

Fard Intikhabs, Mutation to be given online soon: CS

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JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Monday said that the ongoing digital transformation of revenue administration will bring openness and speed in the decision making and improve the delivery of service in next three months.

He said that the issues of land demarcation and incorporation of new entries in the land records have always been the cause of concern and the ongoing digitization of land records will fully address these concerns.

Dr. Mehta said that adoption of digital technologies in revenue department will facilitate online provision of fard intikhabs and mutations and also ensure that no transaction is done in the land records of the land owners without their knowledge.

He made these comments in the review meeting of UT

Capex of the Revenue Department, which was attended, amongst others, by Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Shaleen Kabra, and Commissioner Secretary, Revenue, Vijay Kumar Biduri.

Earlier FCR, Revenue informed that all tehsildars/naib tehsildars will be provided laptops, while the officers down below will be provided tabs for automation of mutations etc. to help improve the overall working of the department at the cutting edge level.

He said switch to mobilize governance is also being contemplated and a mobile app will be developed shortly to support the land transactions on the smartphones.

Commissioner Secretary, Revenue informed that the digital hardware for revenue governance at the leading edge level will be in place by March, 2022, and for sus-

tained momentum, necessary financial support for the purpose will be ensured during the next year as well.

The Chief Secretary directed for ensuring that laptops/tabs are given to the identified revenue functionaries within scheduled time, while further adding that an appropriate mobile app should also be developed to facilitate mobile govern-

ance. He directed the department to ensure that one room in patwar khanas in each patwar halqa is reserved for patwaris for public meetings for at least two hours for four days in a week.

He further directed to ensure that the names of tehsildars/naib tehsildars/girdawars/patwaris and their mobile numbers are permanently displayed on the walls of these buildings along with helpline numbers to enable the visi-

tor(s) to lodge their complaints on these help lines in case the revenue officials/patwaris are not available for public meetings.

Reiterating his earlier directions, Dr. Mehta asked the department to ensure that land passbooks are distributed to the land owners in two districts, Jammu and Srinagar, by 31st, March, 2022 and to all the land owners in the remaining district by 15th August, 2022.

Saying that the mechanism of addressing the complaints of the land owners has to be strengthened within the departments, the Chief Secretary directed for setting up dedicated 24X7 revenue help lines besides designating a WhatsApp number of an officer at an appropriate level in the department exclusively for receiving the complaints/suggestions/input s from the land owners.

The Chief Secretary said

that the department should re-align its spending focus on creating an enabling digital ecosystem instead of setting up physical infrastructure in the shape of buildings etc.

Dr. Mehta advised the department to ensure that the UT's own software of digitization of the revenue records is made a part of service plus and also integrated with RAS.

He said that this software application in time would need to be converged with the NIC software for digitalization of land records.

The Chief Secretary further directed the department to launch awareness campaigns for not only educating the people about the ongoing digital transformation, but also for urging them to register their Aadhaar/mobile numbers with the departments for benefitting from the e-services in the department.



Police foils protest march by 'Jal Shakti' daily-wagers demanding regularization in Jammu



Jal Shakti Department daily-wagers being intercepted by police during protest rally.

ACB nabs Village Level Worker red-handed while accepting bribe

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JAMMU: The sleuths of Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) have arrested one Mohammad Yaqoob Kambay, Village Level Worker, Rural Development Department (RDD), Lar, Ganderbal for demanding and accepting bribe Rs 3,000 for issuance of information under RTI Act. As per an official spokesperson, the ACB received a complaint wherein it was alleged that in lieu of providing information in respect of developmental works at village Anderwan, RDD Block Lar, Ganderbal under RTI Act in favour of complainant, one Mohammad Yaqoob Kambay, a Village Level Worker in village Anderwan, Block Lar, Ganderbal is demanding a bribe of Rs 3,000. "On receipt of complaint, FIR No. 10/2022 under sections 7 of PC Act of 1988 read with 120-B of IPC was registered at Police Station ACB Srinagar and investigation started. Subsequently, a trap-team was constituted which caught Mohammad Yaqoob Kambay, red-handed, while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 3,000 from complainant," the official said. The accused was arrested and taken into custody by ACB and bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses, said official, adding that further investigation is going on.

It's dissection not delimitation, party to submit detailed objections: Congress

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JAMMU: Congress has strongly reacted to the final draft of delimitation and said it is dissection not delimitation, totally ignoring the ground realities and parameters.

Reacting to the final draft report, the JKPC has strongly rejected most of the recommendations as against the settled norms, public convenience and ground realities of connectivity and communications while dissecting the several assembly constituencies besides creating Anantnag-Rajouri-Poonch con-

stituency, against the topographical geographical and ground situations.

The party shall submit its detailed objections after getting feedback from the ground leaders and general public from each assembly constituencies, he added urging the people for struggle against grave injustice to different regions and areas.

He cited the example of Sunderbani-Nowshera, Kalakote which have been dissected arbitrarily against all physical features, geographical and administrative norms.

JKPC chief spokesper-

son Ravinder Sharma has said that in view of large reactions, the commission was expected to revisit and review its draft before putting it in public domain but it has not heard the voice of people from different areas in public domain.

The commission has least bothered for the aspirations, public convenience and ground realities of connectivity and communications while dissecting the several assembly constituencies, he added urging the people for struggle against grave injustice to different regions and areas.

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JAMMU: Police on Monday foiled a march by hundreds of Jal Shakti Department daily wagers towards Raj Bhawan here to submit a memorandum in support of their various long-pending demands including their regularization, officials said. The agitated workers assembled at Jal Shakti headquarters at B C Road in the heart of the city and came out in a procession, chanting slogans in support of their demands, the officials said.

The protesters, who had come from different districts of the Union Territory including Srinagar, made repeated attempts to move towards the Raj Bhawan according to the scheduled programme, but were prevented by the policemen who formed a human chain, the officials said.

Shyambir persuaded the protesters to hand

over the memorandum of their demands to him and assured that he will take up the matter with senior officers. After more than two-hours of persuasion, the protesters returned to their headquarters but threatened to intensify their agitation if their demands were not met.

"We have been serving the department for the last 25 to 30 years on a meagre amount. We want fulfilment of the long-pending demands like regularization, implementation of the Minimum Wages Act and release of pending salaries," said Dinesh Sharma, one of the leaders of Public Health Engineering (PHE) employees united front.

The additional deputy commissioner said he cannot set any time-frame but "will perform my duty with responsibility and will ensure that the memorandum of demands reaches the concerned officials and a meeting between the two sides takes place." Over 60,000 daily wagers, casual labourers and other workers performing their duties in various departments are regularly holding protests in both Jammu and Srinagar to press for their demands.

Untamed Nullahs in Ward-74: Inhabitants forced to suffer colossal losses as Govt in deep slumber

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JAMMU: Contrary to claims, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has failed to tame three untamed Nullahs passing through Ward-74 with the one amid Chowadhi playing spoilsport every rainy season as people suffered massive losses due to inundation. It is pertinent to mention that due to lack of drainage system at Chowadhi in Tehsil Bahu, District Jammu, people are facing severe problems. The Government seems to be careless with regard to construction of proper embankments of these Nullahs leading to flooding in areas falling downstream. The people living in aforesaid ward, after facing devastation in the monsoon season, had approached concerned authorities including Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) seeking protection walls and covering the Nullahs to avoid any kind of mishap but to no avail as those responsible for looking after these drains seem to be benumbed and not interested in doing anything to bail out people



from this trouble which is hanging like sword of Damocles. As these drains have catchment areas located in Sainik Colony, Gujjar Nagar and Jalalabad areas of Ward-74, recent heavy rainfall some months back has wreaked havoc in the aforesaid colonies inflicting massive losses to residents.

In this context, a local, Ramesh Kumar informed that one family of Sainik Colony had suffered a loss upto Rs 2 lakh as their furniture and other household items were damaged

due to floods after incessant rainfall about four months ago. Till date, affected family has not received any financial assistance from administration. Besides Sainik Colony, the people of Gujjar Nagar and Jalalabad also suffered huge losses due to overflowing of the aforesaid Nullahs thus making the life of people a virtual hell especially during Monsoon season when rains occur quite often.

The Councilor said that Ward-74 is a big ward comprising Sainik Colony, Chowadhi, Sunjwan, Bathindhi and Gujjar Colony localities and such kind of indifferent attitude shown by concerned agencies is uncalled for and needs to be rectified immediately. He appealed to the Deputy Commissioner and JMC Commissioner to upgrade these Nullahs and cover the same as dismal condition of these drains can invite trouble especially during floods.

DDC Marh Balbir Lal joins BJP



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina and other leaders welcoming DDC Marh Balbir Lal in party fold.

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JAMMU: DDC Marh Balbir Lal joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in presence of a massive gathering of prominent political and social personalities from Marh at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina accompanied by DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan, former Cabinet Minister Sukhmandan Choudhary, BJP SC Morcha President Prof. Gharu Ram, DDCs Suresh Sharma, Geetu Aulakh, Vidhya Mottan, Sharda Bhau, BJP Secretary Vikas Choudhary, Shakti Sharma, Harjeet Singh, Sham Lal and others welcomed Balbir Lal into the party fold.

Ravinder Raina welcoming Balbir Lal into the party fold expressed happiness that he has returned back to the family. He said that today, impressed by the policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi every person is coming to the family and said that it always gives the immense pleasure that our own family member returns to the family.

He said that the way Modi has served the masses with the plethora of welfare schemes like Ayushman Bharat Card, help the needy in Covid marred time, e-Shram cards and many others that have directly benefitted the masses.

He said that the development process is at its peak in Jammu & Kashmir with new hospitals, educational institutions and other development

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Khour, Phariwal, Jogwan and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 15 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Reasi, Katra and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 16 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Jagti, IIT, Panjgarian, Nagrota, Bamyal, Marh, Migrant Colony, PHE Hospital, Jagti Town, Kattal, Battal, Sainik School and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 16 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Akhmoor, Tanda, Jourian, MES Pargwal, Ranjan and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 17 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Old Gool, Sangaldan etc shall remain affected on March 16 from 10 am to 4 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Industrial area, EPIP, New Katholi Industries, Bari Brahmana Industries and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 15 from 9 am to 3 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Keerain, Local, CNC, Keerain Industry and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 16 and 17 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Main Bazar Kathua, District Court, Jarai, RTIC Basantpur, MES Lakhnupur, Dhanna, Thein and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 15 from 9.30 am to 12 noon.

Patel Nagar, Shiva Nagar, ChackLudan, GMC Kathua, Police Line, CTM-II, Knit Fab, MD Enterprises, SICOP, Old Industrial area and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 15 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to SIDCO, Industrial Area Ghati and Kathua shall remain affected on March 16 from 9 am to 3 pm.

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Former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta starting development work.

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JAMMU: Sonia Gandhi's offer to resign in Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting is nothing but an old ploy to hoodwink people once again as the captain of the oldest party of the country doesn't want to shift the stand of transforming Congress from a dynastic party to democratic. This was stated by senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta in a statement issued to media persons flaying the Congress leader over her remark on giving sacrifice for the party.

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The BJP stalwart said that Sonia Gandhi's offer is a replay of the old drama which she 'traditionally' enacts every time.

Meanwhile, Kavinder Gupta started slab work of a hall at Ward No 47 with an estimated cost of Rs 23 lakh at Barodi Mohalla Kachha Talab Bahu Fort. District President Vinay Gupta, Anil Kumar Corporator, Darshan Abrol, Baldev Datta, Nishu Naraini, Chabeel Singh, Narinder Singh, Kishore Singh, Goverdhan Singh, Surjeet Singh, Kabla Singh, Yashpal Singh, Vikram Singh and Pawan Sharma were also present on the occasion.

Later, the senior BJP functionary also started blacktopping work at Ratnachak village worth Rs. 65 lakh at Ward No 68 in presence of Corporator Sharda Devi, Vivek Patyal, Rajiv Charak, Dalbir Singh, Sunit Bajrangi, Surinder Patyal and Purshotam Saryara. Continuing with his whirlwind tour, Kavinder Gupta later visited Government Middle School Ratnachak and met staff and students. The school staff apprised him about the functioning of the school and demanded two new rooms for proper functioning of the institution. After assessing the genuineness of the demand, Kavinder assured to fulfill their demand at the earliest.

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