

# Chief Commissioner of Income Tax Amritsar, former Ministers; DSS, FCIK delegations meet LG

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Amritsar, Poonam Khaira Sidhu on Thursday called on Lieutenant Governor; Manoj Sinha here.

During the interaction, discussions were held on functioning and establishment of new ASK Centres (Aaykar Seva Kendra) in J&K, besides effective implementation of flagship scheme viz 'Vivad Se Vishwa' aimed at reducing Income Tax pending litigation, generating timely revenues for the Government and helping the taxpayers to end their tax disputes with the department by paying disputed tax and get waiver from payment of interest and penalty. Meanwhile, a delegation of Dogra Sadar Sabha led by its President & former Minister, Th. Gulchain Singh Charak called on the Lt



Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Amritsar, Poonam Khaira Sidhu interacting with Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha.

Governor and submitted a memorandum of demands and issues outlining the issues regarding protection and preservation of the Dogra heritage and culture, including conservation of Mubarak Mandi Palace complex; maintenance of Martyrs' memorials and protection of natural heritage. The members of the delegation also drew Lt Governor's attention on other issues pertaining to develop-

ment and promotion of tourism sector in Jammu region, creation of modern facilities for the visiting tourists and conservation of heritage structures. The Lt Governor, while interacting with the members of the delegation, observed that the UT Government is laying special emphasis on conservation and restoration of J&K's glorious heritage, besides creating a robust tourism infrastructure for development of tourist

spots and heritage places. Later, Deputy Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Advocate Purnima Sharma, who is also Chairperson of the JMC Standing Committees of "Housing for All" and "Skill Upgradation and Self Employment", projected the issues related to affordable housing accommodation to Economically Weaker Section and Low Income Groups under PMAY, besides extension of other subsidized schemes.

A delegation of Federation Chamber of Industries Kashmir led by its President, Shahid Kamili presented various issues and demands pertaining to marketing support to industrial units; boosting the demands of goods manufactured and processed by MSMEs; export oriented units, poultry and agri sector; revival

and rehabilitation of sick units. Sh. Baseer Khan, Advisor to the Lt Governor was also present during the interaction.

Similarly, Daleep Singh Parihar, former MLA apprised the Lt Governor about various development issues of Doda area pertaining to promotion of tourism sector; strengthening of road network; augmentation of water supply and education sector. The Lt Governor gave a patient hearing to the issues and demands projected by the members of the delegations and assured them to address their concerning issues on merit.

Reiterating Government's commitment for promotion of the business sector in J&K, the Lt Governor said that several reforms have been introduced to help business and industrial sectors flourish in J&K.



# Director FCSCA Jammu inspects Fair Price Shops

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Director Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Jammu, Jatinder Singh on Thursday conducted surprise inspections of Fair Price Shops (FPS) to check the compliance of guidelines and norms by the dealers of Jammu Rural-II for delivery of food grains under Public Distribution System.



Director FCS&CA Jammu, Jatinder Singh along with others during surprise inspection of a Fair Price Shop.

The Director was accompanied by Assistant Director Jammu Rural-II, Vipan Bhagat and other officials of FCS&CA department. The Director visited FPS at Chatha Barjala and adjoining remote areas of Jammu West Circle.

He conducted the tour primarily to assess the implementation of online Aadhaar Authentication through electronic point of sales machines (epos) installed at every fair price shops and implementation of Aadhar seeding especially through electronic point of sale machines.

During the checking, the

Director was informed about few challenges being faced while operating epos devices.

He directed the concerned officers to take necessary exercise to ensure its smooth functioning and to take immediate necessary corrective measures to ensure total implementation of real-time Aadhaar authentication mode for distribution of food grains.

At present, nearly four lakh beneficiaries are enrolled under various categories including Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Priority

Household (PHH) ration cards and Non-Priority Household (PHH) ration cards in Jammu Rural-II.

Director also directed the concerned officers to ensure that all the prescribed information is displayed on the boards of all FPS and ensure that no laxity will be tolerated on the part of "erring" FPS dealers.

He directed the officers to conduct surprise visits more frequently and ensure that hundred percent sales are recorded through epos machines for the ongoing month.

# Cooking Gas Refill rates changed

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The Legal Metrology Department (LMD) on Thursday issued renewed rate of refill LPG cylinders (Domestic type 14.2Kg) with effect from 4th February, 2021 for all the districts of the Kashmir division.

As per the official hand-out, the rate of refill LPG cylinders (Domestic type 14.2Kg) at district Srinagar, Budgam, Pulwama, Anantnag, Kulgam, Bandipora, Ganderbal has been fixed at Rs 835 by Oil Marketing Companies (OMC). For places Baramulla, Pahalgam, Dooru the refill rate of cooking gas is Rs 843.50 and for district Kupwara, it is Rs 852.

The consumers have been advised to ask the delivery-boy of cooking gas to conduct weight-check and leak-check before delivering the refill cylinder. Moreover, consumers should ask for the cash-memo carrying price of the refill gas. In case of any complaint, the department may be reached on toll-free number 1800-180-7114 during office hours.

Meanwhile, the LMD has booked 03 LPG distributors during the month of January for overcharging on refill cylinders. Besides it has also conducted 1312 market inspections in which 161 erring traders were booked for which a penal sum of Rs 6.00 lakh was collected.

# CB takes action against proclaimed offender; R K Finance proprietor's property attached

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Tightening noose



JAMMU: Tightening noose around absconders as well as those evading cooperation in investigation of criminal cases, Crime Branch Jammu on Thursday attached property of proclaimed offender Rakesh Kumar Gupta, proprietor of R K Finance and A K Traders.

As per CB spokesperson, acting tough against notorious criminals and upholding faith and integrity on criminal justice system, the Crime Branch Jammu got initiated proceedings under Sections 82 & 83 of CrPC against accused absconder, Rakesh Kumar Gupta, son of Tara Chand Gupta, resident of House No. 201, City Chowk, Jammu and got his property attached through the Court of 2nd Additional Sessions Judge Jammu in FIR 261/2000 under Sections 420, 467, 468, 406, 201, 120-B of

RPC at Police Station Pacea Danga-Jammu (investigated by Crime Branch Jammu).

Giving details, the official said that accused along with other co-accused are involved in commission of crime of defrauding and duping people of their hard earned money to tune of Rs 65 lakh by way of inducement on pretext of providing higher rates of interest on their deposits in name of private finance companies viz R K Finance and A K Traders in Jammu City. The investigation of the case was closed as proved by Crime Branch Jammu and charge-sheet was produced in the Court on February 19, 2002. The accused did not turn up before the Court during trial of case, as such proceedings under Section 512 of CrPC were initiated and arrest warrant was issued by the Court for his arrest. However, the accused kept absconding for a very long

period as such proceedings of declaring him as proclaimed offender were initiated by Crime Branch Jammu. The accused failed to appear before the Court within a stipulated time frame following his declaration as proclaimed offender by the Court of Law. Thus acting tough, Crime Branch Jammu resorted to legal proceedings of attachment of his property through the Court of 2nd Additional Session Judge Jammu and Court issued orders for attaching property of absconder on January 30, 2021, he added.

The spokesperson further said that during period from July 2019 to till date, Crime Branch has executed 14 arrest warrants under Section 512 Cr PC in respect of 14 absconders. Moreover, regarding arrests affected in investigation of cases, Crime Branch Jammu has arrested more than 40 accused persons during last two years, he added.

# LG Mathur reviews working of Leh, Kargil Renewable Energy Development Authorities

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

LEH: Lt Governor of Union Territory of Ladakh, R.K Mathur reviewed the departments of Leh Renewable Energy Development Authority and Kargil Renewable Energy Development Authority. The meeting was attended by Advisor Umang Narula, Secretary Ravinder Kumar, Deputy Commissioner Kargil, ADC Leh, and heads of concerned departments.

With the vision to achieve Carbon Neutrality in Ladakh, LG Mathur directed both the bodies to work for replacement of all DG sets with renewable energy sources within a set timeframe. Further, LG Mathur asserted that the replace-

ment must cater to all requirements such as heating, cooking and not be limited to just lighting.

LG Mathur directed the departments to evaluate the capacities available energy sources - wind, hydro, geo-thermal etc and to submit an analysis of the required land for the establishment of new projects. The meeting also deliberated upon completing installation of solar pumps for the purposes of drinking and irrigation as well as for space heating. LG Mathur urged them work towards bridging the gap between the present installed capacity and the output produced and directed to undertake projects with the sole purpose of benefiting the people.

# Power shutdown

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that to execute various development works, the power supply to Balli Gulaba, Nathal, Jalada, Sandal, Ghar, Majhoor, Dori, Dager and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 05 and 07 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Similarly, the power supply to Rabta, Mathwar, Sarote, Ranjan, Mawa and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 05 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Likewise, the power supply to Udhampur, Ramnagar, Chenani Army and Airforce will remain affected on February 05 and 07 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that for replacement of old/obsolete/damaged 66 KV CT and 66 KV PT, the power supply to Keerian Local, Ramnagar, Keerian Industry and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 07 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Similarly, to carry out the work of replacement/installation of 33 KV isolator at 33/11 KV Receiving Station Phinter by M/s Barelays Electrical Engineers, the power supply to Bhaddu, Billawar, Mandi, Lahri-Bathri, Deval, Chanera, PHE and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 06 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

# J&K H&ME Deptt. has some threads even in PSC/Exam-WT/MO/2020/6 of 14-12-2020 for taking leads

## J&K Health services & Medical Education - An immediate Overview of Demands & Status

**DAYA SAGAR**

In the recent J&K Government Order No 938- JK(HME) of 2020 Dated 31-12-2020 appointing 459 Medical Officers (Gazetted Service, in the pay Level-9, Scale 52700-166700) for field duty while justifying the need creating substantive gazetted posts of medical officers Government also makes reference of Art-47 of COI (Part-IV) Directive principles of State Policy), Art-21 & Apex Court decisions like that Paschim Banga Khet Mazdoor Samity v/s State of West Bengal, AIR 1996 SC 2426: (1995)6 SCC 213 to impress upon the duty of State for providing quality health educations & health cover to common man. The said order is based on the recommendations made by J&K Public Service Commission (PSC) under number PSC/Exam-WT/MO/2020/6 of 14-12-2020 where in a select list of 642 MOs (but recommendations for 183 candidates with held ) a wait list of 232 candidates (recommendations for 64 kept withheld) had been submitted. The select list could be put to many questions and so could be actions of the Government too like (1) when some candidates could not be recommended for appointment how have they been selected by PSC ? (2) why has not PSC put 168 waiting list candidates in select list instead of blocking positions for 183 disputed eligibility candidates?



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meant for treating human lives ? and like.

The question (7) surely is very important for health services where no compromise can be made with the treatment to be given to a patient, that too where no 2nd support is available to a doctor in distant field hospitals / dispensaries.

Can the levels of competence be relaxed for services where safety of human life is directly involved? Answer would be surely not (it could be at entry to MBBS degree course & not beyond).

And to add to all that question No (8) that could be asked is that even when 2584 candidates had submitted applications but still PSC could not find eligible candidates meeting requirements of Rule-51 of PSC (Business and Procedure) Rules 2005 which also includes the minimum academic performance slated for public services, should not government concentrate more on the quality

of faculty / training infra available in medical colleges than simple opening new medical colleges?

To quote in J&K 5 new Government Medical Colleges were sanctioned for J&K when Gulam Nabi Azad was Union Minister in UPA-II Govt and it has been learnt that political overtones have already been made somewhere from 2019 through 2020 for opening 2 more Government Medical Colleges in J&K. Whereas the position regarding the 5 medical colleges sanctioned in 2013-14 is that hardly 3 colleges are operational so far and there too the faculty, even at many senior level is on contractual basis, regular posts are being filled up by appointing retired professors from Government Medical College Jammu or Srinagar ( the new colleges are in Kathua , Rajouri, Doda , Anantnag, Baramulla ) and JMC/SMC senior professors are mostly settled in Jammu/ Srinagar cities) .

Not only that even the Principals of the new Medical Colleges are being appointed from the faculty of JMC/SMC either by reappointment or even by relaxing the experience / administrative needs for a Medical College and that too where a new Medical College is being just established which requires high order professional/ administrative experience, typical management skills and ofcourse extra administrative acumen / capabilities which a normal professor in a medical college and that too from a non clinical side may not have simply on the basis of rank .It has also been learnt that Sr doctors with higher qualifications working in the Health Department are also being taken as Asst. Professors / Associate Professors/ Professors in new medical colleges which too needs reconsideration since teaching the under gradu-

ate classes does require academic approach / experience which cannot be compensated simply with field experience ( in general less contact with library / research/academics). Seniors from the field could be paid salary as per their experience but policy of placing them at senior faculty level needs review. Position has not changed even after J&K having become a UT and hence the academics too is going to suffer.

Why cannot J&K Government open the appointment to people from outside J&K?

Why cannot Government take the young Doctors with PG/ Super specialisation ( agile & upto date with research) qualifications working in the field for new GMCs at lecturer level ?

Hope LG UT of J&K Manoj Sinha kindly takes leads from the J&K PSC communication PSC/Exam-WT/MO/2020/6 of 14-12-2020 addressed to Administrative Department J&K H&ME conveying that PSC could not find eligible candidates fulfilling requirements even for Rule-51 of PSC (Business and Procedure) Rules 2005 which also includes the minimum academic performance slated for public services and questions discussed her for taking remedial measures ensuring quality educational standards /guide levels in the existing & new medical colleges keeping the interests of trainee students & community they have to serve instead of opening more colleges and the colleges simply becoming a place for providing employment/ promotions to retired/ exiting faculty.

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# Dr Darakhshan asks Chandigarh, Punjab to initiate action against illegal occupation of Waqf land, assets

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Thursday led the Waqf Audit Panel visiting Punjab to conduct audit of accounts and assets of Chandigarh UT Waqf Board and Punjab State Waqf Board.

Accompanied by CWC Member Dr Mohammad Khurshid Warsi, Dr Darakhshan audited the property records, account-books and other assets of Chandigarh UT Waqf Board and Punjab Waqf Board at Chandigarh.

She instructed the In-charge of Chandigarh UT Waqf Board Meghana Verma and Chairman of PWB Junaid Raza Khan to ensure digitization of the complete records, accounts and property-details within a year.

She also instructed the Board authorities to initiate legal action against all illegal occupations of Waqf properties in Punjab.

Dr Andrabi said that earlier governments used the Waqf assets and properties for their political benefits and with the help of the political power allotted huge



Dr Darakhshan Andrabi interacting with officials.

properties and land illegally to the people who were politically connected with the ruling parties.

"During the last seven years, Central Waqf Council has been fighting hard to recover the grabbed land and properties of Waqf throughout the country. Thousands of cases have been filed against those illegal occupants and grabbers who have been politically connected. At times people accuse us of vendetta but we don't care. We want Waqf properties and assets back under the Waqf Control," said Dr Darakhshan Andrabi.

She took a dig at the oppo-

sition parties who are posing as secular on one hand but on the other have been looting the minority assets and misusing them for their political benefits.

Dr Darakhshan said that she was very happy about the excellent record keeping of the Punjab Waqf Board and praised Junaid Raza Khan for his dynamic and visionary efforts for the revival of Waqf in the State.

Dr Andrabi later visited Sarhind Sharief Ziarat complex to take stock of management at the ground level. She also talked to the Zayreen and had a meeting with the senior citizens of the area.

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