

Controller, Legal Metrology holds meetings with industry, oil companies

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Controller Legal Metrology Jammu & Kashmir, Shiv Kumar Gupta held a series of important engagements on Tuesday, reaffirming the department's proactive, facilitative and consumer-centric approach.

These engagements included an interaction with the Bari Brahmana Industries Association (BBIA) and a high-level review meeting with Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).

During the meeting with a delegation of BBIA led by its President Lalit Mahajan, the delegation highlighted the need for simpler procedures, improved inter-departmental coordination and enhanced awareness of Legal Metrology provisions to ensure smooth, transparent and hassle-free compliance by industrial



Controller Legal Metrology J&K Shiv Kumar Gupta being felicitated.

units.

Responding constructively, the Controller assured that district officers of the Legal Metrology Department would organize quarterly awareness camps for industrial stakeholders. These camps will focus on briefing industries about updated provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, relevant Rules, and the Packaged Commodities Rules, with special emphasis on correct declarations, enrolment procedures and statutory obligations. He advised industries to strictly adhere to prescribed norms, emphasizing that compliance is not a constraint but a safeguard for both businesses and consumers. It was also appreciated that the rollout of GST 2.0 was smooth and effective, reflecting the strong coordination and collective efforts of department and stakeholders.

In a separate review meeting, the Controller assessed the functioning, compliance standards and consumer-oriented practices of Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). The meeting was attended by departmental officers led by the State-Level Coordinator, Himanshu Sharma, along with representatives of various OMCs. Detailed discussions were held on infrastructure readiness, supply-chain efficiency, accuracy in delivery and strengthening service mechanisms in the larger public interest.

The Controller advised OMCs to ensure prompt, transparent and effective grievances redressal for consumers. He also suggested the launch of a "Check and Fill" consumer awareness campaign across UT, aimed at

educating consumers about their rights relating to correct quantity and quality of fuel at petrol pumps.

Stressing safety as a top priority, he reiterated that strict adherence to prescribed safety norms at fuel retail outlets (Petrol Pumps) and LPG distribution points are non-negotiable.

Reaffirming the department's commitment, the Controller assured full institutional support to industries and service providers, while making it clear that all actions of the Legal Metrology Department will remain firmly guided by consumer interest, strict compliance with the Legal Metrology Act and Rules and the objective of promoting ease of doing business through clear, consistent and accountable regulation.

EOW files Chargesheet in Major Municipal Fraud Case

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BUDGAM: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Crime Branch Kashmir has presented a chargesheet before the Court of Special Judge Anti-Corruption, Srinagar in connection with FIR No. 03/2022, involving serious allegations of cheating, forgery, criminal conspiracy and abuse of official position.

The chargesheet has been filed under Sections 420, 468, 120-B RPC read with Section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act against three accused persons.

The accused include Gh. Mohi-ud-Din Dar, former President of Municipal Committee Budgam, son of Gh. Qadir, resident Khan Pora Budgam; Gh. Mohammad Mir, son of Ali Mohd Mir, resident of Budgam; and Abdul Majid Bhat, son of Mohd Akbar Bhat, resident of Budgam.

The case originated from a complaint alleging large-scale embezzlement and illegal allotment of a government-owned municipal building belonging to Municipal Committee Budgam. During investigation, it surfaced that the then President MC Budgam, by misusing and abusing his official position, conferred undue and wrongful benefits upon accused Gh. Mohammad Mir.

The allotment order pur-

portedly issued on the basis of a Municipal Committee resolution and approval from the Director Urban Local Bodies, Kashmir, was found to be forged and non-existent.

The investigation established that the accused entered into a criminal conspiracy and prepared fake documents, including a forged allotment order, without any lawful authority or approval. All three accused were examined during the course of investigation and admitted their role in execution of the partnership deed, dissolution deed, and issuance of the fake allotment order.

Based on substantial oral and documentary evidence collected during the probe, offences under Sections 120-B, 420 and 468 RPC stand established against all accused, while the former President MC Budgam has additionally been charged under Section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act for abuse of official position.

Accordingly, the chargesheet has been submitted for judicial adjudication.

SIR is not new, ongoing since 1952; Congress misleading people: Gaurav



BJP State Spokesperson, Gaurav Gupta speaking at a workshop.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: BJP State Spokesperson and Convener, International Affairs, Gaurav Gupta on Monday said that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is neither new nor unconstitutional, asserting that the exercise has been conducted repeatedly since 1952 under successive governments, including those led by the Congress.

Addressing a SIR awareness workshop organised at the BJP District Jammu office, chaired by District President Adv. Rajesh Gupta, Gaurav Gupta, the main speaker deputed by the BJP headquarters, accused the opposition of spreading misinformation to create fear among voters.

Gupta said SIR exercises were undertaken during the tenures of Jawaharlal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, P.V. Narasimha Rao, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Dr. Manmohan Singh, adding that in 2025 under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the same democratic process is continuing.

Explaining the purpose of SIR, he said it aims at Matdata Suchi Shuddhikaran by

detecting and deleting illegal names from electoral rolls. He asserted that illegal infiltrators, including Bangladeshi, Burmese and Rohingya nationals, have no right to vote in Indian elections.

Gupta accused the Congress of attempting to "normalize illegality" for electoral gains and alleged that misleading narratives were being created to oppose a lawful and constitutional process. He also rejected claims regarding changes in the Election Commission appointment process, stating that the BJP government made the process more transparent by including the Leader of Opposition following the 2023 Supreme Court judgment.

Citing historical instances, Gupta alleged that Congress has repeatedly undermined constitutional institutions and questioned them only after electoral defeats. "First they blamed EVMs, now SIR, and tomorrow they will blame the people," he said.

BJP State General Secretary Sanjita Dogra praised Gupta's factual presentation, while District President Rajesh Gupta said SIR is essential to protect the sanctity of democracy and ensure clean, infiltration-free elections.

Citizens Forum seeks Special Court for Super Senior Citizens

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A Citizens Forum has appealed to the Chief Justice of India and the Chief Justice of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh High Court to consider constituting a separate court for the exclusive hearing of cases involving super senior citizens above 80 years of age and issueless couples with no family support.

The Forum urged that such cases be listed at least once every seven days to ensure timely justice for elderly litigants who are in the final phase of their lives.

Members emphasized that prolonged litigation often denies justice to these vulnerable sections during their lifetime.

The Forum stated that elderly and childless couples face immense physical, emotional, and financial hardship while

pursuing legal remedies and deserve compassionate and expedited judicial attention.

Members of the Citizens Forum include Dr. R. Madaan, Dr. Sunita Puri, Dr. Sunanda Raina, Manjit Manocha, Sarita Oswal, Loveleen Chadha, Anil Anand (Senior Journalist, Hindustan Times), Anil Sharma (Ex-Chief Engineer), Ravinder Rekhi (Ex-Chief Engineer), Adv. Anil Sethi, Adv. Raghav Sahni, Daman Bhasin, V.K. Sethi, Sat Mehta, Sunny Dua, Sandeep Gupta Ex SR Chief Manager Canara Bank, Harbans Wahi, Tejinder Singh Manocha and R.K. Chad.

The Forum expressed hope that the judiciary would consider this humanitarian request in the larger interest of justice and dignity for senior citizens.

Unveils 108-ft high mast National Flag at Kachrial Tricolour symbol of freedom, self-respect, sacrifices: LG



Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha after unveiling 108-feet high mast National Flag at Kachrial in Akhnoor.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: On Vijay Diwas, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday unveiled the 108-feet high mast National Flag at Kachrial in Akhnoor.

The Lieutenant Governor paid homage to the martyrs, soldiers and officers, who made the country proud by their valour and sacrifice during 1971 war. He also felicitated the War Veterans and Veer Naris and saluted their courage and sacrifice for the nation.

"The land of Kachrial not only holds historical significance but it is also a holy land for the countrymen as every inch of this place gratefully remembers those brave soldiers who laid down their lives while guarding sovereignty and integrity

of the nation in 1965 and 1971 wars," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the General Officer Commanding, White Knight Corps (16 Corps), Lieutenant General PK Mishra of this very thoughtful gesture of installing the 108 feet high mast national flag. He also appreciated the Flag Foundation of India for its remarkable contribution in this historic initiative.

"May our beloved and victorious Tricolour fly high in the world. Our tricolour is a symbol of our freedom, of our self-respect, and of sacrifices and martyrdom. Together, we should march to achieve the lofty vision of making India a Developed

Nation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Shri Satish Sharma, Minister for Youth Services & Sports, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Science & Technology, Information Technology, ARI & Trainings; Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Northern Command; Lt Gen P K Mishra, GOC White Knight Corps (16 Corps); Maj Gen HS Brar GOC 10 RAPID; Brig. Dayanand Sharma, Commander Pallanwala Brigade, Maj. Gen. Ashim Kohli (Retd), Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Flag Foundation of India; senior officials; War Veterans, Veer naris and students were present.



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Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
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Chair Car (CC):	715
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,320
Booking:	Available on IRCTC
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Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC):	660
Executive Chair Car (EC):	1,270
Booking:	Available on IRCTC

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