

# Mehta, Hafeez Take Stock Of Public Grievances In Srinagar

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SRINAGAR: Financial Commissioner, Finance, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta and Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez today 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 across Kashmir districts including, Srinagar, Budgam, Anantnag, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Gurez, Bandipora, Kangan, among other areas met the Administrative Secretaries and highlighted their issues.

Speaking to several delegations during the camp, Mehta said that youth should focus on education and work hard for securing their future. He said Government was aiming to create a transparent mechanism for recruitments across Jammu and Kashmir.

Director General, Budgets, Muhammad Yaqoob Itooo, Additional Commissioner, Sales Tax, DFO Urban, among other senior officers were present on the occasion.



Matters related to Department of Forests, Environment and Ecology were also heard by the Administrative Secretaries along with other senior officers of the departments.

A delegation of NYCs of all the districts apprised the Administrative Secretaries to look into their cases and provide them some relief. They demanded continuation of their services into academic institutions.

A delegation of constables of Jammu and Kashmir Police urged the Administrative Secretaries to look into their long-pending demand of their stagnation. A delegation of unemployed Junior Engineers demanded issuance of noti-

fications for various posts in several departments of Jammu and Kashmir.

A delegation from Budgam demanded construction of boundary walls, drainage and fencing in the Karewa land.

A delegation of Accounts Assistants of Finance Department demanded conduct of examinations by PSC as early as possible. A delegation from Kursu, Raj Bagh demanded macdamization of road and earth filling and fencing of their graveyards.

A delegation of aspiring candidates demanded declaration of result by Jammu and Kashmir Bank. A delegation of Cheriwan, Ganderbal demanded upgradation of their High School

into Higher Secondary.

A delegation of J&K Contractors Coordination Committee apprised Mehta about their issues—urging Government to clear the liabilities, pending from last couple of years. They also demanded restoration of broadband services in their respective divisions, saying that this would expedite the process of tax-paying and carrying out the formalities.

Mehta said that Government was also taking several initiatives for bringing positive changes in all the sectors at Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that Government was aiming to ensure 100 per cent implementation of all benefi-

ciary-oriented schemes.

Meanwhile a delegation of contractors apprised Mehta about their developmental works in the department and urged all the pending amounts may be released on priority. They said that they had worked promptly to revive the dysfunctional toilets across several schools in Kashmir division.

During the camp several service matter cases were also taken up. The deputations sought an early redress from the Government.

The Administrative Secretaries assured the deputations and individuals that all their issues would be looked into for redress.

## High Court dismissed petitions seeking quashing of FIRs under 561-A-CrPc

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir High Court today dismissed a host of petitions seeking quashing of First Information Reports (FIRs) under Section 561-A Cr.Pc.

The Coram led by Judge Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, observed that FIRs pending investigation before the concerned authority cannot be quashed in 561-A-Cr.Pc proceedings and can be pressed into service under exceptional circumstances.

"While keeping in view the scope of Section 561-A-Cr.Pc the court should refrain from making prima facie decision at interlocutory stage where entire facts of the case are incomplete, hazy and more so when material evidence is yet to be collected and issues involved could not be seen in their true perspective," the judgment said.

Accordingly petitions seeking quashing of FIR 21 of 2019 dated



23-09-2019 pending before the Anti-Corruption Bureau Jammu, FIR 22/2018 pending investigation in Police Station Domana Jammu, FIR 0599/2018 registered at Police Station Pacca Rajouri, FIR 33/2019 dated 16-02-2019 registered at Police Station Surankote, FIR 288/2017 pending investigation at Police Station Domana and FIR 147/2015 pending before Court of Judicial Magistrate Meendhar were dismissed for want of no merit.

## DC Ganderbal reviews progress of languishing, power projects

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GANDERBAL: District Development Commissioner, Ganderbal Shafiq Iqbal today convened a meeting to review the progress registered under languishing projects in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADC, Ganderbal, Farooq Ahmad Baba, CPO Ganderbal, SE R&B, CMO, Executive Engineers of R&B, PHE and PDD, Nodal Officer Unani College, Ganderbal, EO Municipality and other concerned district officers.

The DDC reviewed physical as well as financial achievements registered by executing agencies under languishing projects in the district.

During the meeting, the DDC sought sector wise details from the concerned officers and detailed upon the issues hampering the

timely completion of vital projects in the district. He directed the concerned officers to expedite the pace of work to complete all ongoing projects in a time bound manner and directed them to ensure regular felid visits to monitor the ongoing projects. Later, the DDC reviewed convened another meet to review the progress registered under power sector, District Plan, CSS, PMDD, DDUJY and B2V works.

While reviewing the progress of works under B2V, the meeting was informed that 39 approved works are at various stages of completion in the district.

The DDC asked the concerned to ensure expeditious implementation of projects under state and centrally sponsored schemes. The DDC further directed to PDD officials to revisit the timelines of projects to ensure their early completion.

## DC B'la inspects edu institutions to take stock of facilities

BARAMULLA: In view of beginning of the academic session 2020, the Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla Dr G N Itoo accompanied by Chief Education Officer and other concerned functionaries today inspected various educational institutions to take stock of facilities.

The DC inspected Government High School Deewanbagh, Government High School Khowjabagh and other educational institutions.

He asked the concerned authorities to work with zeal and dedication and put in every effort for imparting quality education to the

students and directed for introducing sports activities. Later, the DC chaired a meeting with the heads of various private educational institutions of the district to discuss various issues. The meeting was convened by the DC after receiving complaints of non-compliance of prescribed rules and regulations by some private educational institutions. Speaking on the occasion, the DC exhorted the concerned to strictly follow the rules and regulations. He said that any laxity and negligence in this regard will not be tolerated.

## Implement ALBR, CRS of newborns till June, 2020: FC Health to Officers

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JAMMU: Financial Commissioner, Health & Medical Education, Atal Dulloo today directed the concerned officers to fully implement the Aadhar Linked Birth Registration (ALBR) of newborns and Civil Registration System (CRS) under UIDAI till June this year.

FC issued these directions while chairing a meeting convened here in this regard.

Director, Family Welfare, Dr. Arun Sharma, Special Secretary, HUDD, Mohammad Haroon, Director Health Services, Jammu, Dr. Renu Sharma, Principal GMC, Jammu, Dr. Sunanda Raina, Deputy Secretary, IT, Afaq Ahmad, Joint Director, Economics & Statistics, AK Bhatti and other officers from Health, IT, UIDAI were present in the meeting.

FC stressed on completing all the technical and codal formalities for successful implementation of this program well before the specific time period. He enquired about the status and progress of constituent programs like training of staff, empanelment of H&ME department as Registrar of Births and Directorates of Health Services as enrolment agencies under UIDAI, procurement of necessary equipment and identification of staff to be trained for the task.

Duloo asked the officers to cover all the Associated Hospitals, District Hospitals, CHCs, PHCs and other private hospitals where most of the child births take place, un-

der this program. He advised them to procure the necessary paraphernalia through the Gol sponsored GeM portal for speedy and quality acquisition of the same.

FC further asked the officers to start training the manpower within a month and incentivise the process

effective besides discussing about maximising the benefits by identifying all the commonly utilised delivery points. It also discussed smooth and speedy implementation of CRS here which would eventually help in successfully implementing this program.



by financially encouraging the basic level workers.

The representatives from Unique Identification Authority of India gave a detailed presentation about the process and benefits of this scheme. It was elaborated in the presentation that ALBR is the Aadhar linked birth registration at the time of child birth. Its integration with the national platform of Civil Registration System (CRS) would make the process of birth registration instant and hassle free, it added.

The meeting further deliberated upon the ways and means of making this pro-

pertinent to mention here that this program will instantly give every newborn a unique identification in the shape of Birth Registration Number/Birth Application Number immediately after his/her birth. It will further give government and policy makers an insight about the future policy formulation. It will also benefit in tracking children for immunization, ICDS, School education and social welfare services. Besides, certified copies of birth registration could also be downloaded from CRS once the program gets successfully implemented.

## DC Kupwara conferred with SKOCH Award

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KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Anshul Garg has been conferred with SKOCH Award for the project "Khidmat-e Kupwara", an intervention to improve the infrastructure and service delivery in health institution of the district.

The national level award recognizes exceptional projects in the area of financial and social inclusion focusing on improving governance and ensuring effective Citizens Service Delivery.

The DDC initiated the project in April 2019 with various components including provision of modern amenities and health equipment

with thrust on maternal, child and adolescent care, adoption of best practices for patient care, coverage of all centrally sponsored schemes, capacity building and training of staff especially ASHAs.

Under the initiative Infrastructure was up-graded in S D H Kupwara besides providing modern amenities. Around 60 Kanals of hospital land was fenced and new 200 bed IPD Block with mechanized sanitation service completed.

Besides introducing CT facilities and six Dialysis Machines and installing Gensets for round the clock power supply for hospitals at Kupwara, Handwara and

Langate towns. Furthermore, Saturation of all 163 high and higher educational institutions with sanitary Pad Vending Machines and Incinerators has been ensured before start of current academic session.

The District Training Institute was accredited with National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOs) to train ASHAs as per national standards.

The District Administration is working towards DNB Certification of SDH Kupwara in 3 disciplines of medicine, surgery and anaesthesia and measures are underway to achieve Kayakalp & LAQSHYA standards in 10 health centres of the district.

### DIAL-EMMA

- TRAFFIC POLICE : 9419993745, 01998-266686
- PCR: 0194-2452092,2455883
- PDD: 0194-2450213
- FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES : 2479488,2452222,2452155
- CAPD: 18001807011
- SMC HEALTH OFFICER: 9469409081

### AIRPORTS

SHIEK UL ALAM AIRPORT: 01942303311 ✈️

### RAILWAYS

- SRINAGAR: 0194-2103259
- ANANTNAG: 01932-228243
- BARAMULLA: 0194-102029
- BUJHERA: 01932-228243
- PAMPORE: 01933-294132
- PATTAN: 01954-293507
- QAZIGUND: 01951-296153

### HIGHWAY STATUS

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

### This Day in History

- 138 - The Emperor Hadrian adopts Antoninus Plus, effectively making him his successor
- 1497 - Italians troops reconquer Taranto on France
- 1910 - Dalai Lama flees Tibet for British India to escape Chinese troops
- 1916 - Battle of Verdun: German troops conquer Fort Douaumont without firing a shot, the largest and highest fort defending the city of Verdun during World War I
- 1921 - Tbilisi, capital of the Democratic Republic of Georgia, occupied by Bolshevik Russia
- 1921 - The Living Buddha, Hutuktu, is crowned King of Mongolia as the country declares independence from China
- 1925 - Diplomatic relations between Japan and the Soviet Union established
- 1930 - Check photographing device patented
- 1932 - Austrian immigrant Adolf Hitler gets German citizenship
- 1945 - US aircraft carriers attack Tokyo
- 1954 - Abdul Nasser appointed Egyptian premier
- 1956 - Nikita Khrushchev denounces Joseph Stalin at the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
- 1962 - India Congress Party wins elections
- 1964 - Muhammad Ali [Cassius Clay] TKOs Sonny Liston in 7 for his first world heavyweight championship title
- 1966 - Syrian military coup under General Hafiz al-Assad
- 1969 - Mariner 6 launched for fly-by of Mars
- 1979 - Soyuz 32 carries 2 cosmonauts to Salyut 6 space station is launched
- 1986 - Thousands of Egyptian military police riot, destroy 2 luxury hotel
- 1988 - South Korea adopts constitution
- 1989 - 1st independent blue-collar labor union in Communist Hungary forms
- 1989 - Javed Miandad scores 271 v NZ at Eden Park
- 1990 - Australia beat Pakistan 2-0 to win cricket's World Series Cup
- 1992 - Khojaly massacre: about 613 civilians killed by Armenian armed forces during the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan
- 1994 - Israeli extremist Baruch Goldstein massacres 30 Palestinians in Hebron
- 2009 - BDR massacre in Palkhona, Dhaka, Bangladesh. 74 People are being killed, including more than 50 Army officials, by Bangladeshi Border Guards inside its headquarter.
- 2012 - Syrian Army kills 100 civilians in artillery shelling of Horns and Hama
- 2012 - World Health Organization removes India from the list of polio endemic countries.

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### From KO Archives

#### Truce Extended For Three months

Agencies

NEW DELHI : India extended its cease-fire against mujahideen in Kashmir for three months, but warned it would take firm action against any group that continued with violence.

Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee told parliament, the ceasefire, due to expire on Monday would now be extended until the end of May.

"Having examined all aspects of the question in its totality the government has decided to further extend the period up till the end of May, said Vajpayee today

Shiv Sena MPs, including three ministers, boycotted the Lok Sabha when prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee made the statement.

A bullet for a bullet should be our policy, party leader in the Lok Sabha Anant Geete, said adding the extension of the ceasefire would result in increased threat to country's security. Our demand is that the cease-fire be immediately scrapped, he said. National Security advisor and principal secretary to Vajpayee, Brajesh Mishrasaid the extension of cease-fire should not be construed as a sign of weakness and indecisiveness.

We look far friendship and peace with neighbours, but at no time should it be seen as weakness or indecisiveness, Mishra said during an interactive session with the media and academics of the Jawahar Lal Nehru University after releasing a book Kargil and after, challenges for India here.

Mishra said there was strong evidence that showed that Pakistan could control the level of violence in Jammu and Kashmir. What Pakistan has

done is stop shelling across the border, but it has continued to support materially and otherwise the militant acts in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mishra ruled out any third party mediation on the Kashmir issue in spite of growing favourable international opinion on India's stand on Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Shiv Sena supremo Bal Thackeray, a known critic of unilateral cease-fire, has expressed concern over the growing violence in Jammu and Kashmir and dismissed as a foolish idea any possible talks between Vajpayee and Pakistani military ruler Pervez Musharraf.

According to people, it is a foolish idea. What is to discuss when they have a categorical demand for Kashmir... It is not your personal property, it is not a birthday cake. My country is not a birthday cake so you can cut your piece and eat, Thackeray told CNN in an interview.

'Not under pressure'  
Defence minister George Fernandes said the decision had not been taken under any pressure. It was taken in view of the challenges before the nation and also in consideration of the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, he told reporters. He said India extended the cease-fire to provide an opportunity to militants to come forward for talks.

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