

# Rules relaxed for divorced daughters to receive Family Pension: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Rules have been relaxed for divorced daughters to receive Family Pension and now a daughter will be entitled to receive the Family Pension even if the divorce had not finally taken place but the divorce petition had been filed by her during the lifetime of her deceased parent employee/pensioner.

Disclosing this while briefing the media about some of the important reforms brought in by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh said that the earlier Rule provided for payment of family pension to a divorced daughter only if the divorce had taken place during the



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh briefing about important reforms brought in by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, at New Delhi.

lifetime of deceased parent pensioner or his spouse.

The new circular will not only bring ease in the life of pension receiving individuals but also ensure respectable and equitable rights for the divorced daughters in the society.

Orders have also been issued for grant of Family Pension to a Divyang child or sibling even if the Disability Certificate is produced after the death of the pensioner parent but the disability had occurred before the death of the parents.

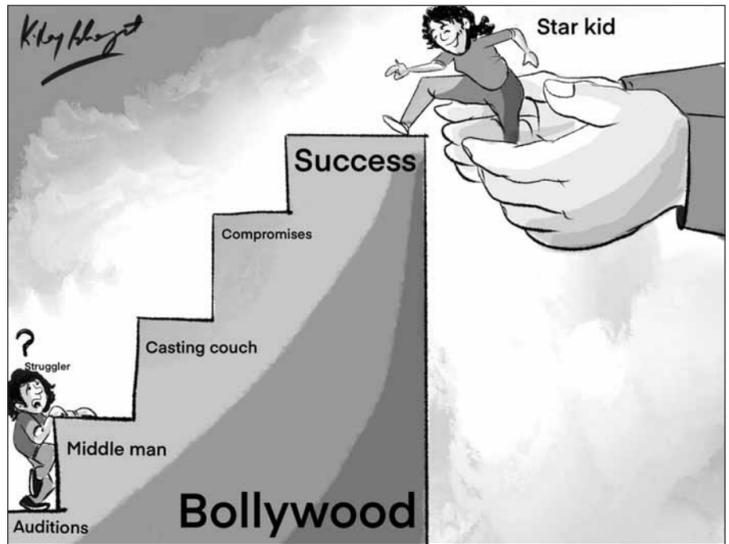
Similarly, to bring ease of living for the Divyang pensioners, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Attendant Allowance for the helper has been increased from Rs. 4,500 per month to Rs. 6,700 per month.

Dr Jitendra said, one of the most noteworthy initiatives taken by the

Pension Department is with regard to the Digital Life Certificate.

Keeping in view the difficulty faced by those senior citizens who have gone and settled abroad with their children after retirement, he said, circular has been brought out on Consolidated Instructions on Life Certificate and commencement of Family Pension for those living abroad vide which the concerned Bank Branch abroad and the Indian Embassy/ Consulate/High Commission have been instructed to provide Life Certificate and commencement of Family Pension there itself.

At the same time, Dr Jitendra said, all Pension Disbursing Banks have been instructed to provide doorstep Life Certificate to those pensioners who are unable to visit the bank.



# Redouble efforts to provide effective patient care: Dulloo tells GMC Admn

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JAMMU: Financial Commissioner, Health & Medical Education, Atal Dulloo on Saturday visited Government Medical College including Isolation ward, Oxygen supply plant and control room to take stock of medical facilities being provided to the patients in view of ongoing pandemic COVID-19.



Financial Commissioner, H&ME, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting.

The Financial Commissioner was accompanied by Mayor Jammu, Chandar Mohan Gupta, CEO JK Economic Reconstruction Agency Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Principal, GMC Jammu, Managing Director, J&K Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd., Medical Superintendent GMC and other Senior Officers.

While inspecting the control room, Atal Dulloo directed the officials to maintain proper record of the patients besides providing them all possible treatment and facilities. He

also telephonically enquired about welfare of the patients admitted in GMC and its Associated Hospitals and also took direct feedback from them regarding the facilities provided.

Later, the Financial Commissioner convened a meeting with the senior officers of the hospital administration to ensure that the services being provided in the GMC are up to public expectations and the concerns raised by general public are addressed.

He asked the concerned offi-

cial to ensure adequate availability of oxygen including sufficient buffer stocks, besides daily report on utilisation of oxygen. He also directed the concerned officer from Legal Metrology Department to depute a designated officer in GMC who will check the pressure of oxygen cylinders and give the report twice a day i.e morning and evening.

He also discussed in detail the issue of increasing the oxygen supported beds and other facilities with the officials and instructed that the senior doctors must perform

their duty and go on regular rounds along with other consultants, nurses, para-medics and pharmacists to ensure proper medical facility to the patients.

Regarding increase in oxygen supply, it was decided that the Liquid Oxygen Plant project in GMC worth rupees 17.29 crore will be set up as soon as possible.

FC Health & Medical education issued strict instructions to the doctors to improve upon patient care and ensure that all concerned in the hospital perform their duties to the best of their abilities to overcome the challenge of COVID19 and in the interest of patient care. He instructed the Principal, GMC to ensure that sufficient medical staff is available for managing the COVID patients in the Hospital and daily duty rosters for doctors and para-medics are strictly adhered to for proper patient management.

# Amit checks working of COVID Hospital Jammu

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JAMMU: Amit Sharma, Administrator, GMCH and Associated Hospitals Jammu on Saturday visited the primary COVID Hospital Jammu, which is functioning round the clock inside the premises of CD Hospital, as a part of the drive to get first-hand account of medical facilities being provided to patients inside Associated Hospitals. During this visit which was conducted in the interest of COVID positive patients care being treated here, Amit was accompanied by Medical Superintendent Dr Rajeshwar Sharma and HoD, Chest Disease & Tuberculosis Dr Rahul Gupta and other doctors.

Administrator Amit Sharma took a review of entire functioning of Covid Hospital wherein Medical Superintendent disclosed that more than 1,060 COVID patients have been admitted here so far out of which 650 stand discharged after getting fully treated, 343 went for either home quarantine or got shifted into different hospitals and only 11 critically ill COVID patients lost their lives here who were suffering with co-morbidities and around 60 COVID positive patients are undergoing treatment inside this Hospital.

On various queries of the Administrator, MS COVID Hospital assured him that all patients are being given adequate facilities like food, water and basic requirements



Administrator, GMCH and Associated Hospitals Jammu, Amit Sharma, inspecting oxygen plant at CD Hospital.

inside Wards if the hospital which were also shown through virtual mode visit of all the nooks and corners of the hospital.

Amit took a detailed review of facilities including supply of oxygen at each bed inside all wards of COVID Hospital and saw live CCTV coverage wherein he felt satisfied with the efforts of Hospital authorities in terms of availability of oxygen, cleanliness, patient comfort, etc.

Amit also took a round of oxygen storage facility inside CD Hospital and personally

monitored the process of oxygen storage and supplies to different beds inside the hospital. Amit was informed that each 200 pound oxygen cylinder is being replaced almost in less than half an hour time upon which he directed that the hospital staff must remain alert and cautious about its timely replacement.

He also advised Dr Rajeshwar to keep adequate and additional/buffer stock of oxygen cylinders inside COVID Hospital so as to meet any contingency or extraordinary requirement in this behalf in the near future. Before culminating the visit, Amit also visited the Joint Consultation Room of team of doctors led by Dr Rahul Gupta inside CD Hospital wherein all Doctors happen to sit and decide about customised treatment to be given to each COVID positive patient getting treated here. He also enquired about CT Scans being performed here for which exclusive dedicated machinery are fully operational here so as to facilitate the assessment of health status of patients getting treated here from time to time as per medical advice. Administrator appreciated the team work and dedication of COVID Hospital staff led by MS but at the same time, he mentioned that there is no room for complacency in working inside all Associated Hospitals so that there is minimal or nil damage in ongoing Pandemic times.

# Two KAS officers transferred

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JAMMU: The government on Saturday transferred two KAS officers. According to an order issued by General Administration Department, Vinay Khosla, KAS, Deputy Secretary, ARI and Trainings Department has been transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary in the J&K Services Selection Board; and Hilal Ahmad Mir, Junior KAS, presently deployed in the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the J&K Services Selection Board.

# J&K Govt notifies officers' training schedule for B2V3

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SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government has notified training schedule for designated officers for the third phase of Back to Village (B2V3) programme in the Union Territory. According to an order issued here today in this regard, the training shall be organised by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

# Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu on Saturday informed that for re-conducting and structure fitting, the shutdown of 33KV Mandal line is being observed.

During the shutdown, the power supply to Gurah, Mandal and their adjoining areas will remain affected on September 27 and 30 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

# Crime Branch registers case for fraud in joint business

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JAMMU: Crime Branch on Saturday registered a criminal case after detecting fraud in a joint private business namely M/s Adil Traders Satwari by one of the partners.

As per spokesman of the investigating agency, a case was registered following a written complaint by Atul Mahajan, son of Shakti Mahajan, resident of A/4 Bharat Nagar Bantalab, against his partner Mahesh Chander, son of Shri Ram, resident of 19/8, Trikuta Nagar, he added. "A preliminary verification was conducted (into the complaint) and documentary evidence established prima facie that accused was a business partner of M/s Adil Traders and handling business of company. He has withdrawn a huge amount from the account of company without consent of other partners," the spokesman told.

He further said Mahajan, in his complaint, said that initially his wife, mother and Chander started a partnership business of C&F (Clearing and Forwarding) and distribution of edible oils & Vanaspati in the name and style of Adil Traders at Satwari. Mahajan further said that he joined the partnership business after demise of his wife and a fresh re-constituted partnership deed was registered to this effect. "The accused carried on business of firm exclusively and joint bank account of firm was also being operated upon almost all time by him," the spokesman said, adding that on September 9, 2016, the accused left the business of partnership concern without informing any of the partners. He further said that the complainant tried to locate him but failed as the accused is still underground. "The complainant checked stocks and accounts and found that the stock was almost empty except some damaged goods, besides the accused committed a fraud of Rs 2,97,431.74

in the accounts. The stock worth Rs 12,25,676.74 was existing as per accounts but same was also misappropriated by accused and only damaged stock worth Rs 75,000 was lying," the spokesman said.

He further said that complainant also alleged that the accused had floated a business concern in his own name under banner of M/s Dinesh Trading Company and fraudulently transferred an amount of Rs 12,11,222 from account of M/s Adil Traders, besides purchasing goods worth Rs 4,02,350 from Gujarat Ambuja Company on basis of goodwill of M/s Adil Traders but did not made any. The accused also misappropriated stock worth Rs 2,60,000 of M/s Gujarat Ambuja from stock of M/s Adil Traders, the spokesman said, adding a formal case has been registered in Police Station Crime Branch, Jammu against the accused and investigation has been initiated.

# IGP Jammu reviews border security, pitches for alerts to foil attempts of ANEs

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SAMBA: In light of the apprehensions of carrying out of subversive activities by the Anti-National Elements (ANEs), Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh told officers to remain on the constant vigil and alert so that any evil attempt to disrupt peace in UT of J&K is effectively foiled.

IGP Jammu was chaired a meeting to review the border security grid and national highway during his visit to district Samba.

Mukesh Singh in the meeting exhorted upon the officers to work in unison and sensitised them about the emerging challenges and the recent trends in that region.

he also impressed for further strengthening relations with the people of border areas and emphasised to continue good teamwork with full coordination and synergy at various levels among police, army and



IGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh chairing a meeting.

other security forces.

Reviewing the cases of dropping of weapons with the help of drones, IGP Jammu asked officers to counter the same by strengthening the security grid.

Earlier, SSP Samba Rajesh Sharma gave a detailed power point presentation on the security set up in the district viz a viz deployment of BSF/Army and District Police Samba in three tiers on the CT grid of district.

This was followed by presentations by SP operations, SSP Kathua and DIG Udhampur on the emerging challenges

along the international border and about the suggested measures to improve the security grid.

The meeting was attended DIG JKS Range Vivek Gupta, DIG Udr-Reasi Range Sujit Kumar, DIG DKR Range Ab. Jabbar, SSP Kathua Shalinder Mishra, SSP Samba Rajesh Sharma, SSP Jammu Shridhar Patil, SSP Udhampur Shargun Shukla, SP OPS Jammu Naresh Kumar, Addl SP Samba besides other police officers of the district.

# J&K must have a Hindu Chief Minister! But who?

Jammu's desire for a Hindu Chief Minister is manifestation of neglect and discrimination of over seven decades. It reflects peoples' disenchantment with the previous government, which failed in taking along all the three regions instead of the Valley. With Ladakh becoming a UT, Jammu is struggling for political empowerment.



**Advocate Deepak Gupta:** Jammu & Kashmir State turned Union Territory has a very long history of communal harmony where only few instances are there to show a conflict amongst religions. Although in 90s, due to the rise of extremism in Kashmir, the Kashmiri Pandits had to leave the Valley, resulting in first instance of communal disharmony since independence. But those who are talking about the distant dream of having a Hindu CM have ignored the demographic factor of the UT. As we all know that democracy is the game of

numbers and when we talk of politics in Jammu & Kashmir whether it be Congress, BJP, NC and PDP, the principal parties of the erstwhile State who have earlier led the governments hold their epicenter in Kashmir region because it has majority number of Assembly seats. Apni Party, a recently emerged alternative in J&K led by Altaf Bukhari is looking forward to get numbers in the Jammu region as well. Whereas parties battling for a Hindu CM, the baton holder of which is BJP along with few recently formed social groups like IKJUTT Jammu and Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan whose leaders have got a considerable base but will they be able to turn this into a voter base, is a question for all political analysts. But these political parties which have recently started creating their base in the Jammu region will only cut down the committed voters of the BJP, as earlier it was the only party available as the torch bearer of Hindu community. So the Hindu voters, already less in number as compared to other communities, will be divided, thus impacting the chances of having a Hindu CM. So, politically it can only be a myth to talk of a Hindu CM in the UT but if Central Government, after its recent uncalled for Domicile Act, makes strategy for bringing about demographic change, it will be a time consuming and challenging process.

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**King C Bharati, Senior Journalist:** Even though India is a secular country, the religion of the head of the state does not matter, yet the fact remains that J&K had an unwritten law that only Muslim can be the Chief Minister, reason being that J&K was a Muslim majority state. Hence taking this view further I believe that the argument is also against the tenets of a secular country and needs to be balanced by giving equal opportunities to other sections of the society. It is, therefore, imperative that after 70 years of an unwritten communal law J&K now needs a Hindu Chief Minister so that Hindus don't feel let down. When we talk of Hindus it is obvious that the Hindu CM would be either from Kashmiri Pandit community or Hindu Dogra community of Jammu. If such a situation arises I have a few names in mind who may prove to be excellent Hindu Chief Ministers for the Union Territory. From Kashmiri community I would prefer Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organisation) BJP as he has vast experience of political and social dealings and is a Swayam Sevak, who cannot be corrupted. From Jammu I have four people in mind. First is Dr Nirmal Singh, who has the experience as Dy CM and naturally should get the promotion, second is Dr Jitendra Singh, who has vast experience of dealing with eight chief ministers of North East as also the PMO, the third is Kavinder Gupta, who did not get much time to prove his mettle as Dy Chief Minister and finally if the party wants a new face then Ravinder Raina gets my vote. My opinion is based on the assumption that BJP like earlier elections would get the majority.



**Sushil Kumar Sharma, Chairman All J&K Disable Welfare Association:** "Old, disabled and widows are ignored consecutively by all the Chief Ministers of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State since independence. We have lost all hope from the political parties and their leaders. We have been ruled by one particular community since last so many years and what we received were peanuts and discrimination at all spheres in the Jammu region. Actual minorities in J&K Union Territory are deprived of their rights. We expect a Hindu CM now in J&K who can do justice with the region. We have very limited choice for choosing a person as Hindu CM from Jammu. Still from the major political parties it is only Sham Lal Sharma from BJP who can meet public expectations. Harsh Dev Singh and Ankur Sharma are also the choices but it is not possible to manage the numbers for them to be CM of J&K. Hence BJP should project Sham Lal Sharma as CM candidate who has wide political experience and who can handle both divisions smoothly.



**Monika Khajuria, Lecturer:** "Yes, Hindus can better rule the state of Jammu & Kashmir. History stands testimony to it. Hindu rule the erstwhile princely state of Jammu & Kashmir for nearly 150 years and have socially reformed the state. They enacted many laws for socio-economic upliftment of the people, much before the same were enacted and implemented in rest of the country after independence. As, in the recent past, we have witnessed that many political leaders who were either academicians, technocrats or public servants; they have not done much for the welfare of the people. They rather amassed wealth and raised palatial mansions or encroached the government land with the support of the land mafia, higher-ups of the civil and police administration. The political leaders should win the confidence besides heart and mind of the people of J&K then aspire to become Chief-Minister K. The only leader I believe has the capability to become CM is Sham Lal Sharma."

# Govt evacuates 5,03,963 stranded J&K residents

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Government has evacuated about 5,03,963 JK residents, stranded in other parts of the country due to COVID lockdown, via Lakhampur and through special trains and buses till date amid strict observance of all necessary guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures. As per the official data received on Saturday in this regard, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has received 155 special trains at Jammu and Udhampur railway stations from different states and UTs, so far, with about 1,40,292 passengers while about 3,63,671 persons from other states and UTs including 934 from abroad have been evacuated by the government through Lakhampur till date. As per the detailed breakup of the figures, about 4151 stranded passengers have entered through Lakhampur from September 25 to September 26 mornings while 134 trains have reached Jammu with a total of 124,596 stranded passengers belonging to different districts so far while 15,696 passengers have reached Udhampur in 21 special trains, so far. Today no train arrived at Jammu.