

# CS inaugurates workshop on Digilocker, UMANG

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, inaugurated a one day workshop on Digilocker and UMANG at the Convention Center here on Thursday.

Principal Secretary General Administration Department, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, accompanied the Chief Secretary.

Director Digi Locker and UMANG, Debabrata Nayak, was also present at the occasion.

The workshop, organized by the Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA), Department of Information Technology, in collaboration with National e-Governance Division (NeGD), was aimed at to educate functionaries of the UT about the flagship digital services of India- Digilocker and UMANG.

Chief Secretary said that J&K has already taken lead in introduction of e-services in its functioning and now ranks second countrywide in implementation of e-Office. Due to its endeavors and other strategic policies, the government has been suc-



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing one-day workshop.

cessful in delivering quality digital services besides continuing addition of more services to facilitate the population, he added. He said that the government is capable of efficient data handling and that the system must strive towards improving digital services.

Highlighting the benefits of digital services, Chief Secretary said that this vital utility eliminate the scope of error and corruption in delivery of public services. These would automate a lot of mundane procedures and would eventually require less manual intervention, he added.

Chief Secretary informed

that at present 173 online services are being provided to citizens of the region and directed the IT department and officers from JaKeGA to identify more services to be rolled out in the UT subsequently.

Chief Secretary encouraged the possibility of seamless integration of PARICHAY authentication service of Government of India with online services of J&K. He also called for incorporation of a payment gateway for facilitating easy submission of fees etc.

Chief Secretary asked the JaKeGA to map out all public services and prepare

detailed project reports for incorporating them on the 'universal set of citizen services'. He also asked for launching 50 critical services in mobile format within three months. He exhorted upon the respective officers to gather people's feedback on their services through online as well offline mode.

We hope to eliminate all scope of corruption with the introduction of digital services. The society is passing through an era of rapid transformation and therefore need to make the best use of latest technologies to provide hassle-free, corruption free services to the public', main-

tained the Chief Secretary.

Meanwhile, Chief Secretary discussed in detail various aspects of digital services, their streamlining and on boarding of J&K specific services on the UMANG and Digilocker platforms with Director Digi Locker and UMANG.

Those present at the event included Secretary IT Department, Premna Puri; CEO JaKeGA, Amit Sharma; officers from NeGD among other officers from J&K.

All the sessions throughout the Workshop were open to interaction in which officers of various departments deliberated upon respective challenges faced by them and discovered solutions for same through NeGD experts' contributions.

The workshop culminated in the evening with the distribution of participation certificates amongst all the participants and organising team members who resolved to become master trainers for their respective departments after attending this reformative IT conference organised by JaKeGA in J&K.

## Workshop on 'GeM Procurement & Supply Chain Management' inaugurated



ACS, H&ME, Vivek Bhardwaj addressing the workshop.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Medical Supplies Corporation Limited on Thursday organized a workshop on "GeM Procurement and Supply Chain Management (DVDMS)" at Udhvyog Bhawan here.

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Health and Medical Education (H&ME), Vivek Bhardwaj, inaugurated the workshop which was participated by Chief Medical Officers, Block Medical Officers, Chief Accounts Officers besides dealing assistants of all the districts of Jammu province.

ACS, in his inaugural speech, described how GeM has revolutionized the government purchase and how important it is to learn the GeM procurement system. He expressed hope that the participants would optimally utilize their expertise gained out of this workshop for further streamlining of their working system. Managing Director, JKMSCL, Dr. Yashpal Sharma, presented a brief description about the activities and achievements of the Corporation besides highlighting the emerging challenges being faced by the department at the grassroots level in procurement process. He gave a presentation on procurement and supply chain management through DVDMS.

GeM Certified Expert, L B Goutam, described GeM through its various modules and practical demonstrations on the subject. Col Ashish Banerjee, representative of Director General, AFMS, gave a session on "Medical procurement in supply chain management- Government e-market Places".

Rohit Lohani, Director Global Smart Operations, Johnson and Johnson, gave a presentation on "Efficient Inventory management and Regulating Material" for optimal inventory management.

## JKIDFC enters into agreement with Indian Overseas Bank to fund languishing projects

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JAMMU: After facing little hiatus for last few months, the Jammu and Kashmir Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (JKIDFC) Limited has entered into an agreement for raising loan of Rs 1000 crore with the Indian Overseas Bank thereby resolving the issue of funding of the Languishing Projects which are under execution at various levels of completion.

This is a very important step which shall pave way for timely and smooth clearance of payments for completion of these projects in a transparent manner.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance and CMD JKIDFC in his message further added that the implementing departments/PIAs, which are already on the job for completion of these languishing projects shall now speed up the pace of work on all these projects and ensure completion of all these projects with regular monitoring.

This endeavour is believed to usher a new era of infrastructure development in the UT of J&K leaving almost no project to languish further for want of funds now.

# Improving learning outcomes through continuous feedback, evaluation to be focus this year: Kansal



Principal Secretary HED, Rohit Kansal chairing a meeting.

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UDHAMPUR: Improvement in quality of teaching learning through a process of student feedback and continuous evaluation shall be the motto of the education department in this year. This was stated by the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department (HED), Rohit Kansal on Thursday. He was chairing a meeting to review the functioning of colleges of Udhampur, Kishtwar, Ramban and Doda Districts of Jammu Division at Govt Degree College, Udhampur.

The meeting was attended by Director Colleges, J&K, Director Finance, HED, Special Secretary HED, Heads of executing agencies including R&B, Police Housing Corporation and SICOP concerned XENS, Principals of GDC Udhampur, GCW Udhampur, GDC Ramnagar, GDC Majalta, GDC Cheneni, GDC Neeli Nallah, GDC DUDU Basantgarh, GDC Kishtwar, GDC Paddar, GDC Doda, GDC Bhaderwah, GDC Thathri, GDC Ramban, GDC Gool, GDC Batote and GDC Ukhral, and other senior officers of the allied departments.

During the meeting, detailed deliberations were held on various aspects of infrastructural development of colleges like construction of additional class rooms and laboratory blocks, establishment of skill centers of computer and electronics as well as agricultural technology, development of

browsing centres, construction of student parking sheds, boundary wall and barbed wire fencing, establishment of skill centres for fine arts, music and language, construction of play grounds and boundary walls, construction of approach roads besides other significant requirements of each college were also discussed in detail.

While reviewing progress of various developmental works going on in these colleges, the Principal Secretary directed the executing agencies to expedite the pace of work on these projects for timely completion. He instructed the concerned Principals of the colleges to monitor the ongoing works in their respective colleges on regular basis so that they can be completed within the given deadlines. The Principal Secretary also asked them to utilize the assigned funds under CAPEX effectively.

He also exhorted the Principals to focus on learning outcomes, quality of instruction, student feedback and the guidelines of the New Education Policy. He advised the older colleges to mentor and handhold the newer institutions. He also advised all colleges to initiate and complete the process of NAAC accreditation at the earliest.

Later, the Principal Secretary along with Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Indu Kanwal Chib visited Government College for women here and took a detailed assessment of various ongoing works in the college. The Principal Secretary was also given

guard of honor by the NCC cadets of the college.

During the visit to GCW, the Principal Secretary inaugurated newly constructed Canteen Block and Smart classrooms at the college. Ten digital interactive smart classrooms with interactive panels were installed for online mode of teaching during pandemic covid-19. These classrooms proved to be a great support to both teachers and learners by providing online access besides a host of other features. Teachers can also make use of these panels in manifold ways as digital blackboards visualization, map reading, showing documentaries, online access to world libraries and consultation of national and international professors.

While interacting with students of the college, Kansal inquired about the facilities being provided in the college, status of science infrastructure and sports facilities as well as quality of the canteen food products served. The Principal Secretary also inspected newly constructed classrooms, newly constructed science labs, browsing center, girls common room, staff room, medical room, IQAC, computer lab, Cosmetology lab, library etc of the college. He lauded the efforts of Principal and entire staff for exemplary work being done for the development of college. He also planted a sapling of Araucaria in Science block garden.

During the visit to college, the Principal Secretary was apprised by Principal, Prof Minu Mahajan about the overall functioning of the college. She informed that an expenditure of Rs. 48.29 lakh incurred for construction of canteen block executed by PWD (R&B) while ten smart classrooms were digitalized by installation of smart interacting panels, ACs and allied infrastructure at an estimated cost of Rs 40.86 lakh. She also informed that canteen block has been dedicated to the students which is well equipped and maintained with latest technologies.

for creating awareness among people regarding road safety as Covid has receded and educational institutions have also opened. He asked them to double their efforts for making both Institute of Driving Training and Research (IDTR) and Inspection and Certification Centre (ICC) here at Jammu functional till July this year and accelerate the same for Kashmir by working closely with the divisional administration there.

The Advisor asked them to carry out the third party road safety audit of all the major roads and redress the loopholes pointed out therein. The Advisor was informed that more than 22 lakh vehicles have been registered from past decade and number of accidents per thousand vehicle is reducing by each passing year. It was given out that in 2021, 5452 road accidents had happened killing 774 persons and injuring 6972 persons.

Regarding other measures promulgated by the government, the Advisor was informed that an incentive of Rs 5.00 lakhs is given for replacing old buses, introduction of 40 electric buses in Srinagar/Jammu cities, procurement of 36 new buses for Chenab Valley besides adding a fleet of 226 buses for the benefit of travellers.



# Rana urges all to enrol for Ayushman Sehat Card

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JAMMU: Making a fervent appeal to the people to register and obtain the Golden Card under J&K SEHAT Health Insurance Scheme, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana today described the measure as a step towards achieving the objective of health for all.

"An extension of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, the SEHAT scheme has distinction of covering the entire population of Jammu and Kashmir regardless of their socio-economic statuses", Rana said while interacting with people during his visit to Panchayat Sarote of Block Mathwar in Nagrota Assembly Constituency.

Rana said the extension and expansion of this crucial health insurance scheme for the entire Jammu and Kashmir population speaks of the intent of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to ensure that ailing patients get the much needed medical cover, not only in the health institutions across the Union Territory but in various hospitals of the country as well.

Referring to the salient features of the SEHAT Yojana, Mr Rana said the insured people would get a financial



Prominent BJP leader Devender Singh Rana addressing a public meeting.

medical cover of Rs 5 lakh annually per family during hospitalization of any member, which is a significant facility keeping in view the whopping charges being incurred by patients for their treatment. This will benefit the economically weaker sections the most, who unfortunately remain untreated mostly due to financial constraints. Such segments of the society can now avail of the hassle-free facilities in their nearest health institutions besides referral hospitals, he said while making a strong plea to the people to obtain the cards at the earliest.

"Already the people across Jammu and Kashmir are availing this facility", he said, hoping that the uncovered population too will be

registered under the scheme.

He urged the administration to hold special camps in the rural areas, as is being done in urban localities. This will be a leap forward towards achieving the objective of health for all.

During his visit, Rana was apprised by the people about various issues facing their areas and sought his intervention in getting these redressed. The issues concerned about the functioning of various utility services, availability of rations at depots and medicines in the hospitals, road improved and regulated supply of drinking water and power.

Rana assured that these will be taken up with the concerned departments for earnest resolution.

# 24 Shree Rajput Karni Sena leaders join BJP in Jammu



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina welcoming Shree Rajput Karni Sena leaders in party fold.

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JAMMU: Twenty four leaders of the Shree Rajput Karni Sena (SRKS) in Jammu and Kashmir, including its vice president, joined the BJP at the party headquarters here on Thursday.

Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina welcomed Bablu Singh Jasrotia, SRKS vice president in the union territory and the others into the party fold and said that the youth from various social and political affiliations are increasingly join-

ing the saffron party as they feel inspired and influenced by its policy for the nation.

The BJP's policy is aimed at the country's progress. They admire the work being done by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the country, so they are joining the BJP family to serve the society he said.

The new entrants said the Modi-led government has gained the trust of people with its developmental initiatives and a nationalist stand, both within the country and on the borders.

# Court stays FIR registered by ACB against Builder

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir High Court stayed FIR registered against one builder, namely Shahid Buch, engaged in constructing commercial flats without seeking mandatory permission from JDA in complete violation to then prevailing building by-laws. Justice Sanjay Dhar after hearing Adv DK Khajuria and Rajesh Gupta for the petitioner, observed that subject to objections and till next date before the Bench, proceedings in the impugned FIR to the extent of the petitioner shall remain stayed.

The petitioner challenged FIR No.1/2022 for offences under Section 5(1)(d) read with 5(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 120-B of RPC registered with Anti Corruption Bureau,

Jammu. The petitioner pleaded that he raised construction of flats on a land, which at the relevant time, was outside jurisdiction of Jammu Development Authority. The construction was raised after obtaining requisite permission from concerned authorities under Panchayati Raj Act. However, a notice was issued by JDA under the provisions of Section 7(3) of the Control of Building Operation Act against petitioner which was challenged by him before the Jammu & Kashmir Special Tribunal and the Tribunal set-aside the notice vide order dated September 24, 2015. The aforesaid order was challenged by JDA by way of a writ petition bearing OWP No.282/2016, which was dismissed in terms of

order dated March 30, 2016.

In the background of aforesaid facts, counsel for petitioner submitted that there is no occasion for respondent to register FIR against petitioner by alleging that he has, in league with officers and officials of JDA, constructed flats in violation of laws. Justice Sanjay Dhar, after hearing counsel for the petitioner and having perused the material available on record, observed that a case for grant of interim indulgence is made out and issued notice to the respondent, which was accepted by Raman Sharma, AAG on behalf of respondents. Meanwhile, subject to objections and till next date, proceedings in impugned FIR to the extent of petitioner shall remain stayed, the Court directed.