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**Major reshuffle in...**

and Monitoring Department; Mohammad Mumtaz Ali, JKAS, Director, Rural Development, Jammu, as Director, Tribal Affairs, J&K, vice Ghulam Rasool, JKAS, who shall await further orders of adjustment in General Administration Department.

Rishpal Singh, JKAS, Custodian General, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department; Kishori Lal, JKAS, Mission Director, ICDS, J&K as Additional Commissioner, State Taxes (Tax Planning, Policy & Advance Ruling), J&K; Mansoor Aslam Chowdhary, JKAS, Additional Inspector General of Registration, Jammu, as Special Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs; Pankaj Gupta, JKAS, Special Secretary, ARI and Trainings Department, as Additional Inspector General of Registration, Jammu; Fayaz Ahmad Bandy, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the General Administration Department, has been posted as Director, Command Area Development, Kashmir; Prerna Raina, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, as Special Secretary, Power Development Department; Shahnaz Akhter, JKAS, Joint Director J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development, as Director, Rural Development, Jammu; Rimpay Ohri, JKAS, Special Secretary in the office of Chief Electoral Officer, J&K as Director, Public Relations, New Delhi; Dr. Subash Chander, JKAS, Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Samba, as Special Secretary, Higher Education Department; Ved Prakash, JKAS, Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu, as Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (ex-officio Settlement Officer), Udhampur; Pardeep Singh, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Enforcement), Kathua, as Managing Director, SIDCO. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Managing Director, SICOP, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Ghalib Mohi-ud-din Shah, Secretary, Royal Spring Golf Course, Srinagar, holding additional charge of Director, SKICC, has been transferred and posted as Director, SKICC, on full time basis. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Secretary, Royal Spring Golf Course, Srinagar, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Afroz, Director, Public Relations, J&K has been transferred and shall await further orders of adjustment in the GAD; Krishan Lal, JKAS, Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, as Additional Secretary, Social Welfare Department; Nazir Ahmad Mir, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, as Additional Secretary, Transport Department; Rakesh Kumar, JKAS, Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jammu, holding additional charge of Additional Chief Executive Officer, Smart City, Jammu, as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (IT, Data Analytics and Economic Intelligence), Jammu; Kanehan Bala, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (IT, Data Analytics and Economic Intelligence), Jammu, as Additional Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department; Sudershan Kumar, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Reasi; Sunil Kumar, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, as Chief Administrative Officer (HR), JPDCCL; Subah Mehta, JKAS, Joint Director, School Education, Jammu, as Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation. She shall also hold the charge of the post of Additional CEO, Smart City, Jammu, in addition to her own duties, till further orders.

Vinakshi Koul, JKAS, Deputy Labour Commissioner, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Joint Director, Youth Services and Sports, Jammu; Devinder Singh Bhau, JKAS, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Patnitop, as Additional Secretary, Information Technology Department; Deepika Rana, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Member, J&K Services Selection Board.

Khalid Hussain Malik, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Joint Registrar, Cooperative Societies (Audit), Kashmir; Riyaz Ahmad Shah, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (IT, Data Analytics and Economic Intelligence), Srinagar; Paramjeet Singh, JKAS, Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Doda, holding additional charge of General Manager, DIC, Doda, as Joint Director, Employment, Jammu; Romin Ahmad, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Joint Director, Handloom, Kashmir; Chand Kishore Sharma, JKAS, Additional Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department as Joint Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute, J&K; Waseem Raja, JKAS, Additional Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, as Joint Director, Tourism, Kashmir; Ghulam Nabi Bhat, JKAS, Additional Secretary, School Education Department, as Additional Secretary, Revenue Department; Zahoor Ahmad Raina, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Anantnag; Ashwani Kumar, JKAS, Joint Director, Employment, Jammu, as programme Officer, ICDS Project, Doda; Ghulam Mohammad Bhat, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes, Enforcement (South), Kashmir hqr at Lower Munda; Ashok Kumar, JKAS, Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Jammu, as Additional Secretary, School Education Department; Shazia Koser, JKAS, Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Appeals-II), Jammu, as Joint Director, Handloom, Jammu; Virender Kumar Manyal, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Patnitop; Kulbushan Khajuria, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Rajouri; Mohammad Rouf Rehman, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Kokernag; Joginder Singh Jasrofia, JKAS, Joint Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu, as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Bhaderwah; Rajesh Lakhani, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Samba; Syed Ahmad Kataria, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Additional Secretary, School Education Department; Rajeev Kumar Khajuria, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Joint Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation; Waseem Raja, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Joint Director, Employment, Kashmir; Anirudh Rai, JKAS, Deputy District Election Officer, Udhampur, as Joint Registrar, Induscos, Handicrafts Department, Jammu; Afaq Ahmed, JKAS, Additional Secretary, Power Development Department, as Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department; Alyaz Ahmad Naisroo, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Appeals-II), Srinagar; Fareed Ahmad Kohli, JKAS, General Manager, DIC, Rajouri, holding additional charge of Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Rajouri and Programme Officer, ICDS project, Rajouri, as Additional Secretary, Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment; Babu Ram Tandon, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Bani-Basholi; Kulraj Singh, JKAS, Joint Director, Handloom, Jammu, as Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes (Appeals-II), Jammu; Swaran Singh, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Member, J&K Services Selection Board; Kusum Chib, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Joint Director, J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development; Nuzhat Khurshid, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Joint Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation; Raees Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (M&P), Kashmir; Giasul Haq, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Additional Secretary, Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Department; Rizwan Asgar, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Joint Director, Industries and Commerce (Development), Jammu; Prince Noorul Hamid, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, Higher Education Department, as Deputy Secretary in the J&K Public Service Commission; Mohammad Imran Khan, JKAS, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development Authority, Wullar-Manasbal, as Additional Mission Director, J&K Rural Livelihood Mission, Kashmir; Vikas Anand, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Joint Transport Commissioner; Gurdev Kumar, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Joint Director, School Education, Jammu; Shurjeel Ali Naiku, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as General Manager, DIC, Shopian; Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, General Manager, DIC, Shopian, as Additional Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department; Sartaj Hussain, JKAS, Deputy Director, Estates, Kashmir, as Joint Director (Administration) in the Directorate of Rural Development, Kashmir. He shall continue to hold the charge of the post of Deputy Director, Estates, Kashmir, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Harpal Singh, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as Programme Officer, ICDS Project, Rajouri; Sanchi Misra, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner in the State Taxes Department, Jammu, as Joint Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu; Mantasha Binti Rashid, JKAS, Deputy Director, Rural Sanitation, Kashmir, as General Manager, DIC, Ganderbal. She shall also hold the charge of the post of Registrar, District Ganderbal, in addition to her own duties, till further orders.

Aijaz Ahmad Shah, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as Deputy Secretary, Civil Aviation Department; Umesh Sharma, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy Secretary, School Education Department; Sunaina Saini, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy Director, District Employment and Counselling Centre, Jammu; Masood Ahmad Wanl, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, School Education Department, as Deputy

Secretary, GAD; Javid Ahmad Rather, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, as Deputy Director, Information (Public Relations), J&K. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Deputy Director (Audio-Visual) in the Directorate of Information, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Mehmood Riaz, JKAS, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Samba, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Registrar, R.S. Pura; Syed Farooq Ahmad, JKAS, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Srinagar, as Assistant Commissioner (Central) in the office of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir; Din Mohd, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, Information Department, as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Doda; Rafiq Ahmad, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy Director, District Employment and Counselling Centre, Doda; Bashir Ahmad Padder, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner (Nazool), Srinagar, as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Bandipora; Qadeer-ul-Rehman, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy District Election Officer, Rajouri; Seema Parihar, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Sub-Registrar, Jammu (South); Sheraz Ahmed, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Rajouri, holding additional charge of Project Manager, IWMP, Rajouri, shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Rajouri, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Bilal Ahmad, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, has been transferred and posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Kulgam; Abdul Majid, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy Director, District Employment and Counselling Centre, Poonch; Shakeel Ahmed, JKAS, Deputy District Election Officer, Rajouri, as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Poonch; Manoj Kumar, JKAS, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Doda, as Deputy Secretary, Information Department; Manzoor Ahmad Mir, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Shopian, holding additional charge of Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Shopian, as Deputy Registrar, J&K Special Tribunal; Akshay Rajan, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, General Administration Department, as Sub-Registrar, Vijaypur; Aamir Choudhary, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Custodian Evacuee Property, Jammu; Syed Mushtaq Razvi, JKAS, Assistant Collector (Recovery), Kashmir, as Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs, Kashmir; Mohammad Muneer Ahmed Bhat, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy Director, Quality Control, Handicrafts Department; Anju Anand, JI(AS), awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department; Zahoor Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, Deputy District Election Officer, Pulwama, as Assistant Commissioner, State Taxes, Enforcement (Central), Kashmir; Mohammad Altaf Bhat, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Collector, Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA), Srinagar; Shakeel Ahmad Sheshtar, JKAS, Deputy District Election Officer, Budgam, as Collector, Land Acquisition, Special Army (Budgam and Srinagar). Hilal Ahmad Mir, JKAS, Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Budgam, shall hold the charge of the post of Deputy District Election Officer, Budgam, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Nisar Ahmad Wani, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as Deputy District Election Officer, Anantnag; Vijay Kumar, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Project Officer, Wage & Employment (ACD), Reasi; Rameshwar Kumar, JKAS, Deputy District Election Officer, Jammu, as Deputy Secretary, Agriculture Production Department; Mushtaq Ahmad Maqdoomi, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Shopian; Ajay Salaan, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, as General Manager, J&K Road Transport Corporation, Jammu; Chander Kant Bhagat, JKAS, Sub-Registrar, Jammu (South), as Deputy Secretary in the office of Commissioner for persons with Disabilities, J&K. Om Parkash, JKAS, Deputy District Election Officer, Doda, as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Udhampur; Harvinder Singh, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy Director, District Employment and Counselling Centre, Kathua; Yasmeen Jan, JKAS, Personnel Officer, Associated Hospitals, Srinagar, as Deputy Secretary, Labour and Employment Department; Mohammad Ayub Dar, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department as Deputy Secretary in the J&K Services Selection Board; Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, Under orders of transfer as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Anantnag as Deputy Director, ICDS, Kashmir; Nusrat Shaheen, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy Director, District Employment and Counselling Centre, Budgam; Mohinder Kumar Sharma, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy Director, District Employment and Counselling Centre, Udhampur; Bashir Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, Administrative Officer, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Ltd., as Personnel Officer, Associated Hospitals, Srinagar; Sheikh Enayattullah, JKAS, Assistant Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Doda, as Deputy Director, Tourism, Kashmir; Surbhi Raina, JKAS, Deputy Secretary in the office of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, J&K, as Deputy Secretary in the State Election Commission, Jammu; Syed Farhana Asgar, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, Culture Department, as Sub-Registrar, Srinagar (West); Mukhtar Ahmad, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD as Deputy District Election Officer, Pulwama; Wakeel Ahmed Batt, Jr. Scale JKAS, District Social Welfare Officer, Poonch, as Under Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department; Mudasir Ahmad, Jr. Scale JKAS, Assistant Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Anantnag, has been transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of Transport Department, for further posting.

Anil Kumar, Jr. Scale JKAS, Under Secretary in the J&K Services Selection Board, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department; Amit Singh Manhas, Jr. Scale JKAS, Under Secretary, Information Department, as Under Secretary, Labour and Employment Department; Mohammad Shafait, Jr. Scale JKAS, BDO, Singpora, Pattan has been transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of Transport Department, for further postings.

Inzar Ahmed Rana, Jr. Scale JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as Under Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department; Sameer Ahmad Dar, Jr. Scale JKAS, State Taxes Officer, Circle-A, Srinagar, has been transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of Industries and Commerce Department, for further posting. Anu Sharma, Jr. Scale JKAS, Under Secretary, Tourism Department, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the Chief Minister's Public Services and Outreach Office, Raabita; Jahan Zaib Khan, Jr. Scale JKAS, BDO, Bijbehara, as Under Secretary, Higher Education Department; Rubia Afroz Inqalabi, Jr. Scale JKAS, Under Secretary in the J&K Services Selection Board, as Under Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department; Ankush Sharma, Jr. Scale JKAS, Functional Manager, DIC, Jammu, has been transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of Finance Department for his posting as ETO/CTO; Nasir Ahmed, Jr. Scale JKAS, District Information Officer, Doda, under orders of transfer as District Information Officer, Kupwara, has been transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of Transport Department, for further posting; Junaid Amin Bhat, Jr. Scale JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as Under Secretary, Information Department; and Khanzada Mohd. Usman, Jr. Scale JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of Information Department for his posting as DIO.

**India would strike...**

Jaishankar warned that the root causes of the conflict remain unchanged. "It (Pakistan) is a country very steeped in its use of terrorism as an instrument of state policy. That is the whole issue," he was quoted as saying by the Politico. When asked if the conditions that led to the outbreak of war last month were still in place, he said: "If you call the commitment to terrorism a source of tension, absolutely, it is." When asked about losses, Jaishankar said the relevant authorities would communicate on the matter when they were ready. He said that India's fighter aircraft and missiles had inflicted far more extensive damage on the Pakistani Air Force than vice versa, forcing Pakistan to sue for peace. "As far I'm concerned, how effective the Rafale was or frankly, how effective other systems were - to me the proof of the pudding are the destroyed and disabled airfields on the Pakistani side," he said. "The fighting stopped on the 10th for one reason and one reason only, which was that on the 10th morning, we hit these eight Pakistani, the main eight Pakistani airfields and disabled them," he said, adding that images are available in Google showing runways and those hangars which have taken the hit. During his week-long visit to Europe, Jaishankar will also hold talks with leaders of the European Union, Belgium and France to boost bilateral ties and reaffirm India's policy of zero-tolerance against terrorism.

**LG greets people...**

harmony. Equally revered by all sections of society, the compositions of Sant Kabir Das Ji have been a source of wisdom and inspiration to humanity. On this day, let us rededicate ourselves to serve the people with dedication and devotion and build a more just and humane society".

**Operation Sindoor was...**

Sindoor early on May 7 to destroy nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack.

All subsequent retaliations to Pakistani offensives were carried out under this operation. Singh termed it as "big and tough action" by India in response. "This (Operation Sindoor) was the biggest action taken against terrorism in Indian history, I can say firmly say this," he said.

**Farooq joins 'Aarti'...**

intended Amarnath pilgrims will use the train and come in large numbers to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine.

Abdullah, wearing a round sun-visor hat, boarded the train at Nowgam Railway Station in Srinagar this morning and was received by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary in Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi shrine.

"My heart is overwhelmed and my eyes filled with tears on seeing Kashmir finally getting connected with the country's rail network. I congratulate the engineers and the workers for making it happen," Abdullah told reporters after disembarking.

He called the train the biggest victory for the people as it will ease travel, boost trade and tourism, and also strengthen "love and friendship" between the two regions.

"We hope that the yatris from across the country will use the facility to turn up in large numbers for darshan at Amarnath cave shrine during the upcoming pilgrimage," Abdullah said.

Abdullah said the train will help transport horticulture produce from Kashmir to different markets in the country, including the far-off Kanyakumari, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bihar.

Earlier, in Srinagar, the NC chief said, "I am very happy that I am travelling by this train to Katra today. It has been the biggest benefit for us."

He said the train would be a reliable transport link for the people of the valley.

"The road (between Srinagar and Jammu) gets closed sometimes and the airlines start fleeing the people by jacking up the prices. With this train, people will be saved from that," he said.

Abdullah said the railway link will also prove to be beneficial to the horticulture sector in Kashmir as the produce will reach the markets faster.

"It will also benefit tourists visiting Kashmir," he added.

**BSF conducts special...**

volunteers known as VDGs living along the International Border and Line of Control were given essential training in firearms handling, self-defence techniques and surveillance methods, the official said.

The initiative is meant to counter infiltration bids and smuggling of arms, ammunition and narcotics into this side of the border through human couriers or drones, he added.

**Panel drafts report...**

The protest was led by National Conference (NC) leader and Lok Sabha member from Srinagar Aga Ruhullah Mehdi.

With the Centre granting reservation to Pahari-speaking people in the UT, the open merit category has been reduced to just 30 per cent while 70 per cent are reserved for various communities.

Students, especially those undergoing training in medicine and surgery, were protesting against this policy, saying it promotes mediocrity where merit should reign supreme.

**Govt constitutes panel for Earthquake Risk Reduction & Management for J&K UT**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The government on Tuesday constituted a Committee for Earthquake Risk Reduction and Management for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, with Administrative Secretary, Disaster Management Relief Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Department as its chairperson.

"The Administrative Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir; Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Committee/Srinagar Municipal Committee; Director, School Education, Jammu/Kashmir; Director, Rural Development, Jammu/Kashmir; Dr. O P Mishra, Director National Centre for Seismology; Prof. Bikram Singh Bahl, HoD School of Earth Sciences, University of Kashmir; Prof. G M Bhat, Department of Geology (Retd.); Deputy Secretary to the Government, Disaster Management Relief Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Department; Dr. Ajay Chaurasia, Chief Scientist & Professor CBRI; Dr. Rakesh Chandra, Senior Assistant Professor, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Kashmir; Dr. Irfan Maqbool Bhat, Assistant Professor, Centre for Disaster Risk Reduction, Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Avantipora; Dr. Mehreen Quraishi, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture, Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Avantipora; Dr. Falak Manzoor, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering Department, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar; Dr. Mir Faizan ul Haq, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jammu have been nominated as its members," reads an order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD).

"The Committee has been tasked to devise a comprehensive roadmap for earthquake risk management and risk reduction in the UT of J&K; to identify and define J&K's vulnerabilities to earthquakes, conducting detailed risk assessments to prioritize mitigation efforts and develop resilient sustainable strategies for earthquake preparedness and mitigation; to chart out strategies for the screening and safety assessments of buildings for better insight into structural stability and safety in the wake of Earthquake risks," it stated and added, "The committee has to strengthen Earthquake preparedness through safety guidelines and key policy initiatives; to develop earthquake risk management strategies and focus on assessing the current state and challenges faced by J&K in earthquake preparedness and mitigation efforts; to suggest the measures for earthquake preparedness and mitigation within the region; to suggest on the measures for ensuring the safety of the population through measures like Public awareness, community engagement, capacity building and training."

"The committee shall also to develop and implement earthquake-specific disaster management strategies at the UT and district levels, ensuring coordination among different departments, agencies and coordinating with other stakeholders; to suggest measures to prevent and mitigate the effects of earthquakes, such as building code enforcement, public awareness campaigns and earthquake resilient infrastructure; and to develop strategies for swift and effective response to earthquake events and Training & equipping government officials, emergency responders and community members with the skills and knowledge needed to effectively manage earthquake disasters," it further stated.

**CS for giving solar power push to energy sector through PMSMBY**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Tuesday chaired a high level meeting to review the progress achieved under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSMBY), a flagship initiative aimed at promoting solar energy through rooftop installations for the households and solarization of government buildings across the country.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Power Development Department (PDD); Principal Secretary, Finance; Managing Directors of JPDCCL and KPDCCL; Deputy Commissioners; CEO JAKEDA; Chief Engineers of KPDCCL/JPDCCL and other senior officials.

Taking stock of the rooftop solar installations across the districts, the Chief Secretary emphasised the need for time-bound implementation. He directed the DISCOMs, JPDCCL and KPDCCL, to ensure that the vendors complete installations in the shortest possible time.

Dulloo impressed upon the Deputy Commissioners to personally monitor the progress on rooftop solar projects in their respective districts and ensure timely completion, enabling the consumers to experience minimal delays. He also reviewed the status of applications and installations district-wise and sought a strategy from each DC to fast-track execution. To maintain quality and efficiency, he instructed the senior officers of JPDCCL and KPDCCL to undertake field visits to inspect the ongoing installations. He stressed the importance of institutional leadership while encouraging the DISCOM employees to set an example by adopting rooftop solar systems themselves. The Chief Secretary also directed that Common Service Centre (CSC) operators be empanelled to facilitate the consumer registrations at the grassroots level, ensuring ease of access for the rural and remote households.

Reviewing the solarization of government buildings, another critical component of the PMSMBY, the Chief Secretary described it as a prestigious initiative that must be executed with utmost seriousness. He directed the Deputy Commissioners to verify the functionality of each installed rooftop system and submit building-wise status reports by June 30, after coordinating with the JAKEDA for the requisite data. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D. Vaidya, stressed the need to involve the local contractors in solarisation drive by registering them as vendors and incentivising their participation.