

Mubarak Gul braces admin for maiden Assembly session

SRINAGAR, OCT. 28 : Pro-tem Speaker, Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Mubarak Gul, today braced up the administration for first ever session of the current UT Legislature called on 4th of next month by the Lieutenant Governor (LG) here.

representatives from Information, IT and other concerned departments. During the meeting, the Pro-tem



Speaker impressed upon the officers of Information Department to ensure arrangements for the media persons for coverage of the house proceedings besides hassle-free interaction with the Speaker and other elected representatives on the sidelines of the session. The department was also directed

to make arrangements for the coverage and communication of LG's address in a smooth fashion by installing the pub-

lic address system and sufficient number of microphones in the hall.

Mubarak Gul emphasised upon the Estates Department to further enhance the pace of work for readying the Assembly complex at Jammu for the winter session and more. He also enjoined upon them to make provisions for

media people in the lawns of assembly complex for media briefings. In addition, he asked for making proper accommodation for requisite employees for smooth functioning of the Assembly Secretariat round the year at Srinagar and Jammu.

Moreover, the Pro-tem Speaker took this occasion to instruct the Hospitality & Protocol Department to make necessary arrangements in the Secretariat lawns by installing waterproof canopies for media briefings and interactions of members with them in a conducive environment. He also asked for making appropriate preparations for the dining and refreshment of dignitaries in the Assembly canteen established in the ground floor.

Sakina Masood inaugurates auditorium cum library block, releases newsletter at GDC Sumbal; visits CHC Sumbal

BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 28 : Minister for Education, Social Welfare, Health & Medical Education, Sakeena Masood, on Monday inaugurated the auditorium cum library block besides releasing newsletter at Government Degree College, Sumbal.

pressing concern for all of us. The Minister recalled the efforts and dedication of for-



mer MLA, Mohammad Akbar Lone, whose commitment and diligence resulted in construction of this college with such vast and magnificent infrastructure. She sought cooperation from incumbent MLA Hilal Akbar

Lone in establishing great learning centres and working for welfare of the people of

this region. She praised the efforts and dedication of Principal GDC Sumbal Dr. Shabina Iqbal Shawl for her contribution in infrastructure development besides offering students such a great platform.

Earlier, the Minister launched a plantation drive in the college premises underscoring the collaborative effort of the college administration in promoting green initiatives.

Later, the Minister visited Community Health Centre Sumbal and took stock of facilities available there.

MLA Sonawari, Hilal Akbar Lone, Director Colleges, Professor Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, ADC Bandipora, Zaffar Shawl, SDM Sumbal, Murtaza Ahmad, Principal GDC Sumbal, Professor Shabeena Iqbal Shawl, DPO ICDS, DSWO Bandipora, faculty members, students, dignitaries from various walks of life were present on the occasion.

Jal Shakti (PHE) Jammu ensures quality drinking water supply for festive season

JAMMU, OCTOBER 28 : In preparation for the Diwali celebrations, the Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Jammu, led by Chief Engineer Er. Hamesh Manchanda, held a virtual review meeting here today to ensure adequate and safe drinking water supply across the Jammu province. The meeting involved all the Circle and Divisional offices, focusing on enhancing service delivery and infrastructure readiness to meet

increased demand during the festive period.

The Chief Engineer highlighted proactive measures to address the increased water requirements while maintaining rigorous quality standards.

The major initiatives discussed during the meeting included enhanced water supply preparedness. It was informed that Water reservoirs across the province have been checked and filled to maximum capacity to sup-

port steady supply, especially during peak usage hours.

Intensified Water Quality Monitoring: The department will increase water quality testing to uphold public health standards.

Comprehensive Checks: Preventive maintenance of critical infrastructure, including pipelines, pumps, and treatment facilities, has been completed to ensure operational resilience. Emergency repair teams will remain on

standby to respond promptly to any emergent issues.

Public Assistance: For any assistance or queries, citizens are encouraged to contact their nearest Sub-Divisional office of Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

The Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Jammu reaffirms its commitment to high standards in water service delivery and public health, striving to ensure the well-being of residents this festive season.

Managing Director JKTPO inaugurates Vendor Development Programme

JAMMU, OCTOBER 28 : MSME-Development Facilitation Office, Jammu-the field office of Union Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and activities for the benefit of MSME Sector in Jammu & Kashmir.

urement of materials and services from MSEs to the extent of 25% with sub target of 3% reservation for Women



entrepreneurs and 4% reservation for SC/ST owned MSEs which is yet to be achieved by some PSUs.

Tender fees and EMD exemption are also eligible for MSEs who are registered in the Udyam portal. Udyam registration was introduced by the government for registration of MSEs on self-certification basis without any uploading of documents on www.udyamregistration.gov.

in which is totally free. Presently Jammu & Kashmir has more than 4, 50,000 MSEs registered.

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Rana visits Mendher; assures to satiate, fulfill public aspirations

MENDHER, OCTOBER 28 : Minister for Jal Shakti, Tribal Affairs, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Javid Ahmad Rana, today conducted an exhaustive tour of various parts of his home constituency, Mendher.

during his tour. The areas visited by the Minister included Uchad, Kaneti, Jaggal,



Chatral and Kalaban and adjoining parts of the constituency. Addressing mammoth gatherings at these places, the Minister appreciated the public for their unwavering support saying

that he will work with utmost zeal and vigour to bring enhanced development and

The Minister said that the Omar led government will surely bring in transformative growth and development in the coming years and we will work hard collectively towards serving the people. He extolled that the present government will leave no stone unturned in working for progress and prosperity of the people.

The locals of Mendher expressed optimism that the present dispensation would live up to their developmental needs and aspirations. Meanwhile, the Minister also visited the local school and interacted with the students, staff members and enquired about the facilities being provided to the students in the institute.

The Minister exhorted upon the faculty and school management to ensure that all the latest learning and teaching techniques are optimally implemented in the school for enhanced results.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah administers Integrity Pledge

Srinagar, Oct 28 : At the commencement of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2024, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today administered the Integrity Pledge reinforcing the commitment of the Jammu and Kashmir government to integrity and transparency in public service.

ment to uphold integrity at all levels of public service. In his address, Chief Minister Abdullah remarked, "As we mark Vigilance Awareness Week from October 28 to November 3, I take great pride in reaffirming our unwavering commitment to a corruption-free Jammu and

vance of this year's theme, "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity," stating, "Integrity is the cornerstone of any successful nation, and its impact on growth, welfare and progress is undeniable. Upon stepping into office, our newly elected government has made a firm

during this week. "I encourage everyone to make integrity the guiding principle of both personal and public life. Together, we can work toward a future of justice, equity, and shared prosperity for Jammu and Kashmir. This event serves as a vital reminder that integrity



The pledge ceremony took place at 11:00 AM in the Meeting Hall on the 3rd Floor of the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar which was attended by Administrative Secretaries along with all departmental officers.

The officers stationed at Jammu joined through video conference from the Civil Secretariat, Jammu while Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Heads of Departments, and hundreds of schools participated from their district headquarters, ensuring widespread engagement across the region. The departments also organized similar pledge-taking ceremonies for their employees, further demonstrating their commit-

Kashmir. Eradicating corruption is more than a priority; it is a mission that drives us to introduce bold reforms, strengthen oversight, and empower citizens. Our goal is to build a governance model where every resource is utilized for the public good."

pledge to create a governance system rooted in integrity, fairness, and honesty. Our mission is simple yet profound: to serve with honor and ensure that every decision benefits the people we represent." Chief Minister Abdullah further urged all participants to engage actively in the initiatives organized

is not merely a principle to be discussed but a practice to be lived," he affirmed. The Chief Minister advised all Ministers, Administrative Secretaries, departmental heads and officers to promote these values actively within their spheres of influence to foster a culture of transparency and accountability.

Vigilance Awareness Week kicks off at DIPR Jammu with Pledge Ceremony

JAMMU, OCTOBER 28 : The Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) in Jammu marked the commencement of Vigilance Awareness Week with a significant pledge-taking ceremony today. Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta led the event, administering the integrity pledge to all present officers and officials.

highest standards of honesty and transparency. By taking this pledge, we reaffirm our dedication to combating corruption and fostering trust within our communities."

Atul Gupta also encouraged officials to embody these values in their daily duties, emphasizing that individual actions contribute towards the larger goal of creating a corruption-free environment.

The week-long observance aims to promote awareness about the importance of vigilance and integrity, engaging all stakeholders in the fight against corruption.

Deputy Director (PR) Jammu, Ankush Hans; Deputy Director (HQ), Virender Gupta; Field

Publicity Officer, Mukesh Kumar, Youth Information Officer, Monika Sambyal;

Hitesh Choudhary, Administrative Officer, Renu Sharma, besides other offi-



Information Officer, Ashu Kumari, Accounts Officer,

cers and officials of the department were present.

KPDCL urges consumers to use power judiciously to avoid DT damage

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 28 : Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), today urged its domestic consumers to use power judiciously which shall safeguard DTs (Domestic Transformers) from getting damaged, resulting in power outages and hardships to the people in winter. In a statement issued here today, a KPDCL spokesperson stated that with the onset of winter, heating load has increased with consumers in flat-rate areas using

crude heating gadgets like boilers and heaters that critically overload and damage the DTs. "In metered areas, night vigils have been intensified to check bypassing of meters and hooking by consumers on bare conductor, with the intention to use power unauthorizedly," he stated.

Anticipating DT damage in peak winter and in order to provide succour to the consumers, KPDCL has maintained a buffer stock of 1554 DTs this winter. "In the event-

uality of snowfall, stocking of 2030 steel poles, 600 km of conductor and 128 barrels of Transformer Oil has also been done for immediate repair and restoration works," he added. KPDCL has also worked out a deep reserve buffer of DTs, STPs, ACSR and T.Oil that shall be invoked if any such need arises in peak winter due to heavy snowfall. Last winter, a buffer stock of 1412 DTs had been maintained by KPDCL to facilitate the consumers across all 10 dis-

tricts of Kashmir valley. Reiterating KPDCL's commitment to replace the damaged DT within the stipulated timelines, the spokesman, however, clarified that repeat damage of DT by excessive overloading by consumers shall attract longer replacement timelines, keeping in view the 24x7 working schedule of technical staff to repair the DTs at Central Workshop at Pampore, all Divisional Workshops of KPDCL and empanelled SSI units.

Chief Justice visits J&K LSA; inspects infrastructure, operational facilities

JAMMU, OCTOBER 28 : Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Tashi Rabstan, who is Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority, accompanied by Registrar General, Shahzad Azeem and M. K. Sharma, Principal Secretary today visited the office of J&K Legal Services Authority at Janipur and conducted an extensive inspection of the infrastructure and operational facilities available there. During his visit, the Chief Justice took a round of different sections of the Legal Services Authority office and interacted with the staff members. He lauded the dedication with which the staff was performing its duties and acknowledged the significant role of J&K LSA in delivering justice to marginalized communities across the Union Territory. He appreciated the constant efforts of the J&K LSA in fulfilling its mission of ensuring "Access to Justice for All." While acknowledg-

ing the commendable work being carried out by the Authority, the Chief Justice

efficient functioning. The Chief Justice directed the Member Secretary, J&K



acknowledged that the present infrastructure for housing the office of Member Secretary, J&K LSA was insufficient and poses challenges for optimum output. He emphasized that the building from which the current office of J&K LSA is operating is of Jammu Development Authority (JDA), which is inadequate and lacks basic infrastructure, limiting the scope for

the most vulnerable sections of the society. He stressed that the J&K LSA must intensify its efforts to ensure that no individual is left without access to justice, even in the remotest and far-flung areas. He highlighted that the J&K Legal Services Authority should aim to reach out to every nook and corner of the Union Territory to cater to the expectations of the last man waiting in the queue for legal assistance.

The visit reflects the vision of Justice Tashi Rabstan in strengthening legal services and improving the accessibility of justice for all. The J&K LSA reaffirmed its dedication to furthering its outreach programs and expanding its initiatives in accordance with the vision and guidance of the Chief Justice. The inspection concluded with a renewed focus on infrastructural improvements and the need for effective measures to address challenges in the delivery of legal aid services.

Satish Sharma visits Khour; lays foundation for blacktopping of Budhwal-Girgrial road

JAMMU, OCTOBER 28 : Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, today conducted an extensive tour of Khour and laid foundation stone for blacktopping of Budhwal to Girgrial road to be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 10 lakh. M People from various areas including Hanuman Chowk, Maira Jourian and Troti met the Minister apprising him of their issues and concerns. They sought Minister's intervention in speedy redressal of their grievances pending since long. The issues raised by the people inter alia included construction of link roads, streamlining of electricity

grievances and concerns would be addressed promptly," he added.

The Minister assured the deputations that the issues raised by them would be taken up with the concerned authorities and redressed within the shortest possible time. While addressing the people, the Minister appreciated the public for their unwavering support saying that he will work with utmost zeal and vigour to bring enhanced development and prosperity in the region. "Equitable development and welfare of people is top priority of the present government adding that all public

Later, the Minister also



held a meeting with the officers and officials of the line department and instructed them to work in synergy so that people don't face any

kind of inconvenience. He directed the officers to ensure timely completion of all development works concerning their respective departments. He also cautioned them against any unnecessary delay in execution of these vital works.