot is in violation of the directive and is hurting the sentiments of the people. Such misdeeds cannot be tolerated at all. Action against Waqf staff on duty will also be initiated", said Dr Andrabi.

She appealed to the public also to report such mischievous acts immediately to the Police Or Waqf staff so that such elements are stopped from shooting such type of cheap videos.

"We will in no case allow such elements to play with the collective sentiments of the people in any case and such elements will be dealt with sternly", assured Waqf Board Chairperson.



Chairperson JKWB, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi.

Div Com holds meeting with Jammu Chamber of Commerce, discusses developmental issues

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on Friday held a meeting with Jammu Chamber of Commerce & Industries and concerned officers and discussed developmental issues and other issues concerning to the business community.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli; Additional Commissioner State Taxes, Ankita Kar; Transport Commissioner, Rahul Sharma; MD SIDKO, Raman Kesar; Deputy Director Planning, Munish Dutta; Joint Director Industries, Meenakshi Vaid; Officers of Banks, besides



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar interacting with JCCI members.

Secretary General CCI, Gourav Gupta; Vice President, Rajeev Gupta; Secretary, Rajesh Gupta and other members of Jammu Chamber of Commerce.

Threadbare discussions were held on the issues projected by the representatives of the Chamber related to overall development of Jammu city and welfare of the business community.

The representatives put

forth the issues being faced by the business community. The major demands discussed in the meeting included unsafe buildings in the warehouse area, early renewal of lease deeds by JDA, requirement of toilet complex in Hari Market, issues related to GST and other important matters.

Regarding renewal of lease deeds, the Div Com instructed JDA officers to streamline

the renewal mechanism to renew the leases so that business community/public do not face any inconvenience.

The CCI representatives also demanded that the ongoing work of pathways be avoided on the narrow roads, market areas. The Div Com asked CCI to make a list of such roads and share with JSCL for any amendments.

The Div Com gave a patient hearing to all issues

highlighted by the CCI representatives and issued on the spot directions to the concerned departments for resolving the same. He assured the Jammu Chamber that all the genuine issues would be looked into for their timely redressal.

The Departments also responded to the issues and queries projected by the business community.

The Div Com asked the officers of JDA, State Taxes and Industries to hold a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and resolve issues pertaining to their departments.

Responding to the demand of the Toilet Complex in Hari Market, the Div Com asked Commissioner JMC to look into the matter and meet the demand.

Dheeraj Gupta launches e-Services for transfer of JDA assets, other services



Principal Secretary, H&UD Dheeraj Gupta launching e-services.

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JAMMU: As part of "My Town My Pride 2.0" campaign, Jammu Development Authority (JDA) on Friday launched e-Services for transfer of JDA assets, application for permission to mortgage and application for permission for execution of conveyance deed.

The e-Services, formally launched by Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department and Chairman, JDA, Dheeraj Gupta, was a sequel to J&K

government's resolve of providing transparent and effective service delivery to the citizens at their doorsteps. With roll out of these e-services today, the allottees of various residential and commercial assets of JDA can avail the services from the comfort of their home, make related payments online and monitor status of their applications. With a view to provide Ease of Doing Business, JDA is already providing online processing of building permissions, change in land use, allotment of

plots, auction of commercial assets applications on its website www.jda.jk.gov.in apart from enabling the citizens to know their Master Plan Land use of any location in the Jammu Master Plan 2032 limits. All the above online services can also be accessed through a user friendly 'Jammu Development Authority' citizen mobile app which is available on android play store.

Principal Secretary appreciated various digital initiatives taken up by the Jammu Development Authority in recent past. He asked the officers to work hard towards complete digital Land Management System and real time building activity monitoring and control system. He exhorted upon them to focus on business process reengineering so as to deliver the e-services more effectively with enhanced transparency.

CAT stays appointment of Supdt GMC Jammu

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JAMMU: Central Administrative Tribunal Judicial Member Suresh Kumar Batra after hearing senior Adv Abhinav Sharma with Adv Supriya, stayed the operation of impugned Government order No. 771-JK (HME) of 2022 dated 31.10.2022 to the extent of adjustment/posting of Dr Narinder Singh Bhutyal as Medical Superintendent GMC, Jammu.

In the petition filed by Dr Rakesh Kumar Sharma seeking quashment of Govt. order No. 771-JK (HME) of 2022 dated 31.10.2022 by issuance of quo-warranto, whereby and where under respondent, who is substantively holding the post of Medical Officer and being a member of Jammu and Kashmir Medical (Gazetted) Service constituted under J&K Medical (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 1970 has been posted as Medical Superintendent in Govt. Medical College, Jammu in sheer violation of J&K Medical Education (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 1979, in as much as respondent no. 3 neither is eligible to hold the post of

Medical Superintendent, Govt. Medical College, Jammu nor could have been transferred from the post of Medical Officer to the post of Medical Superintendent and directed the official respondents to appoint/post only an eligible person to man the post of Medical Superintendent in Govt. Medical College, Jammu, who fulfils all the requirements of J&K Medical Education (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 1979 and since the applicant is the only eligible candidate to be promoted/posted as Medical Superintendent in Govt. Medical College, Jammu under the aforesaid Recruitment Rules, 1979, as such by issuance of a direction to respondent, who is required to be directed to consider and post the applicant as Medical Superintendent in Govt. Medical College, Jammu.

CAT after hearing senior Adv Abhinav Sharma for the petitioner whereas AAG Sudesh Magotra for UT, observed that it is to be noted that the dispute pertaining to the appointment to the post of Medical Superintendent in GMC,

Jammu was earlier also went for adjudication before the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir. CAT further observed that Sr. Counsel has assailed the order dated 31.10.2022 of Health and Medical Education Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, whereby temporary arrangement to the post of Medical Superintendent, GMC, Jammu has been assigned to Respondent. The said post of Medical Superintendent, GMC Jammu was fallen vacant due to superannuation of the then Medical Superintendent Dr A D S Manhas on 31.10.2022. He has argued that the post of Medical Superintendent under the said Rules of 1979 can only be filled up by promotion from Deputy Medical Superintendent only having 5 years experience as Deputy Medical Superintendent, whereas the Respondent is substantively holding the post of Medical Officer and was never selected and appointed as Deputy Medical Superintendent as required under 1979 Rules. It has been further argued that a Deputy Medical Superintendent, who is appointed in accordance with recruitment Rules,

1979 as Deputy Medical Superintendent having Post Graduation qualification in Surgery/Gynaecology or Medicine and other Clinical Subjects or Hospital Administration can either be directly recruited through Public Service Commission as Medical Superintendent or by deputation from Chief Medical Officers Cadre of J&K Medical (Gazetted) Service.

CAT observed that on the basis of facts of the case, Tribunal has to see whether the impugned order dated 31.10.2022 qualify the parameters prescribed under Rules 1979 as well as in consonance with the judgement dated 06.06.2005 (supra) passed by High Court. After considering the arguments advanced by both the parties and material on record, this Tribunal is of the view that the temporary arrangement made vide order dated 31.10.2022, whereby charge of post of Medical Superintendent, GMC Jammu has been assigned to Respondent Dr. Narinder Kumar Bhutiyal is not in accordance with the Rules of 1979 as well as not in consonance with the ratio of judgement dated 06.06.2005 passed

by High Court of Jammu & Kashmir, as Respondent is not having the post graduation qualification in Surgery/Gynaecology or medicine and other clinical subjects/Hospital Administration as stipulated in Schedule-III of the said Rules. As discussed herein above the appointment to the post of Medical Superintendent, GMC Jammu in UT of Jammu & Kashmir and erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir is governed by J&K Medical Education (Gazetted) Service Recruitment Rules, 1979. The source of appointment into service prescribed at Rule 5 is (a) by Direct Recruitment or (b) by promotion by selection in the manner as indicated against each post in Schedule-III. The Rule 7 of the said rules provides eligibility criteria for recruitment/promotion to post in the Medical Education Service. The relevant sub-rule 1 of Rule 7 of said rules reads as under-aperson shall not be eligible for recruitment/promotion to a post in the service unless he possesses the qualifications and fulfils the requirements of recruitment prescribed for that post in

Schedule II." The Schedule-III of the said rules provides for manner of recruitment for the post of Medical Superintendent. Therefore any arrangement contrary to the Rules of 1979 cannot be allowed to be continued.

The Deputy Medical Superintendent having five years experience in running hospital after post graduation is only eligible to be promoted as Medical Superintendent, whereas Respondent is merely holding the post of Medical Officer without having any experience of hospital administration. CAT further observed that the Respondent, who was appointed as Assistant Surgeon on 12.08.1997, is having the qualification of MBBS and PG Diploma in Sports Medicine and in view of above facts and circumstances of the case and judgements passed by Courts, prima facie a case for grant of interim relief is made out, stayed the operation of impugned Govt. Order No. 771-JK (HME) of 2022 dated 31.10.2022 to the extent of adjustment/posting of Respondent as Medical Superintendent GMC, Jammu till the next date of listing.

