

# JAMMU & KASHMIR

## CS reviews take-up of Vishwakarma & RAMP schemes in UT

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today reviewed the take-up of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes like PM Vishwakarma and Raising and Accelerating MSME Productivity (RAMP) implemented by the Department of Industries & Commerce (I&C) in the UT.

The meeting, besides Commissioner Secretary, I&C; Secretary, RDD; Secretary, SDD was also attended by MD, TPO; representatives from Ministry of MSME, NSDC; HoDs of the Department from Kashmir/Jammu and other concerned officers from these Departments.

The Chief Secretary asked to make an effective strategy for training and capacity building of the artisans registered for the PM Vishwakarma scheme. He asked DCs to visit the training centers to ensure that the aspirants are given quality training as mandated under the scheme.

Dulloo also took note of the action taken reports submitted on different issues raised last time. He asked for striking a balance between trainings and registrations made for different trades across the districts.

He also took note of low traction among people against some trades and asked the department to create awareness among its artisans to take advantage under this scheme.

Dulloo also enquired about the credit linkage of the registered artisans with the financial institutions. He even took stock of the status of toolkits to be provided to these artisans by the Ministry as per the guidelines of this scheme.

Regarding the RAMP scheme he asked the concerned to take the necessary measures for formalization of MSME sector here. He advised for making effective strategy to create better ecosystem, space and generate ideas for its growth here. He asked them to give training, exposure and extend hand-holding to make

MSMEs flourish here like other regions of the country.

The Commissioner Secretary, I&C, Vikramjit Singh divulged details of different kinds of activities the Department has undertaken for smooth implementation of these schemes here. He informed the meeting that under PM Vishwakarma scheme the registered artisans in 18 designated trades are eligible for collateral-free credit support of upto Rs 3 lakhs in 2 tranches at a concessional interest rate of 5%.

It was further made out by him that the registration and verifications are done by the Department and had been fast-paced since last meeting. He revealed that the progress is monitored and issues resolved simultaneously for making the scheme a success.

The Administrative Secretary, SDD, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan informed the meeting about trainings imparted through different polytechnics/ITIs to these artisans. He laid out that most of the registered artisans are in the trades of Tailoring, Mason and carpentry.

It was given out that around 60,924 artisans were trained till date through 70 government and 152 (NSDC approved) private training centers. It was said that after giving the basic skill these would be provided advanced skills besides a certificate of their skilling to receive the necessary assistance and toolkit.

As far as the implementation of RAMP scheme is concerned the MD, TPO, Khalid Jahangir apprised the meeting about the aims and objectives of this scheme. He said that 461 and 420 consultations with stake holders had been done across the districts of J&K.

It was also revealed that the baseline survey of about 1835 Udhyan and 1434 non-Udhyan registered MSMEs were surveyed by the organization here. It was given out that there are some 3.9 lakh micro, 0.49 lakh small and 290 medium enterprises here in the UT.

## BVP pledges full support to Modi's Guarantee 2024 for 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047: Kavinder

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Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former deputy Chief Minister, today reiterated the Party's steadfast commitment to realizing the vision of a developed India, termed as 'Viksit Bharat,' by 2047.

Interacting with members of the Bharat Vikas Parishad here today, the BJP stalwart underscored the significance of the BJP's Sankalp Patra - Modi's Guarantee 2024 which was crafted under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This comprehensive manifesto, he emphasized, serves as a blueprint for ushering India into an era of sustained progress and prosperity, focusing on the quantitative and qualitative aspects of the policies and schemes implemented by the Modi government, which have fa-



ilitated good governance, eradicated corruption, and uplifted every section of society in need.

Kavinder Gupta highlighted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally dedicated the Sankalp Patra 'Modi ki Guarantee' to the beneficiaries of various government welfare schemes, extending this dedication to the entire nation. It reinforces the four strong pillars of a developed India, namely youth power, women empowerment, farmers, and the underpriv-

ileged. The BJP's focus lies on enhancing the Dignity of Life, ensuring Quality of Life, and generating employment opportunities through strategic investments.

Expressing the BJP's commitment to placing the country's interests above party interests, he stated that the party never hesitates to make bold and challenging decisions in the best interest of the nation. He emphasized that the momentum of the New India is unstoppable and that the

BJP has formulated this Sankalp Patra to transform the dreams of the nation's 140 crore citizens into reality.

The former deputy Chief Minister called upon the people of Jammu & Kashmir to bestow their faith on the BJP in the upcoming parliamentary elections, as it stands dedicated to "Development for all, prosperity for all."

The visiting members of the Bharat Vikas Parishad B.B Sharma State President BVP, Shivram Sharma State General Secretary, Sunita Gupta State Finance Secretary, Ved Prakash Sharma President Dogra Brahmin Pratinidhi Sabha Jammu, M.L Padha, Devinder Mahajan President Shiva Market Association Nanak Nagar and Gurmeet Singh have assured their full support to the BJP in its endeavor to build a developed and strong India.

## Fairdeal Motors, Jamkash Trucking launch TATA LP new vehicles

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Fairdeal Motors and Jamkash Trucking - authorised dealers of Tata Motors launched TATA LP 410/3300 ,LP 410/3100 & LP410 2900 Wheel Base Chassis and FBV vehicles range .

The vehicles were launched in presence of Mr Kuldeep Singh (ARTO Jammu) ,Mr Arun Slathia (General Manager -Fairdeal Motors) , Mr Harvinder Singh ( Vice President - Jam kash Trucking ) , Vikash Kumar,Area Manager CV Passenger -Punjab ,Himachal Pradesh &Jammu and Kashmir & Jitendra Kumar Gupta ,TSM - Tata Motors CV passenger.

Fairdeal Motors invited all route and contract carriage customers of J&K to



have exclusive experience of LP 410/33 buses range with newly added technologies & latest features.

LP 410 bus range vehicles are based on Tata 4 SPCR engine technology With Starting price of LP 410/33 WB chassis is RS 13.85 lacs -23.95 lakh .these vehicles offer lower maintenance or operating cost with better profitability, safety, comfort and convenience. The vehicles also come with smart drive features like - All Wheels

Disk brake , Electronic stability Control, Traction Control, Hill start assist, Low CRR Radial Tubeless Tyre, Torque based Gear shift Advisor,THU - Maintenance free Unitized wheel bearing, Anti-Fuel Theft with HDPE fuel tank & Multi Mode switch .The vehicles come with smart connected features with Fleet edge (run through - mobile app). Warranty of chassis is 4 Year or 4 lakh KM (whichever is earlier). Speaking on the launch

of LP 410/33 WB buses range (4 Tyre buses), Tata motors team explained features, advantages & Benefits of these vehicles in details. Mr. Kuldeep Singh ARTO Stated, "

Tata Motors is a leading manufacturer of Commercial vehicles and hold leadership position in commercial vehicles in country. He also appreciated unique features of Tata motors vehicles, which are only coming in Tata motors for the safety, comfort and convenience for passenger and drivers as well as best profitability to transporters.

Fairdeal motors and Jamkash have got 5 vehicles booking on the spot each, all customers appreciated and shown there interest or buying this vehicles up coming days.

## Health secy visits Jagti SDH, assures further upgradation of hospital

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Nearly a fortnight after chief secretary Atal Dulloo assured to look into the shortages and consider demands for improving services at the sub-district hospital, Jagti, a team of higher officials, led by health secretary Syed Abid Rasheed today visited the hospital and assured to the community further improvement in its functioning and infrastructure.

Dr Rasheed and his team conducted a detailed survey of the facilities and held extensive discussions on the demands put forth by the community members and civil society organisations to make the hospital fully operational to the level of SDH replete with all necessary services and facilities.

The team members included Special Secretary, Health Department, Amarjeet Singh, Director Health (Dr) Rakesh Magotra, CMO, Jammu, Dr Harbaksh Singh, DC (Relief) Vijay Sharma and camp

commandant, Jagti, Omi Raj.

They had a detailed discussion with Medical Superintendent of SDH Jagti, Dr Sanjay Raina after undertaking an extensive tour of the hospital facilities and inspecting the existing equipment and provisions. He was satisfied with the working of the hospital officials and directed the hospital staff to work with zeal and zest for the improvement and welfare of the people and hospital.

Dulloo had a few days back inaugurated a mega multispecialty health checkup camp at Jagti. The camp was organised at the Jagti SDH by VKS and Global Solace Society in association with Medanta Hospital, Gurugaoan, Aol

and Department of Health & Medical Education.

VKS convenor and philanthropist Kiran Wattal was all praise for the LG Manoj Sinha's administration for its speedy response after the health secretary's visit to the Jagti SDH and hoped that the health department's assurances would be translated into real actions and the long-standing demand of upgrading the hospital would be met.

He said the SDH ought to be necessarily upgraded to cater to the needs of the community members and those living in the proximity of Jagti township.

"As the hospital is situated close to the Jammu-Udhampur National Highway, it can also serve as an

Emergency Hospital but, for that, it has to be upgraded and equipped with the state-of-the-art infrastructure," Wattal demanded.

The team members assured to look into the demands put forth by Wattal. Global Solace president Pintooji Pandita spoke about the demands raised by the members of the community to streamline services at the hospital.

After inspection and discussions, the health officials gave on-the-spot instructions to the concerned authorities and the director health for releasing funds for the hospital so as to augment its functioning and make it a SDH in true sense.

On this occasion, the health secretary also planted a tree in the lawn of the hospital.

The VKS members, who were present on the occasion, included Ashok Sumbli, Kundan Lal Raina, Roshan Lal, Kuldeep Razdan, Satish Pandita, Avinash Bhat, Uttar Raina, Moti Lal and R K Tikku.

## Nidhi Aapke Nikat to be held simultaneously at 2 venues across Jammu and Ladakh

JAMMU, APR 25: EPFO Jammu and Ladakh, will be holding Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0, an awareness and outreach program at Conference hall DC Office Poonch-Jammu , Defence institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR),Det Ranbirpura,Leh-LADAKH, on 29 April 2024, simultaneously. Employers and employees of aforementioned areas would be sensitized about provisions of social security, besides covering themes of "Filing Grievance" - how to file grievance on EPFI/GMS, other grievance filing provisions e.g. CPGRAMS, other portals; education on Digital Service,

awareness and fraud prevention; and rights of employees in respect of employers. The aim of the program is to ensure broad based participation, awareness, and grievance redressal and information exchange network closer to the stakeholders of EPFO.

The P. F. Commissioner, Shri Rizwan Uddin, RPFC-I, RO Jammu and Ladakh informed that subscribers, pensioners, establishments, employees' representatives, and industrial chambers are advised to actively participate in Nidhi Aapke Nikat Program. The programme at Jammu, and Leh-Ladakh would be addressed

by the District Nodal Officers Mr. Devinder Singh EO/AO, Mr. Sandeep Kumar.

The programme focused on reaching out to the stakeholders and creating awareness about schemes of EPFO viz. PF, Pension, and Insurance, addressing queries and grievances of stakeholders, taking feedback and suggestions from stakeholders, employees, employers, Industry Association, Contractors. PF Commissioner appealed all industries to extend the Social Security benefits to all the eligible employees from the very first day of their joining in the establishment.

## BIS conducts 3-day training program for Mentors, Teachers & Resource Persons at SKICC Srinagar

SRINAGAR, APR 25: Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), National Standards Body of India, has introduced a new initiative called "Learning Science via Standards" aimed at enhancing students' understanding of scientific concepts through practical applications in manufacturing, functioning and quality testing of various products as per relevant Indian Standards. This initiative is a continuation of BIS's earlier efforts to establish Standards Clubs in educational institutions across India.

To date, over 10,000 such clubs have been established, boasting a membership of more than three lakh students across the country. Notably, in the Kashmir Valley alone, around 175 standard clubs have been set up, engaging over 3,500 students. To conduct the activities of these clubs, over 5,000 science teachers have been trained as mentors nationwide.

As part of the "Learning Science via Standards" series and to train the mentors of standard club, science teachers and Resource Person, three-day training was organised by, Jammu and Kashmir Branch office of Bureau of Indian Standards from April 23 to April 25, 2024, at SKICC, Srinagar.

Distinguished dignitaries from BIS and the Education Department of Kashmir participated in the program:

1. Shri P. Rajeev, Scientist-G and Deputy Director General, BIS Northern Region
2. Shri Tilak Raj, Director and Head, BIS Jammu and Kashmir Branch office
3. Shri Kush Sharma, Sc.D and Joint Director, BIS TNMD Department, New Delhi
4. Shri Hitesh Yadav, Sc. B and Assistant Director, Jammu and Kashmir Branch office
5. Shri Hillaal Ahmad Bhatt, Personnel Officer, Directorate of School Education, Kashmir
6. Shri A. H. Fani, Chief Education Officer, Srinagar
7. Shri Ashish Kumar Dwivedi, Standard Promotion Officer, BIS-JKBO

Approximately 90 individuals, including mentors, science teachers, and resource persons from the Kashmir Valley, took part in the program.

During the inaugural session Shri Tilak Raj, Director and Head of the BIS Jammu and Kashmir Branch office, extended a warm welcome to all the participants and highlighted the concerted efforts and support pro-



vided by the Education Department of the Kashmir Valley.

Shri P. Rajeev, Scientist-G and Deputy Director General, BIS North-

ern Region, stressed the significance of fostering children's creativity and scientific temperament, highlighting the crucial role mentors play in guiding the activities of standards clubs. He emphasized the necessity for mentors to grasp the concepts behind standards and their importance in the quality ecosystem.

Shri Hillaal Ahmad Bhatt, Personnel Officer from the Directorate of School Education, Kashmir, addressed the participants, informing them about the latest government policies aimed at enhancing the quality of education for students in the Kashmir Valley. He also emphasized the significant role of standards established by BIS in fostering a quality-conscious atmosphere throughout India.

To realize this vision, BIS-JKBO organized a comprehensive training program, encompassing technical lectures delivered by Shri Hitesh Yadav, Sc.B/Asst Director on various topics such as an overview of BIS activities, quality and standardization concepts at the national and international levels, types of standardization, benefits of standardization. Additionally, features of the BIS website, the Know Your Standards portal for free download of

Indian Standards, and the BIS Care App were demonstrated, complemented by classroom/group activities on standards writing across diverse subjects.

Under the guidance of Shri Kush Sharma, Joint Director at BIS, the training program for science teachers and mentors delved into the significance of science in daily life, its relationship with quality and standards, and the role of science teachers in promoting quality and standards.

Detailed discussions were held on the concept and methodology of learning science via standards, along with an examination of lesson plans developed by the Bureau of Indian Standards. He also appraised about the Standards Promotions Activities and engagements with academia- Genesis of Standards Clubs and its activities, Orientation Films, objectives and guidelines for Standards Clubs, and the role and responsibilities of mentors.

Moreover, to offer participants firsthand exposure to the scientific principles applied in manufacturing processes, an industry visit to M/s Trumboo Cement Industry Khunmoh was meticulously organized.