CS emphasizes on digital DPRs, billing of all works under OMMAS only

DELHI: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday highlighted the need for introducing the Online Management & Monitoring System (OMMAS) for raising bills of all works under execution by different Departments such as Public Works Department, PDD, PHE etc throughout J&K. He impressed on all the concerned Departments to look into their readiness within 15 days and decide about the timeframe to onboard themselves onto this online system of bill preparation, submission and monitor-

Dr Mehta also directed formulation of DPRs in digital mode of all the projects to be taken up in the UT so that automated and hassle free checking can be introduced. He said that the digital DPRs will make the process of analysis easy and less cumbersome and shall bring about much needed efficiency. He also stressed on use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in gauging the efficiency



services offered by different Departments.

and output of employees so that deadwoods are identified easily by the system.

On the occasion he also launched auto-appeal feature for 08 more online services different Departments. The feature is going to auto escalate the appeals in case the services are not provided to the applicants within the time limits set under the Public Services Guarantee

Dr Mehta complimented the IT Department for integrating this vital feature in the digital services offered by these Departments to the citizens. He stressed upon need for integrating the Auto-appeal feature for all the designated 48 services offered over Service Plus immediately and rest of services by May 2023.

The Chief Secretary said that the auto-appeal feature for services related to everyday life

these would ensure their delivery as per the timeframe set for them under PSGA.

The Services which were today brought under the Auto-appeal system include issuance of unmarried/widow/divorce certificate; issuance of family income/ certificate Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme; Issuance of Dependent Certificate; Issuance of Income Dependency Certificate; Issuance of OBC Certificate; Issuance of Street Vending/ RehriLisence; Application for Road cutting permission under Municipal Corporations; and Application for Road cutting permission under Municipal Councils/Committees.

Those who were present included Principal Secretary, H&UDD: Commissioner Secretary, GAD; Commissioner Secretary, IT; Secretary Revenue; SIO, NIC; Scientists from the IT Department besides other concerned officers of these Departments either physically or virtually through

SCERT rolls-out new syllabus, academic calendar for 2023-24 session

SRINAGAR: The State ofEducational Research and Training (SCERT) has developed and designed a comprehensive cum Academic Calendar" for the academic session 2023-24, which includes the foundational stage, and the classes 1 to 8 in the schooling system of Jammu and Kashmir. The syllabus is in accordance

with the latest guidelines and instruction manuals issued by NCERT, New Delhi, and is aligned with the NEP-2020 to improve the quality of education, which aims to shift from rote learning to competency and experiential-based learning. After four months of rigorous effort by experts from NCERT and SCERT, the new syllabus maps the learning outcomes with the contents of the prescribed textbooks of Board of School Education.

In a remarkably short span of time, Jammu and Kashmir has become the first Union Territory to create such a comprehensive document, outpacing all other states and union territories in the country.

The exercise took place under the guidance of Prof Parikhshat Singh Manhas, the Director of SCERT, and Fayaz Ahmad Fayaz, the Joint

Director of the Central Move Office, a group of academic officers and resource persons from the Assessment Cell of the SCERT.

The syllabus aims to enhance the quality of education in Jammu and Kashmir by shifting the focus from rote learning to competency-based and experiential learning. The syllabus is in sync with the latest guidelines and instruction manuals issued by the NCERT, New Delhi, and is

aligned with the NEP-2020. The new syllabus also aims to provide teachers with the flexibility to plan their classroom activities in a meaningful and productive manner, keeping in mind the Learning Outcomes suggested by the NCERT and NEP-2020.

"The Learning Outcomes are a set of expected knowledge, skills, and values that students should acquire at the end of each class or level," Joint Director, Central Move Office, Fayaz Ahmad Fayaz, said. "These Learning Outcomes are designed to ensure that students have a holistic development and are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century, he added'

The syllabus, he said, emphasizes the importance of inclusive education and provides teachers with the knowl-

BTSM holds preparatory meet for

Silver Jubilee inaugural function

inclusive classroom environ-

"Inclusive education refers to an educational approach where all students, regardless of their abilities or disabilities. are provided with equal opportunities to learn and succeed, Fayaz said. "The syllabus provides teachers with diverse material and non-material resources to make inclusive education a reality. These resources include tactile diagrams/maps, talking books, audio-visual materials, Braille.

For children with special needs (CWSN), the syllabus emphasizes the importance of providing appropriate resources and support. The syllabus provides teachers with guidance on how to use these resources to support the learning needs of CWSN. These resources are designed to ensure that CWSN have equal opportunities to learn and suc-

The document is available in parts on the website of the SCERT for easy access by teachers, students, and par-

With introduction of the new syllabus, it is hoped that it will enhance the quality of education in Jammu and Kashmir, and help students develop the skills and competencies needed

To further strengthen the

organisation, Dr Vivek

Sharma announced new

office bearers in which Jai

Dev Singh Salathia, BAR

President Udhampur and

Vinay Sharma, who was President GGM Science

College during Prime

Medical College agitation

were nominated as State

Vice President, BTSM

BJP owes explanation on Adani's rise from 609th to 2nd wealthiest person in world: Youth Congress



J&K Jagdev Gaga addressing a press conference.

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Youth Congress (JKPYC) on Tuesday held a press conference at its office, which was addressed by All India Youth Congress General Secretary Incharge J&K Jagdev Gaga and IYC Secretary Incharge J&KNavneet Kaur. PYC President Uday Bhanu Chib, Anirudh Sawhney, Sahil Singh Langeh, Divyansh Jamwal and Akash Bharat were also present. Speaking on the occasion, Jagdev Gaga said that as elected representatives in the country and opposition leaders have not been allowed to raise genuine concerns of public in Parliament or elsewhere, Youth Congress leaders will send open post-cards to Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighting important questions which need to be answered by the Government. "We want to ask Prime Minister three major questions, first how much funds have been provided to Adani till now, how many contracts did Adani receive and what was is formula for Adani going from rank 609 to 2nd wealthiest person in a span of 8 years," Gaga asked. JKPYC President Uday Bhanu Chib said that it was high time the government is challenged and

"Under BJP, no one is allowed to ask questions. There is an ongoing attempt by BJP to suppress even the voices of Members elected Parliament. BJP never allows political leaders to speak up or voice of citizens. "Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), on several occasions, has also highlighted Governments have favoured Adani Group. Prime Minister Narendra Modi must be held accountable for all his Government's acts," he added.

IYC Secretary Incharge J&K Navneet Kaur added that rich are getting richer under Modi Government's shady policies. "Huge benefits in the form of contracts for infrastructural and other projects are being awarded to Adani Group by Government. BJP wants to reap political benefits by helping their rich friends and defending them in the name of

Strict adherence to Annual Sports **Activity Calendar stressed**



Joint Director YSS Jammu, Suram Chand Sharma chairing

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of the people like birth and

death certificates are critical for

enhancing ease of living. He

emphasized that benefits like

old age and widow pension,

scholarships under various

social security schemes etc

should also be included in the

system without any delay. He

observed that this feature

would act as a turning point in

maintaining transparency and

accountability in services to the

public and eradicating corrup-

tion. He stated that auto esca-

lation feature of online services

is going to put an end to mal-

practices besides promoting

fairness, a priority set by the

current dispensation in all its

affairs including offering of

government employment and

public contracts to its citizens

The Chief Secretary was

apprised that with onboarding

these 08 services, the total

number of services with active

auto-appeal feature has

reached 22 in the UT. It was

further said that the feature

like auto-appeal is going to

bring much greater transparen-

on the basis of merit alone.

JAMMU: To review the various activities of the Department of Youth Services & Sports of Jammu, Joint Director Youth Services & Sports Jammu, Suram Chand Sharma on Tuesday chaired a meeting of Sports Officers of Jammu province.

Among others, Deputy Planning Director Directorate Ravi Kumar, Mool Raj Assistant Director, Accounts Officer Directorate, Sunil Kumar Sharma, Incharge, Establishment. Shivnandan Singh, District Youth Services & Sports Officers, and Zonal Physical

Education Officers Jammu Division attended the meeting.

The joint Director urged upon the Sports Officers to ensure implementation of common minimum programme in schools and adhere to the Annual Calendar ofPhysical Activities and ensure maximum participation of students in sports events. He also exhorted the Officers to work with zeal and dedication to achieve the desired goals of set up by the Department. The pendency of Audi Paras & Progress on works was also

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JAMMU: Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM) J&K on Tuesday convened a meeting under the lead-State President, Dr Sharma, wherein threadbare discussions held about organisational expansion in addition to preparations for participation in Silver Jubilee Celebration function to be held on 5th May 2023 at Dalai Lama Mandir, Mcleodganj, Dharamshala.

Dr Vivek said that this movement was started by Dr Indresh Kumar, Senior

Pracharak Margdarshak BTSM, by passing a resolution 24 vears ago in Dharamshala with the aim to free Tibet China so that Tibetans lives freely in their homeland.

Dr Vikrant Singh, State Vice President, said that China lost its trust as none of the country trust it anymore and whole world is very much aware about nefarious design of China. "BTSM goal will surely achieved surely one day by freeing Tibet and Kailash Mansarovar from clutches of China," he added.

JKSAC seek rights to DPs over land under dwelling

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R S PURA : Jammu Kashmir Sharnarthi Action Committee (JKSAC) in a meeting held at village Satraiyan, RS Pura, Jammu appealed to Lt. Governor Manoj K. Sinha, for issuance of notification to provide rights to DPs over the land under their dwelling across Jammu region as announced by him on 9th Oct. 2022 and again on 6th March 2023. The high profile BJP leaders particularly, Ravinder Raina (President Pradesh BJP), Dr. Nirmal Singh (Former Deputy Chief Minister) and Dr. Narinder Singh (National Secretary) are also being appealed to pursue the matter for issuance of notification.

While sharing his views with the members present in the meeting Gurdev Singh, President JKSAC alongwith Sarpanch Veena Devi, Capt.



JKSAC members during a meeting at village Satraiyan.

Puran Singh Chib, Parveen (Ex-Sarpanch). Singh Chib and Tarsem Singh said that was continuously JKSAC raising the issue with the past Govts of J&K as well as Centre from the last many decades, but those Govts did nothing except lip service. The issue has also been taken up by JKSAC with high profile leaders of BJP of both J&K and centre for regularization of the lands under DPs dwelling along with the implementation of JPC

Report No. 183.

He said that JKSAC was consistently raising the issue with the govt. for granting the legal rights to DPs over such lands under their dwelling under the existing Agrarian laws of 1976. The issue was taken up with Divn. Commissioner Jammu in 2017 and he was apprised that if occupancy tenancy rights have already been granted to DPs of POK over the allotted evacuee lands vide section 3-A of Agrarian Reform Act of 1976 whereunder they can sell, gift or mortgage their land as per their requirement. The then Divn. Commissioner issued advisory to all the Deputy Commissioners vide no. DPs/1947/Gurdev/7961-68 dated 29-9-2017 to take action under Govt. order no 254-C of 1965 and under section 3-A of the Agrarian Reform Act 1976 which are in vogue/in-force and the same needs to be implemented. But the orders remained un-complied with at the lower level.

President JKSAC also reminded the Governor that the case was also taken up with him on 19 December 2020 and necessary directions were issued to the Principal secretary Revenue for further necessary action but nothing could be done till date. He appealed to the Governor to direct the concerned authorities to issue notification as requested

Budget 2023-24 to give major infra push towards transforming power, road sectors in J&K

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SRINAGAR: The budget 2023-24 will give a major infrastructural push to four core areas of health, drinking water, power and road connectivity aimed at providing succour to the common people and improving developmental parameters of UT at the national level.

The budget has earmarked funds for pro-Functional Household Tap Connections to all 18.36 lakh households of Jammu and Kashmir by 2023-24 with a minimum of 55 litres per capita per day (LPCD) drinking water supply of prescribed quality (confirming to BIS 10500) on a regular, longterm and sustainable basis.

About sixty water supply schemes are likely to be completed during 2023-24. To bring efficiency in planning and revenue collection, the government will introduce digitalization of consumer records and implementation of an online billing systems in entire Jammu and Kashmir.

The construction of prestigious Tawi Barrage, an artificial lake project which will boost tourism of Jammu city, will be completed during 2023-24. According to the budget document, 6000 Kilometer of blacktopping of roads is expected to be achieved during 2023-24 under all schemes. Besides, 353 new projects worth Rs 1292 crore have been prioritized to be sanctioned under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)-XXVIII with NABARD funding.

In last year's budget, safety audit of bridges having completed 20 years was completed and now in this budget Safety audit for the bridges having completed 10 years has to be conducted

J&K government is also putting efforts on maintenance of road/bridge as road safety measures.

The year 2023-24 will see further Improvement in daily hours of power supply with Urban- 24 hours and Rural 22 hours besides a reduction in transformer damage rate, a drop in Transmission and Distribution/ Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses.

Under Budget 2023-24, there will be an additional length of LT/HT network (1324.073 km) besides renovation and modernization works would be undertaken at existing 220/132 KV Grid Sub Stations apart from protection/ replacement works at critical towers and insertion of new towers.

To improve power connectivity in remote areas that receive heavy snowfall, Sonamarg will be provided 24x7 power supply during winters with underground cabling through Z-Morh Tunnel besides underground cabling would be done at Nunwan for reliable power supply to holy cave of Shri Amar Nath Ji

whereas, Dr Charan Jeet Singh and Vikas Sambyal were nominated as State secretary BTSM. In this regard, J.D. Singh Slathia got additional responsibility as District incharge of Udhampur. SSR: Teams

constituted to facilitate Kashmiri migrants

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JAMMU: One of its initiative by Relief and Rehabilitation (M) Department, 22 teams have been constituted in camp and non camp areas of J&K UT and for outreach program at Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore Ahmadabad, Delhi Chandigarh. Besides, two special teams have been constituted wherein 16 officers, 56 fficials and 50 Casual labourers have been engaged under the supervision of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner(M), J&K.

For Zonal Area Awareness Campaign, all the officers/officials of 22 Zones have been declared as BLO's and have been assigne the task of conducting door to door awareness program. The whole Special Summary Revision campaign is being monitored under the supervision of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K.

G-20 Summit: Div Com gives deadline of 10 days for completion of majority works

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SRINAGAR: Taking firsthand review of ongoing works under G-20 Summit, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Tuesday issued clear cut directions to all Officers, Officials and contractors associated with these works to complete

The Div Com issued this direction during a high level meeting held here to take review of works completed, and ongoing works under G-20 Summit

them within set timelines.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Deputy Srinagar Commissioner Commissioner SMC/ CEO Srinagar Smart City V.C LC&MA, Limited, Floriculture. Director Labour Commissioner J&K SSP Security, SSP Traffic City, C.Es of PW (R&B), PHE (Jal Shakti), I&FC

(Jal Shakti), KPDCL Kashmir and other Officers Officials besides Contractors of works going on under G-20 Summit. At the outset, the Div Com

said that the works are for the people and should be completed at an earliest for convenience. He sought feedback from the participants regarding the needs and requirements vis a vis meeting work completion deadlines.

During the meeting, the Div Com took detailed work wise status from the con-Officers Contractors involved in the respective works

Officers Contractors briefed the Div Com about the status of the works in hand and also presented timelines of finishing the works.

The Div Com gave a deadline of 10 days to most of the works including concrete works, Footpaths, Tiling works, Drainage works, under ground works, landscaping and turfing that are still going on including the Blacktopping works and installation of signages.

He instructed the concerned to check if there is need of labour component and directed the Labour Commissioner J&K to provide labour to them to meet the demand.

He also directed them to start parallel works to ensure timely completion of all works

The Div Com gave a deadline of upto Eid to complete the Blacktopping works.

He also reprimanded some of the officers and contractors for slow pace of work and cautioned them against proceeding with such attitude vis a vis completion of works. He made clear that action shall follow against negligent ones

Prakash Utsav of Guru Tegh Bahadur celebrated



Sikh devotees attending prayer at Gurdwara.

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SUNDERBANI: 402nd Parkash Purb of 9th Sikh Guru. Guru Tegh Bahadur ji was celebrated in Gurdwara Singh Sabha (GSS) Beanigala on Tuesday with great religious fervor and gaiety. Large number of sangat from all walks of life participated in the function and paid their obeisance. After the accomplishment of three days long Sri Akhand Path of Guru Granth Sahib, Gurbani Kirtan was recited by the Raagi Jatha. Parcharak Tejinderpal Singh in his address explained the life history and said that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji was a great thinker, a poet and protector of the humanity. He opposed the forcible conversion of non-muslims to Islam and fought for the rights of Kashmiri Pandits who approached him against the then Mughal King Aurangzeb's religious persecution. Finally he sacrificed his life for the cause of justice to the people of this country and was known as 'Hind ki Chadar' and 'Protector of Humanity'. The programme culminated with Ardas by Bhai Karnail Singh and distribution of Parshad. Guru Ka Langar was also served to the Sangat in the end

Roll-out of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan, formulation of FPOs under HADP discussed

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JAMMU: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday held a review meeting regarding roll out of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan in Jammu and Kashmir here at Civil Secretariat Jammu. Director General. Sheep Husbandry Department, Director. Agriculture Jammu/Kashmir, Director, Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Director, Horticulture Jammu/Kashmir. Director Extension, SKUAST-J, all district Nodal Officers and district officers of APD and allied departments were present in the meeting in person and virtually

Threadbare discussion was held on various aspects regarding successful roll out of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting was informed that 18 central spon-

sored schemes haves been identified including Rashtriya Gokul Mission, KCC and others. It was further informed in the meeting that resource persons have already been identified for smooth conduct of awareness camps to educate the farmers about these schemes. The meeting was further informed that during the Kisan Sampark Abhiyan the pamphlets will be distributed among the farmers in three languages including English, Urdu and Hindi containing details on various schemes of Agriculture Department.

ACS exhorted upon the nodal officers and district officer to clear all impediments hindering smooth implementation of the Abhiyan. He stressed upon the officers to ensure that the PRIs actively participate in the camps during Kisan Sampark Abhiyan. He also directed the concerned to submit daily feedback of the program to the concerned quarter:

Later, Atal Dulloo held a review meeting regarding formulation of Farmer Producer Officers (FPOs) under Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) in J&K.

Commissioner Secretary, Cooperative Department, Yasha Mudgal; DG SHD; Directors, AHD: Directors Horticulture Director Extension, SKUAST-J; MD JKHP&M; MD, NRLM and other officers of concerned departments were present in the meeting in person and online

Agriculture Expert. Rajeshwari gave PowerPoint Presentation about agenda points including department wise distribution of FPOs under HADP scheme, distribution of FIGs and Krishi Mitras. challenges in FPO formation and structure of training and capacity building.