



Advisor Vijay Kumar chairing a meeting on Monday.

Advisor Kumar expresses sorrow, regret over Lal Ded incident

***Directs for strict adherence to SOPs in referral cases**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 21: Taking a serious note of alleged mishandling of a pregnant lady from District Kupwara at L. D Hospital, Advisor to Governor, K Vijay Kumar today conveyed his sympathies with the affected family and assured a thorough enquiry into the unfortunate incident.

Chairing a high level meeting in this regard attended by Principal Secretary, Health & Medical Education, Atal Dullo; Principal, GMCs of Srinagar and Jammu; Directors of Health Services of Kashmir & Jammu besides Medical Superintendents of sever-

al hospitals the Advisor informed that the Governor has instructed that Hospital authorities across the State should strictly adhere to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in the case of referrals to tertiary care hospitals adding that no negligence in observing these SOPs would be tolerated in future. He said maintaining high standards of health care delivery to the citizens of the State should be observed at all costs and that the Governor's Administration is committed to fill in all the existing gaps of manpower, equipment and infrastructure to strengthen the primary healthcare system across the State.

The Advisor sought recommendations to identify the lapses and gaps so that such incidents do not take place in future. He directed the Principal GMC Srinagar and Jammu and Director Health Services Kashmir/ Jammu to identify Nodal Officers who shall solely be responsible for streamlining the referrals from primary and secondary health care institutions to tertiary care hospitals in the State.

He said that directions have been issued as part of the 'Auditing Mechanism' that doctors prescription shall be inscribed with seal/ stamp mentioning name and credentials of the prescribing and referring doctor so that responsibilities can be fixed in any eventuality.



Sonam Wangchuk and others during a function at Chandigarh.

Ladakhi students are educational refugee in other States: Sonam Wangchuk

Excelsior Correspondent

CHANDIGARH, Jan 21: Roman Magsaysay awardee and educationist, Sonam Wangchuk has said that Ladakhi students pursuing their higher studies in other States of the country were educational refugee.

He was addressing at the Ladakh Student Association (LSA) Losar function, celebrated on the theme 'Celebrating our Roots' with motto 'Stand for full-fledged University for Ladakh' at the Punjab University on Sunday.

SECMOL and HIAL founder Sonam Wangchuk was chief guest on the occasion while Dean of PU Emanuel Nahar, Retired IGP Tsering Phuntsog, Lobzang Founder of Sangey Menla Trust, District Congress Committee president Tsering Namgyal and 2nd Ladakh Scout SM Tashi Anghok were guest of honor. Everest Climber Rigzin Dolker, national Rugby player Tamchos and Press Club Leh president Morup Stanzin were special guests on the occasion. A large number of Ladakhis residing in Chandigarh and Ladakh scouts families also participated in the celebration.

Appreciating the student for keeping the culture and tradition alive even in the city like Chandigarh by celebrating Losar so enthusiastically, Sonam Wangchuk expressed his wish that someday the way Ladakhi students go out of Ladakh for pursuing their higher education,

the students from many countries should come to Ladakh to study at various Universities in Ladakh. He also mentioned about the tremendous improvement in the education system in Ladakh during the past 30 years.

Mentioning about his dream project of HIAL, Wangchuk said that Ladakh will have a unique kind of University where students will spend 75 percent of their academic session in learning things practically where students across the world expected to enroll to learn unique things. He also informed about the Hills Scholarship, worth Rs 5 lakh available for the student during upcoming summer to study at HIAL.

He also proudly mentioned that number of his Ladakhi student are camping in Switzerland to teach them to make artificial glacier Ice Stupa. LSA president Thinles Norbo, in his speech, mentioned that purpose of celebrating Losar was to imbibe a sense of rich culture and tradition among student staying away from their homes.

DCC president Tsering Namgyal, LSA vice president Stanzin Motup, Lobzang and Dean of PU Emanuel Nahar also spoke on the occasion.

LSA members presented variety of culture programme to showcase the different regions of Ladakh. A variety of typical Ladakhi cuisines were also displayed during the celebration.

Baig reviews status of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in power sector

Excelsior Correspondent

BARAMULLA, Jan 21: Member Parliament, Muzaffar Hussain Baig has asked officers to be proactive and ensure that the people are provided with all essential services including power supply particularly during these hard days of winter.

He was speaking during off-

other schemes. The meeting was informed that Rs 108.82 crore is being expended under SAUBHAGYA in Baramulla and Kupwara districts, of which Rs 15.38 crore are to be incurred in Baramulla for electrifying 10712 households.

Reviewing the progress of PMDP, it was given out that all



MP Muzaffar Hussain Baig chairing officers meeting at Baramulla on Monday.

works taken up under the jurisdiction of EM & RE circle Sopore have almost completed and charged. Major works which are to be done under PMDP rural, including 292 New 11/0.4 KV Distribution sub stations (140 in priority), new 11 KV transmission lines on 87 kms in the district. Rs 27.30 crore have been sanctioned for this purpose, the meeting added. As many as 2513 BPL families out of 2636 will be benefitted in the first phase.

It was given out that various works at a cost of Rs 37.26 crore have been carried out under DDUGJY and PMDP-rural to cover 221 habitations in phase 1st.

Threadbare discussion was held on the schemes which include SAUBHAGYA, PMDP, PMDP Rural, DDUGJY, RAP-DRP, IPDS, PMDP urban and



Finance Secretary Navin Choudhary chairing a meeting on Monday.

Navin chairs JKIDFC's BoD meeting

***Decisions taken to maintain financial discipline, austerity**

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 21: The Board of Directors of Jammu & Kashmir Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (JKIDFC) today took far reaching decisions for maintaining financial discipline and austerity in the working of the Corporation, here at its 3rd BoD meeting chaired by Principal Secretary Finance and Corporation's Chairman, Navin Kumar Choudhary.

The Corporation went online as the Chairman, Navin Kumar Choudhary launched its website on the occasion.

In a significant decision, the Corporation has decided to completely ban use of stationery items made of plastic like folders and resolved to go for minimum use of paper by relying on IT enabled office working, informed the chairman. He said that the Corporation has tied up with the Women Development Corporation for supply of jute folders and files as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility.

The meeting was attended by (Board Directors) Commissioner Secretary PDD Hridesh Kumar, Commissioner Secretary R&B

Khurseed Ahmed, Secretary School Education Ajit Sahu, Secretary RDD Sheetal Nanda and Secretary PHE, Irrigation and Flood Control Farooq Ahmad Shah.

A major decisions taken by the board was related to vesting of financial powers of Rs 10 crore with the Chairman for meeting exigency funds, appointment of staff especially with IT ability to facilitate e-working and management, besides formation of a committee to frame service regulatory rules.

Saying that the Corporation will follow strict austerity practices, the Chairman, Navin Choudhary said that he suggested limiting administrative expenses to the minimum.

Meanwhile, the Board was informed that the Corporation has repeated the expression of interest (EoI) to get competitive bidding from banking and financial institutions for advancing loans to the Corporation.

The Board also took many other decisions regarding the working of the corporation, even as it appointed Ajit Sahu, Sheetal Nanda and Hridesh Kumar as new Directors of the Board.

Stray animals, lack of public transport Public expects Army type discipline, management from Corporator

Sanjeev Sharma

JAMMU: Due to the alleged mess by the authorities at the helm, Ward Number 69 of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) which includes most part of Sainik Colony is mostly inhabited by non-army people now, which was not the motive behind establishing this Colony.

This Ward comprised of Sainik Colony Sectors A, B, C and G and among areas on the other side of by-pass highway it contains Sector C and all the area till Sunjwan and Chowadi along the army wall.

A direct talk with the locals of the Ward brought to fore problems which public here faces daily while clear resentment from the army families was also noted.

"For the families of retired army-men most part of the life was spent in a disciplined culture but discipline is a distant dream now as all sorts of personalities, having no link to the army, have now settled in the Sainik Colony," family members of a retired army officer said on the condition of not being named.

"Some members of Cooperative House Building Society of Sainik Colony misguided the army people buying the plots in the Colony by saying that the property is disputed," Balkar-a retired army-man said.

"Some like me told Housing Society that we too can fight disputes when time will come and stayed here while others were cheated and they sold their precious lands at throwaway prices," he further said.

He said that in this way the innocent Fojis were befuddled and their plots were further sold at exorbitant rates by the Housing Society people to non-army people.

Shamsher Singh-son of a retired army-man informed that initially land earmarked for a hospital in the colony but in the last 30 years none has even uttered a word on this.

"In the meantime mafia in the Housing Society also grabbed that land. The colony had also planned facilities like temple, playground, Public Park etc but same mafia swindled all that lands too," he further said.

Apart from this the public of this Ward is also facing the problems of stray animals and lack of proper public transport facilities.

Balbir Singh-50, a shopkeeper said that people leave their cattle after milking them and these

animals roam freely in lanes and on road and litter here and there spoiling the lanes.

"Even sometimes these animals sit at the midst of the roads which results in long traffic jams," he said appealing to the cattle owners to not to abandon their animals like this after milking them.

Indu Rami-a housewife in the area said that stray dogs are really a horrific thing in the Ward.

CORPORATORS AND THE ISSUES Ward No. 69

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"Some NGOs shelter these canines at residential places though in documents they have shown some place away from residential areas for accommodating such dogs," she said making an appeal to such NGOs to follow the rules honestly.

She also said that children cannot go for cycling fearlessly as such dogs chase them and elders in the society too feel scared of these dogs.

"These dogs litter on streets and create unhygienic atmosphere," she said.

She also said that stray dogs and cows raid garbage dumps and make the entire area dirty.

Sonia-a college going girl said that public transport service like some minibus is urgently needed in the Ward which may reach to each part of the Ward.

"The Sainik Colony minibus service is only restricted to main road and not reaches interiors. The people living in interiors and having no personal conveniences have to travel to the main road to catch the minibus," she informed.

Apart from all this, there were also many more problems in the Ward like those due to absence of street lights at many places, problems of lanes and drains, garbage disposal etc.

After the Urban Local Bodies (ULB) elections, Gurmeet Kour Randhawa has been elected as the Corporator of the Ward. She is wife of an army officer and also mother of another army officer and the Ward people feel that the area will soon have army type discipline and management with all the things set in proper order.

In an interaction with EXCELSIOR, Gurmeet Kour

Randhawa talked about her plans to improve the Ward.

"When the colony came into existence people started construction of houses and there were no drains in streets. So the households let the waste water into the nearby vacant plots which gave rise to more problems," she said adding that laying the network of drains in the Ward will be her priority.

She expressed concern over leaving of the debris by the people on road after constructions works and said that those who spend crores of rupees in constructions should spend a few hun-

dred more on debris removal to avoid harassment to others and to maintain cleanliness in the area.

Randhawa said that her Ward lacks street lights at some places and assured that soon things will change in this regard soon and public parks in the area will also be properly maintained.

She further informed that the Nallahs in the locality will be improved with green stretch along their banks to facilitate morning walkers.

She also asked the people giving their plots to labourers to give them toilet facilities too as these labourers defecate in open in the absence of toilet facilities and make the area dirty.

Randhawa said that roads in the Ward also need to be repaired and CCTV cams installed at some important spots to check crime.

She said that awareness on hazards of drugs is must to beat the menace of addiction among youth.

On garbage disposal, she said that there are containers but some people use vacant plots as dumping places and she appealed to such people to use containers or avail the services of door to door collection system.

On increased use of polybags, she said that entire Jammu should say no to these bags and prefer bags made of degradable materials.

She also said that traffic problem is also there in the Ward and informed that at Railway Bridge there are frequent jams due to the road being very narrow.

"I will appeal railway authorities to expand their bridge as it will facilitate the road expansion beneath the bridge for double lanning," she maintained.

Electricity woes of Valley people continue unabated: Tarigami

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Jan 21: While expressing serious concern over the precarious power situation in Kashmir valley, CPI (M) leader and ex-MLA Kulgam Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami today said that Governments come and go, but the electricity woes of the people in Kashmir continue unabated.

"We have enough water resources and despite tall claims by the politicians and the rulers of the time about solving issues, they have not been able to settle this small issue for decades. During summers, due to power woes people in Jammu suffer and in winters people in Kashmir valley have to bear the brunt of power crisis," he added.

Though the Governor administration claims there is improve-

ment in governance, reality is that the power situation is same as it was during the previous years. There is no improvement as power supply in Kashmir has become like a miscall. Isn't it any priority for the Government to provide uninterrupted power supply to people in this harsh winter?

"No power schedule is being followed on ground and even metered areas are facing long and unscheduled power cuts much to the annoyance of public. People living in rural and far flung areas are without electricity and the recent snowfall has aggravated the crisis. People living in rural areas are compelled to arrange for alternate sources of illumination since they are facing worst power crisis. While the people in cities and towns had to face low voltage and erratic power supply, people living in rural and far flung areas were left without electricity. Even electricity supplied is not sufficient to charge mobile phones and laptops," Tarigami added.

Power Development Department (PDD) has also failed to create a buffer stock of electricity transformers at district and divisional levels to address the situation surfaced due to damaged transformers. The step-down transformers, installed in every neighborhood develop technical snag, especially during winter months, and the consumers are left helpless in darkness and freezing cold till the process of lifting, repairing and re-installing a faulty transformer is completed in weeks together.

Central buffers of distribution transformers need to be augmented on war footing basis with addition of at least 3000 transformers for each province of Jammu and Kashmir for ensuring the replacement of damaged transformers within acceptable time limits. It is learnt that State has around 60,000 transformers in system and additional buffer of 6000 transformers is just 10 percent. The cost of this buffer will be a significant measure for tiding over the power crisis.

Sharda Peeth PoK features in Kumbh for first time

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 21: Sharda Peeth PoK featured for the first time in ongoing Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj solely due to the efforts of Save Sharda Committee Kashmir.

"We have set up a separate

Shingeri mutts. A resolution will be passed unanimously towards reopening of Sharda pilgrimage, which has not taken place ever since partition.

Sharda Divas will be celebrated on 8th February and a special "Sharda Kumbh bath" will



A poster depicting Sharda Peeth, PoK pasted on a tin-wall at Prayagraj in UP.

plot of land in Prayagraj to highlight Sharda Peeth at Sector 6, Prayagraj (UP), this year. An exhibition on archives and recent developments on reopening of Sharda Peeth will be depicted in the exhibition being held here," Ravinder Pandita, founder and Head, Save Sharda Committee, Kashmir said in a press release today.

On 6th February, the committee is holding a special session on exploration of Sharda Peeth by inviting all prominent Shankracharyas of Puri, Kanchi, Badri, Dwarka, Gokarna and

be organized that day, which is also Nirvan Divas of Swami Nand Lal ji, the last saint to sit on Sharda Peeth upto 1948.

Save Sharda committee Kashmir has developed people to people contact across LoC and is pressing hard for reopening of the pilgrimage as well exploring Sharda -the oldest Civilization. The Committee has already written with reminder representations to PM, HM and EAM regarding the reopening of the pilgrimage particularly in the wake of Kartarpur Corridor reopening.

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