

Holding Public Grievance Camps Vital For Boosting People's Confidence: Secy RDD

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SRINAGAR: Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Sheetal Nanda today said that convening public grievance camps by the Government functionaries in the twin capitals of Jammu and Kashmir is vital for boosting the confidence of the people in the Government functioning.

"Those people who can't report to the Civil Secretariat for getting their grievances resolved get the biggest relief when Advisors and Senior Government functionaries convene public grievance camps and do their best to fix the problems on the spot," Nanda, said while convening a public grievance camp here today.

"The biggest success of such initiative is when people are being heard and they speak out their heart out and expect that their grievances and issues are



addressed on priority," she said, adding that the Administrative Secretaries in Jammu and Kashmir would be staying connected with people to provide governance to people at their doorsteps.

Speaking to various deputations during the public outreach programme held here, Nanda said that Government has started a novel initiative of reaching out to the people—primarily for addressing their grievances

and also providing them with better service delivery. During the programme, several deputations from Baramulla, Ganderbal, Pulwama, Budgam, Srinagar districts apprised the Secretary about their issues and demands. The Secretary gave a patient hearing to the deputations and assured them that all their genuine issues would be looked into and addressed accordingly. She urged people to come

forward and register their grievances, saying that the Government keeps an eye on the developmental needs of the people. However, she said, large participation of people in the governance process can bring laurels in the services delivery system besides making it more accountable and transparent. She assured several deputations who were demanding posting of full time Block

Development Officers in their respective blocks that Government would be soon taking steps on this. She directed the officers that the issues of public importance must be addressed on priority and they must get hassle-free services from the department.

Divulging details about various ambitious schemes with the Department, the Secretary urged people to come forward and avail benefits of several centrally sponsored schemes. She said that Government was taking several measures to provide services to the beneficiaries under these schemes.

Giving details about the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Nanda said that the Department is charged with the responsibilities of development of rural areas by providing various basic facilities to the rural population and provide jobs to the labour class.

Garbage piles up at Super Specialty Hospital premises

SRINAGAR: Unattended garbage in the premises of Super Specialty Hospital (SSH) here in summer capital Srinagar is causing immense problems to the visitors.

As per sources, the garbage lying inside the hospital premises has not been removed from here for a long time. The problem has been compounded by presence of a large number of dogs around this garbage pile—putting the lives of visitors at risk.

Some visitors even went on to complain that they fear to roam around freely, especially during late evenings due to the presence of these dogs around the hospital.

The SSH located at Shireen Bagh, opposite to Shri Mahraja Hari Singh (SMHS) hospital runs under the administrative control of Government Medical College (GMC), Srinagar is catering to hundreds of patients on a daily basis.

Unattended garbage which includes medical waste generated in this government hospital is piling up in a corner of the premises and is proving to be a health hazard.

The waste pile largely comprised food waste,

polythene covers, slippers, blood-soaked bandages, syringes and empty medicine bottles. "We have been experiencing severe breathing problems since the last couple of days due to the stench from this," said a few attendants.

The hospital is visited by hundreds of patients on daily basis; therefore, large biomedical waste gets generated. "Though it has separate bins to segregate wet and solid waste from biomedical waste," an official at the hospital blamed visitors for not following instructions.

"All biomedical waste is collected by workers and sent outside; only the general waste is collected here. But if syringes and bottles were found in this pile we shall immediately look into it. Only visitors could have thrown it there," the official inside the hospital added.

Patients also complained that often crows and dogs flock around the garbage pile. "Crows and dogs pick up waste from the pile and drop it everywhere," said an attendant Yawar Majeed of Pulwama. He accused the hospital authorities

that they do not turn up regularly to clear the pile.

Another attendant Bilal Ahmad said that stench coming out from the garbage, often spread around by birds, irks visitors to the hospital. "One can clearly see the heap of garbage lying here unattended. It seems that the garbage has not been lifted for a long time. If garbage lies unattended for a long, the problem may get worse with rise in temperature which ultimately would outbreak any disease," he said.

A doctor at the hospital said: "If our hospitals are filthy or our environs are full of hazardous waste, people, instead of getting better in health facilities tend to fall sick."

The attendants grieved that they had taken up the matter with hospital authorities. "But, they (hospital authorities) failed to take measures for ensuring sanitation of the hospital premises. The unattended garbage is emanating pungent smell posing threat of infection to patients as well as attendants," they said.

They now demand the unattended garbage be urgently sanitized to prevent an outbreak of disease. (KNT)

Demolition drive begins in encroached wetland at Khushalsar

SRINAGAR: Days after warning encroachers to remove encroachment on wet land Khushal Sar area of Eidgah Srinagar, authorities Tuesday started a demolition drive and dismantled two residential houses, 2 plinths and compounding walling.

Official sources said that a demolition squad led by

ADC Srinagar Khurshid Ahmed, Tehsildar Eidgah Moin Azhar Kakroo and SP North Sajad Ahmed Shah arrived in Khushal Sar area and supervised the demolition drive.

Pertinently, wet land Khushal Sar has been encroached by 'influential' people in connivance with government officials

from past couple of years. A number of structures have come in while some people after occupying the state wet land have done fencing as well.

There are clear cut directions from the Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal to secure and clear all the wet lands from the encroachments.

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
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Subject:- Construction of 100mm dia manually Drilled Hand Pump wells in various constituencies of District Kupwara.

Reference:- This office e-NIT No.PHE/GWD/38 of 01/2020; dated: 14.01.2020 issued vide endstt.No.PHE/GWD/3147-54 dated:14.01.2020.

CORRIGENDUM NO-LST

The following condition is to be included in the terms & Conditions clause "No payments shall be made in favour of the agency to whom the work shall be allotted in case of hand pump is declared failure".

All other terms & Conditions shall remain unchanged as mentioned in the e-NIT/PWD form No:-25-Double.

**Executive Engineer
PHE Ground Water Division
Srinagar**

DIPK No. 6580/M

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**GIST OF NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NO. MDS/TENDER/2019-20/34 ; DATE:-01.02.2020**

Sealed tenders affixed with Rs. 5/= revenue stamps are invited for and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory from registered firms/Contractors for:-

Description of the work	Est.Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of Tender document	Time of completion
Upgradation of existing drainage system with providing of trash screens intermittently all along the Conference Hall to Xen quarter of MED Complex Shalteng, Srinagar.	62,500/-	Rs. 1250/-	Rs. 200/-	07 days
Date of sale of tender documents	01-02-2020 to 11-02-2020 (up to 4.00 pm)			
Last date of receipt of tenders	12-02-2019 (up to 2.00pm)			
Date of opening of tenders	12-02-2019			
Tender receiving & opening authority	Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division Srinagar			

The Tender document can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours against cost mentioned above, in the form of IPO/Demand Draft or cash payment. The tender documents shall be issued subject to production of following documents:

- Self attested copy of Certificate of GST Registration.
- Application for issuance of Tender Document from the firm duly signed and stamped by the Proprietor, however, in case the Proprietor of the firm wishes to purchase the tender document through his representative, a valid authorization letter duly signed and stamped by the proprietor shall be produced prior to purchase of the document.

In case the last date of receipt of tenders happens to be a non-working day due to any reasons, the tenders shall be received in this office on next working day.

**Sd/-
Er. Abdul Rashid Bhat
Executive Engineer
Mechanical Division, Srinagar**

DIPK No. : 6652/M

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE KHREW
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SHORT TERM QUOTATION**

Short Term Quotation affixed with Rs. 5/= revenue stamps are hereby invited from authorized/reputed/registered/approved dealers for supply/installation of Power-Inverter to the office of Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Khrew, as specified as under:

Sr. No.	Name of the Item/specification.
1.	UPS(Exidel450-VA)
2.	Two number of Exide Battery-150-AH, (each)
3.	Two number of Solar Penal.
4.	2 Kilowatt (Auto Dry Constant Stabilizer)

The Quotations should reach to this office by or before 11-02-2020 Up to 2.00 PM. Through speed post/Courier Service or deliver it in person. The quotation will be opened on the same day, in presence of such Tenderers who may wish to be present.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- The Tender should be addressed to Executive Officer, Municipal Committee Khrew.
- The Successful Tenderer shall have to supply above items within 3 days from the date of issuance of Supply Order. The rates should be quoted in words and figures without cutting and overwriting.
- The rate should inclusive of all tax i.e GST etc.
- The Supply should be safe and specified quality.

**Sd/-
Executive Officer
Municipal Committee
Khrew, Kashmir**

DIPK No. 2429 NB

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- BUBHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

HIGHWAY STATUS

- Sgr-Jammu highway - ()
- Mughal Road - (Closed)
- Srinagar- Leh- (Closed)

This Day in History

- 1962 - Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn all within 16 degrees
- 1963 - Maarten Schmidt discovers enormous red shifts in quasars
- 1963 - Soviet lunar probe failure
- 1970 WSCV TV channel 51 in Fort Lauderdale, FL (IND) suspends broadcasting
- 1971 - Apollo 14, 3rd US manned Moon expedition, lands near Fra Mauro Alan Shepard & Edward Mitchell (Apollo 14) walk on Moon for 4 hrs
- 1974 - John Murtha becomes the first Vietnam War veteran elected to the United States Congress
- 1987 - Soyuz TM-2 launches
- 1989 - Kareem Abdul-Jabar becomes 1st NBA player to score 38,000 points
- 1900 - The United States and the United Kingdom sign treaty for Panama Canal
- 1922 - Reader's Digest magazine 1st published
- 1958 - Test Cricket debut of Lance Gibbs, WI v Pakistan, Port-of-Spain
- 1958 Vanguard TV-3 back-up launches into Earth orbit; reaches 6 km
- 1970 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
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- 1987 - Soyuz TM-2 launches
- 1994 - 68 killed and 200 wounded after a mortar bomb is set off in Sarajevo



PRAYERS

FAJR
6: 01

ZUHR
12: 45

ASR
4:24

MAGRIB
6:08

ISHA
7:28

From KO Archives

5 Sikhs Gunned Down In Srinagar

Indefinite Curfew In City Areas

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Indefinite curfew was imposed in parts of the city tonight following the killing of five persons belonging to a particular community by some unidentified gunmen at Mehjoor Nagar today. A vast area around the place has been cordoned off and house to house searches launched to apprehend the killers.

The areas in which curfew was imposed fall in the jurisdiction of police stations Parimpora, Batamuloo, Rainawan, Ram Munshibagh, Sher Garghi, Sadr, Shaheed Gunj, Rambagh, Kothibagh, Maisuma. Army and para-military forces in strength have been deployed in these areas.

According to reports, 6 to 8 gunmen swooped on Mehjoor Nagar locality across Rajbagh around 6 30 p.m. today and re-sorted to indiscriminate firing on a group of Sikhs there. They also entered a couple of houses. In the shoot out over a dozen Sikhs, including three of a family, were injured, some of them seriously. The assailants who had reportedly come in a three-wheeler escaped from the area after the shoot-out.

All those injured were rushed to various city hospitals where four of them succumbed to their injuries.

Those admitted in nearby Bone and Joint Hospital were identified as Dharminder Singh (22) s/o Amarjit Singh r/o Aloochoibagh, Amar Singh (35) s/o Prithpal Singh his mother, Chand Kour (48) and Balwant Singh (65) s/o Mai Chand Singh, all residents of Mehjoor Nagar. Of them, Balwant Singh succumbed to his injuries.

Four of the injured admitted in the SMHS hospital were identified as Surjit Singh s/o Nirmal, Samir Pal Singh s/o Kanwar Nain Singh, Kanwar Nain Singh s/o Khayam Singh and Satinder Kour w/o Kanwar Nain Singh, residents of Mehjoor Nagar. Of them, Surjit Singh and Samir Pal Singh succumbed to their injuries.

(According to a report, one Gurmeet Singh had died on the spot.) Some of those injured were shifted to the SK Institute of Medical Sciences where they were suited to in critical condition.

A NAFA report said late in the evening that army and para-military forces had cordoned off the Mehjoor Nagar locality and some adjoining areas and started house-to-house searches. A Brigadier from 311 sub-area was stated to be commanding the operation. The Inspector General of Police, Dr Ashok Bhan, was camping in the area along with several senior police officials.

Unconfirmed reports suggested that the security forces had entered several houses in the locality. A local agency rang up an acquaintance in the area twice this evening. The first time he talked to the friend, but when he rang up again, someone picked up the phone made no answer, suggesting that there was something wrong in the house. Fear and tension has gripped the locality, and reports indicated many residents had fled from their houses out of fear.

This is the second major incident in which members of the Sikh community have been targeted. On the night of March 20, 2000, some unidentified gunmen massacred 35 Sikhs at Chattisinghpura, remote village of Anantnag district. A few days later the police claimed having killed the 'militants' responsible for the massacre. However, subsequent developments belied the police claim, and those killed by it turned out to be local civilian youth.

It may be recalled a judicial probe headed by Justice G R Pandian later indicted the police for the civilian killing following which the Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah had announced setting up of a commission of enquiry headed by a re-tired or sitting judge of the supreme court to probe the Chattisinghpura massacre.

Dr. Abdullah even ignored the Pandian Commission recommendation to reinstate one Superintendent of Police on the plea that a linkage had been established between the Braggpora killing and the Chatisinghpura massacre.

However, the commission of enquiry is yet to be setup.