

# Dheeraj, Zubair Take Stock Of Public Grievances At Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Dheeraj Gupta and Secretary, Culture and Tourism Department, Zubair Ahmad on Tuesday took stock of people's grievances during a day-long public grievance camp held at Banquet Hall, Srinagar.

During the programme, a large number of deputations and individuals from Srinagar, Budgam, Anantnag, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Pulwama, Gulmarg, Kokernag, Phalgam among other areas met the Administrative Secretaries and highlighted their issues. During the camp several service matter cases were also taken up.

A delegation of Sangarmaal shop owners Association, Srinagar, apprised the Principal Secretary about their issues. They said that Sangarmaal needs an immediate revival.

The Principal Secretary assured the Association that he would hold a meeting with the officials of Srinagar Development Authority, directing officials to furnish comprehensive



details within four days. They demanded that Government should take all measures to enhance the footfall at the Sangarmaal Shopping mall.

A delegation of young professionals apprised the Principal Secretary about their issues. They said five years back, UEED notified Executive Officer posts and written exams were conducted. However no final list was issued by the Government.

A delegation of elderly people of Takanwaripora, Bakshipora and Tengpora, on the outskirts of Srinagar city demanded that their areas be denotified from Srinagar. Gupta said that their issue would be

examined and directed officials to furnish in this regard. Dal Dwellers delegation demanded that their rehabilitation plan be expedited. They demanded that over 200 houses damaged as per LAWDA survey be rehabilitated. Principal Secretary informed that under law, there would be 100 per cent rehabilitation of the Dal dwellers. A delegation from Kokernag, Anantnag alleged Municipal Committee violated norms of allotting shops to the deserving shopkeepers.

A delegation from Hyderia Colony, Khushi Pora, HMT, Srinagar demanded that their colony remains submerged.

A deputation of Pensioners of Gulmarg Development Authority (GDA) sought early redressal from the Government to pending arrears of pending since 1992. A delegation of stenographers of Department of Tourism said that they have not been promoted from last five years and sought early redressal. A delegation of PHE ITI Trained Workers Association of Kashmir province demanded that SRO-520 should be revoked. They also demanded regularization under the new rules of the UT.

A delegation of PG students of Department of Archaeology from University of Kashmir, de-

mandated that special provisions should be made for the recruitment of PGs from the Universities. The Culture Secretary said that Culture Department was reviewing the recruitment rules and all possible measures would be taken to strengthen the department.

Jammu and Kashmir Society for Trekking and Environment apprised the Secretary about the status of the trekking in Kashmir region, urging him to give permission for conducting Naranag-Dumail day trek.

The Administrative Secretaries assured the deputations and individuals that all their issues would be looked into for redressal. Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Gazanfar Ali, Vice-Chairman, Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LAWDA), Tufail Mattoo, Chief Engineer, I&FC, Shahnawaz Hussain, Chief Engineer, PHE, Wahid Ahmad, Joint Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Tabasum Shafat Kamili, among other senior officers of the Tourism, Culture, and other Departments were present during the day-long public grievance camp in Srinagar.

## Now, J&K police to get new riot-control equipment

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir police force is all set to procure hi-tech riot control equipment to deal with the protestors in an effective manner and to protect its men from getting harmed while controlling crowd.

Sources said, fresh tenders have been floated by the Jammu and Kashmir police headquarters about procuring riot control equipment.

The move comes despite that fact that the level of protests in Srinagar, the summer capital of the newly carved out Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and other districts of the UT, especially southern districts of Kashmir have witnessed a steep decline in the level of protests since past two years. The final date for submitting samples from the authorized manufacturers has been fixed as February 27. Official sources said that the equipment police is going to get includes riot helmets, face visors, body armour, vests, neck protectors, knee pads, gas masks and shields.

Besides, they said that the J&K police is mulling to procure popular tear gas include the eye irritants ortho-chlorobenzylidene-malononitrile (CS gas), chloroacetophenone (CN gas), and dibenz (b,f)-1,4-oxazepine (CR gas). "Among a long list of substances, these three have become of greater importance than the others because of their effectiveness and low risks when used," they said.

A senior police officer told KNO that force is on a path of procuring all the possible modern equipment to deal with the law and order challenges and also the challenges of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir. "We are on a track of procuring hi-tech gadgets to give our technical capabilities a major boost. Police force in J&K is engaged on many fronts that includes controlling crime, deal with criminals, local issues, conducting investigations, dealing with the law and order issues and above all the challenge of militancy," he said.

## World Unani Day celebrated in Kashmir

SRINAGAR: The Directorate of Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy, today organised a function to celebrate World Unani Day on the eve of the birth anniversary of great Unani Scholar, Hakim Ajmal Khan.

The function was attended by Director ISM, Dr Mohan Singh, Additional District Commissioner, Srinagar, Khursheed Ahmad Shah, Deputy Director ISM, Dr Ashfaq Hussain, District Medical Officers, Researchers, Academicians and AYUSH Practitioners.

Dr Mohan said that the main objective of World Unani Day is to spread

awareness about health care delivery through Unani system of medicine through its preventive and curative philosophy. He emphasized on the need to practice Unani Medicine in daily life to take advantage of benefits like all round fitness, stress relief and improved immunity.

He stressed on the need to carry forward the Unani system by creating awareness at mass level by involving NGO's, district administration, schools and other allied and related department.

The Director in his address also appreciated the services of ISM doctors

posted in far flung, remote and inaccessible areas for their commendable job.

He maintained that attempts are being made to mainstream this health system for its holistic approach to treat a patient.

The Director also highlighted the achievements of the directorate of ISM and informed the gathering that new activities are being taken up under flagship program 'National AYUSH Mission'. He also talked about establishment of health and wellness centers in J&K to reach out to the people living in remote areas.

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## This Day in History

- 1502 - Muslims in Granada forced to convert to Catholicism
- 1502 Vasco da Gama sets sail from Lisbon, Portugal on his second voyage to India
- 1528 - Treaty of Dordrecht between emperor & ecclesiastical power
- 1700 - The Great Northern War begins in Northern Europe between Denmark–Norway, Saxony and Russia and the Swedish Empire.
- 1818 - Chile gains independence from Spain.
- 1832 - Ecuador annexes Galapagos Islands
- 1861 - State troops seize US munitions in Napoleon, Arkansas, during the US Civil War
- 1886 - 2nd British government of Salisbury forms
- 1912 - The last Qing Emperor of China, Puyi abdicates after losing the support of the Chinese people and thus the mandate of heaven
- 1915 - Adolf Hitler receives the relatively common Iron Cross second class for bravery in World War I
- 1921 - Winston Churchill becomes British Minister of Colonies
- 1934 - The four-day February Uprising, sometimes called the Austrian Civil War, begins.
- 1935 - Great airship, USS Macon, crashes into Pacific Ocean
- 1953 - USSR breaks relations with Israel
- 1954 - The UK government establishes an organisation to control atomic energy in the country under The Atomic Energy Authority Bill
- 1955 McGuire Sisters' "Sincerely" single goes #1 & stays #1 for 10 weeks
- 1955 President Eisenhower sends 1st US advisors to South Vietnam
- 1955 - Soviets decides space center built in Baikonur, Kazakhstan
- 1960 - Chinese army kills 12 Indian soldiers
- 1964 - Fighting breaks out between Turks and Greeks over dispute islands in Cyprus and 16 are killed; the UN responds the following month by sending a peacekeeping force
- 1965 - Nuclear test at Pacific Ocean
- 1974 - Heads of state of Algeria, Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia discuss oil strategy in view of the progress in Arab-Israeli disengagement
- 1979 - Kosmos 1076, 1st Soviet oceanographic satellite, launched
- 1979 - Bakhtiar resigns as prime minister of Iran after losing support of the military
- 1982 - US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site
- 1985 - West Indies beat Australia 2-1 to win cricket's World Series Cup (Australian Tri-Series)
- 1991 - Iceland recognizes Lithuania's independence
- 1994 - XVII Winter Olympic Games opens in Lillehammer, Norway
- 1998 - Intel unveils its 1st graphics chip i740
- 1999 - US President Bill Clinton acquitted by the Senate in his impeachment trial
- 2001 - NEAR Shoemaker spacecraft touchdown in the "saddle" region of 433 Eros becoming the first spacecraft to land on an asteroid.

## From KO Archives

## India, Pakistan May Conduct Nuclear Tests: US

### Agencies

WASHINGTON: US intel-ligence chiefs have warned that they could not rule out new nuclear tests by India and Pakistan and pointed to an "unacceptably high" risk of war between the two countries.

George Tenet, director of the CIA, said in pre-pared testimony to the sen-ate intelligence committee that an escalation of the race for nuclear superior-ity on the subcontinent could not be ruled out "We still believe there is a good prospect of another round of nuclear tests," said Tenet. "I must report that relations between India and Pakistan remain volatile, making the risk of war between the two nuclear-armed adversaries unacceptably high," Tenet said.

### MILITARY BALANCE FAVOURS INDIA

The military balance in South Asia favours India against Pakistan in most areas of conventional de-fence preparedness, mak-ing Islamabad rely on nu-clear weapons for deter-rence, Tenet told the Senate Committee.

He said the "military balance in which India enjoys advantages over Pakistan in most areas of conventional defence preparedness re-mains the same. This in-cludes a decisive advantage in fighter aircraft, almost twice as many men under arms, and a much larger economy to support defence expenditures.

Pakistan relies heavily on its nuclear weapons for deterrence. Their deep-seated rivalry, frequent ar-tillery exchanges in Kash-mir, and short flight times for nuclear-capable ballistic missiles and air-craft, all contribute to an unstable nuclear deterrence."

Tenet said that Kash-mir is at the centre of the dispute between India and Pakistan. Nuclear deter-rence and the likelihood that a conventional war would bog down both sides argue against a decision to go to war. "But both sides seem quite willing to take risks over Kashmir in particular, and this along with their deep animosity and distrust - could lead to decisions that escalate tensions."

(KASHMIR OBSERVER, 12 February, 2001)