

### Two day regional workshop on PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan begins in Srinagar

#### Several initiatives underway using PM GatiShakti in Jammu and Kashmir

**Srinagar, March 17** : A two day regional workshop on PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP), being organized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) commenced today at SKICC in Srinagar. The objective of the workshop is to improve logistics efficiency by enhancing connectivity to economic zones and industrial clusters, as well as to enhance public welfare through improved access to social infrastructure.

The workshop was chaired by Special Secretary, DPIIT Smt Sumita Dawra and participants from eight states and Union Territories of the Northern Region are taking part in it.

PM GatiShakti is a transformative approach which was launched on October 13th, 2021 for building Next Generation Infrastructure which improves Ease of Living as well as Ease of Doing Business.

The inaugural day of the workshop featured discussions with infrastructure, economic, and social sector ministries and departments at the center and state levels. A demonstration of the adoption of PM Gati Shakti with a holistic approach and a demonstration of best practices by states and UTs also featured in the workshop. Deliberations about the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) to showcase the different components of logistics and a presentation by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Incomes (CBIC) on possibilities to develop Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and Container Freight Stations (CFS) in Jammu and Kashmir to boost exports across the country were the main highlights of the first day of the programme.

Addressing media at the end of the day long proceedings, Smt Dawra said that today we are at the crossroads of unprecedented growth in India, advancing with Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi's vision to make India a developed Nation by 2047. She added that we are witnessing a strong growth of India across the social as well as the economic pillars of our nation that is surpassing its own record every year. To achieve our aim to become a USD 32.8 trillion economy by 2047, development of world class modern infrastructure is paramount, she further said.

Smt Dawra said that through today's workshops, Northern States/UTs showcased the good work already done such as all-weather road connectivity in J&K, planning of ICD at Samba, planning for MMLPs, Cold Storage facilities, 64 Pharma units in Kathua, using PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.

She added that through this workshop, it is expected that all have got an opportunity to learn from each other's best practices and in the spirit of cooperative federalism we will improve outreach and facilitate project planning and monitoring on the NMP/SMP platform. There is great scope to augment the pace of adoption at State, district and gram panchayat levels. Additionally, 14 social sectors Ministries/Depts. have already been onboarded onto the NMP platform and are in advanced stages of integration, she further said.

Smt Dawra said that after the launch of PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, concerned Ministries and all States/UTs have been onboarded on mission-mode. Institutional frameworks have been set up, GIS-based individual portals and customised decision making tools have been developed, in-house capacities to adopt PM GatiShakti principles in project planning and implementation exist, and data based National Master Plan is being extensively used for project planning and implementation, she added.

With a view to promote comprehensive, holistic, and integrated infrastructure



development across the country, along with bridging critical infrastructure gaps, and addressing relative infrastructure deficit, across varying economic zones/ industrial parks, etc., the PM GatiShakti Area Approach is being adopted to develop 100 locations/economic nodes across the country.

The vision of Area Approach is to create adequate infrastructure for catalysing socio-economic development in a sustainable manner within a rational geographical location through a convergence approach.

To complement the PM GatiShakti NMP, the National Logistics Policy (NLP) was launched on 17th Sept. by Hon'ble PM. The vision of NLP is to drive economic growth and business competitiveness of the country through an integrated, seamless, efficient, reliable, green, sustainable and cost-effective logistics network by leveraging best in class technology, processes and skilled manpower. This will reduce logistics cost and improve performance.

Understanding the importance of regularly updating accurate GIS based data in project planning, States and UTs along with BISAG-N are tenaciously uploading quality data on individual portals through API integration, to the extent possible. This is making project planning easy, cost-effective, and accurate. Along with this, institutional frameworks are fully operational across all

States/UTs. These reforms have significantly de-risked infrastructure investments for private sector and streamlines operations and decision making for States/UTs.

The role of States/UTs is very critical in identifying the infrastructure deficits and requirements for logistics facilities to enable comprehensive and holistic development of areas identified under this initiative.

DPIIT is undertaking several other initiatives such as the PM GatiShakti Area Approach. Hon'ble Prime Minister address at ET Global Investor Summit - "When we think about 'Gati' (speed) and 'Shakti' (power), it also has the concept of area development and the development of the people there.

The second day of the workshop will feature sessions on national logistics policy, monitoring of state logistics policies, and drawing an understanding of state logistics policy for creating sustainable cities.

Senior government officials from different central ministries and departments related to infrastructure, the economic and social sectors, and multilateral agencies are participating in the workshop to share their experiences, best practices, and vision. Senior officers from states and UTs including Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, New Delhi, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, and Punjab will also participate in the workshop.

### Secretary Revenue visits Samba; reviews implementation of e-services, PSGA, CLU

**SAMBA, MARCH 17** : Secretary, Revenue, Dr Piyush Singla, today reviewed implementation of several online revenue services and PSGA during his exhaustive visit to Samba district.

Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta, Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Singh, Registrar Samba, Additional Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Dubey, ACR, Samba Dr Kusam, SDM Ghagwal and SDM Vijaypur and Tehsildars attended the meeting.

Deputy Commissioner gave a brief overview about the revenue services being provided besides functioning of revenue department in the district.

Secretary took extensive review of revenue department including online revenue services, land acquisition

cases NH project, PSGA services, CLU cases, land transfer cases, setting up of industrial estate, appointment of Lambardar and

directions were issued for organising special revenue camps in the area near industrial zones for update of revenue record.



Chowkidars, court cases, e-office, HRM issues, disposal of revenue court cases, DIL-RMP, SVAMITVA, registration, disposal of grievances and land pass book generation.

Dr Singla issued directions to revenue officers to clear all the pending cases within the given timelines. Also,

He also directed the concerned officers to facilitate citizen users for availing all revenue services in their respective areas.

He emphasised upon facilitating prospective private industrial estates in change of Land Use. Secretary exhorted upon the officers and field functionaries of revenue department

to work in close coordination for prompt public service delivery. He instructed all the Revenue officers to follow the timelines of disposals for services under PSGA in letter and spirit.

He asked the Tehsildars to create awareness among the general public regarding online revenue services.

Secretary directed the officers to update their revenue records in mission mode to ensure that the digitization of cadastral maps and other relevant documents is completed in a time bound manner and people can avail the benefits of the programme.

He appreciated the efforts of the district administration especially the Revenue team for showing effective management of revenue activities in the district. He exhorted upon them to ensure that citizens are given hassle free online services.

### Opening of Zojila Road Only Light Goods Vehicles to be allowed from Tomorrow: Div Com Kashmir

#### Also reviews readiness of Transit Accommodation Wandhama

**G ANDERBAL , MARCH 17** : The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today visited District Ganderbal where he convened a meeting of officers at VC room, DC Office Ganderbal for managing opening/closure of the Zojila Pass.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal Shyambir, SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar, SSP Traffic Rural, ADC Ganderbal, CEO Sonamarg Development Authority, ACR, ARTO Ganderbal, officials from MeT/BRO, besides the meeting was also attended by Div Com Ladakh, DC Kargil, SSP Kargil, and officials from Vijayak through Video Conferencing.

At the outset, all the issues concerning the road opening were discussed threadbare including condition of road, Snow clearance, and it was decided that the road will only be open for the LGVs (Light Goods Vehicles) (One-Way), and no passenger/tourist vehicle shall be allowed.

The road opening date was decided to be 18th March, 2023 from Sonamarg to Kargil and cut off timing for vehicles to cross Sonamarg will be 6.00 am in the morning and from Meenamarg, Kargil the cut-off timing shall be 8.30 am.

Besides, it was decided that traffic will be allowed only on alternate days.

It was also decided in the meeting that on Fridays no traffic will be allowed, and road will be closed for maintenance purposes.

Div Com Kashmir directed the concerned to follow the already framed SOPs in likewise manner. He also directed the officials from MeT for the advance forecast of the weather, and asked the Traffic dept for issuing the same weather advisories on time.

The BRO authorities were also directed to give road clearance on time so that traffic will cross the road before the avalanche prone timing.

Regarding the availability of machinery on Zojila road stretch, Mechanical engineering department was

directed to provide one recovery van, and CEO SDA was directed to provide accommodation centre in case of any emergency enroute the Srinagar Sonamarg Gumri Road.

Regarding the deployment of SDRF Personnel, the SSP Ganderbal informed the Div Com Kashmir that the SDRF Platoon already stationed at Gund will be shifted to Sonamarg.

The Div Com also directed the concerned for operationalization of the weighing bridge at Sonmarg and ensuring that the weight of the vehicles bound to Ladakh has been done positively well before one day.

He also directed for establishing the Joint Control Room of Traffic/ Civil/ Police/ MED.

Div Com Kargil impressed upon the concerned that people should be made aware about the fact that the road will only be thrown open for the LGV (light goods vehicle) and no passenger/tourist vehicle shall be allowed. He also asked the concerned to issue a circular for carrying chains

on vehicles mandatory. Earlier, Div com Kashmir visited Transit Accommodation Wandhama and reviewed the readiness of the apartments being constructed for the Kashmiri Migrant employees.

On the occasion he was informed that 4 out of 12 apartments are ready having 16 flats each, and 4 out of the remaining 8 will be completed by June, 2023.

Div Com Kashmir enquired about the progress on other works including water facilities, electricity, waste disposal, landscaping, inner roads, fencing, transport, and other allied facilities.

Regarding waste disposal Div com was informed by DC Ganderbal that the waste disposal will be handled by the Municipal Council Ganderbal, besides, a proper plan has been framed for the transport facility near the transit accommodation.

The Div Com was accompanied by DC Ganderbal, SSP Ganderbal, Ex. En R&B, ADC Ganderbal, ACP Ganderbal and others.

### Special Governance camp for DoPK refugees held

**Jammu, Mar. 17** : Two days LGs Special Governance camp for PoJK displaced was held on 11& 12 March 2023 at Gita mandir Samriti Bhawan at Bakshi nagar. It was held under the aegis of POJK Sewa Samiti J&k in which about 20 government departments participated and made the said community aware about different schemes of Centre and UT govt.

POJK Displaced People in thousands availed this opportunity. Dr Deepak Kapoor,

chairman Gita mandir samriti Bhawan committee and president POJK Sewa Samiti and

Gita mandir samriti Bhawan and their whole team namely Sh Yashpal Kapoor, Sh Suresh

Rakesh Kapoor, Smt Anju Tandon, Smt Mamta Verma, Smt Renu Thapar, Sh Naresh Vohra, Sh Samir Vohra , Sh Rajesh Tandon conveyed special thanks to LG Manoj Sinha for this special derive.

Also they thanked Divisional Commissioner Sh Ramesh Kumar , deputy commissioner Ms Avni Lavasa , Commissioner Relief and rehabilitation Sh KK Sidha, and PRO Sh Ravinder Sharma for their full support for this camp.



Sh Sanam Damiir, president Tandon, Sh Naveen Vij, Sh

### Dr. Gurcharan Singh Gulshan Memorial Seminar organized

**Jammu, Mar. 17** : A Seminar in the memory of Dr. Gurcharan Singh Gulshan, a renowned Punjabi writer & historian of Punjabi literature of Jammu & Kashmir, was organized today by Dr. Gurcharan Singh Gulshan Trust, Jammu, at K L Saigal Auditorium, Writers' Club, Cultural Academy, Jammu. The theme of the seminar was 'Jammu-Kashmir Da Punjabi Sahit Ate Maat Bhasha'. Sh. Kanwal Kashmiri, renowned Punjabi short story writer and intellectual from Kashmir was the chief guest on the occasion of inauguration of the Seminar whereas Sh. Ajit Singh Mastana, a renowned Punjabi Ghazal writer from Kashmir presided over the ceremony. The programme was attended by the galaxy of writers and intellectuals across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The formal welcome address was extended by Dr. Surinder Singh Kukkhal to welcome the guests and the audience present in the auditorium. He elaborated on the objective of organizing the seminar and informed about the future programmes of the Trust. Dr. Sukhwinder Singh from Pathankot presented his Key-Note Address in the Seminar,

and highlighted the objectives, targets and main issues to be covered under the programme. A poetry book titled Main Ton Main Tak by Dr.

on the topic 'Dr. Gulshan Da Khoj Ate Alochana Nu Den' during the afternoon technical session of the seminar where Sh Prit Pal Singh

Singh Paras for his contribution in promoting Punjabi language & literature; Jang S. Verman for his contribution in the field of literature, art



Gurcharan Singh Gulshan, edited by Smt. Antarjeet Kour was also released on this occasion. During the first technical session two research papers were presented by Dr. Gurpreet Kour on the topic 'Dr. Gulshan Di Kavita De Sarokaar', and Dr. Harbhajan Singh on the topic 'Dr. Gulshan Di Kahani Drishti'. Similarly two research papers were presented by Dr. Baljeet Singh Raina on the topic 'Maat Bhasha Nu Samarpit Lekhak'- Dr. Gurcharan Singh Gulshan', and Sh. Rattan Singh Kanwal

Betab former IAS and Dr. Baljeet Singh Raina, a renowned writer, TV and film producer & director were present in the presidium. During the programme Sh. Kanwal Kashmiri, a renowned Punjabi short story writer from Kashmir was honored with 'Life Time Achievement Award'; and special award for Sh. Harbhajan Singh Sagar for his contribution in the field of Punjabi literature. Dr. Sukhwinder Singh for his contribution in the field of literary criticism; Sh. Popinder

and journalism. All the paper presenters were also felicitated on this occasion. Sh. Kanwal Kashmiri, Sh. Ajit Singh Mastana, Sh. Khalid Hussain, Dr. Arvinder Singh Amn, and Sh. Prit Pal Singh Betab expressed their views on the life and contribution of Dr. Gurcharan Singh Gulshan, and the papers presented during the seminar. Proceedings of the programme were conducted by Sh. Popinder Singh Paras, Project Chairman. Smt. Antarjeet Kour extended the formal vote of thanks.

### Power shutdown

**JAMMU, MARCH 17** : Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Exchange Road, Rehari, New Plot and adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 18 from

10 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to BSF, Pindi, Aldehar, Baba Chamlyal, Suhagpur, Kotlijabowal, Sub of Arnia, Trewa and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 18 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Satwari, Nai Basti, Ashok Nagar, Shastrri Nagar and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on March 18 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to JIO Reliance Office,

Part of Greater Kailash shall remain affected on March 18 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Parts of District Rajouri and Poonch shall remain affected on March 18 from 8 am to 2 pm.

### 2 day International Conference on "Advances in Computer Sciences" begins at Srinagar

**SRINAGAR, MARCH 17** : A two day International Conference on 'Advances in Computer Sciences & Technology' began here today at Government College for Women, M.A. Road, Srinagar, with academicians and subject experts deliberating on recent trends in the field.

Vice Chancellor, Cluster University Srinagar, Professor Qayyum Husain was the chief guest on the inaugural ceremony while Nodal Principal Kashmir, Professor Khurshid Ahmad Khan was the guest of honour.

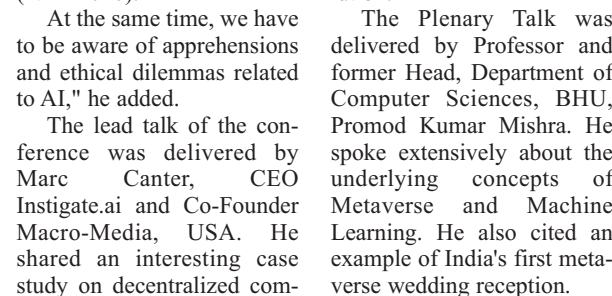
In his presidential address, Vice Chancellor said that computers and the allied technologies have revolutionized every sphere of today's life. "The discipline of computer science itself has undergone a lot of changes over the years, which makes this conference all the more important. Artificial Intelligence (AI), for instance, has emerged as a very exciting and important field, opening up plethora of possibilities for the future."

"Keeping the developments in the field of Computer Sciences and other disciplines, Cluster University Srinagar proposed to introduce several new courses in the varsity's second Academic Council meeting including Masters/Honors programmes in Artificial Intelligence and

Data Science; Honors programme in Graphic Designing & Visualization; Diploma programmes in Digital Marketing, Block Chain Management, Cloud Computing and Cyber Security," Professor Qayyum added.

"These courses not only meet the industry requirements and technological advances made in the respec-

Professor Ruhi Jan Kanth said, "With technology touching every aspect of our lives, unprecedented opportunities for human progress and development are unfolding. Computer Science and allied fields are key enablers of the growth and prosperity around the world. With this conference, we aim to develop a better understanding of the changes happening in the



five fields, but are also in line with the implementation of National Education Policy (NEP-2020). At the same time, we have to be aware of apprehensions and ethical dilemmas related to AI," he added. The lead talk of the conference was delivered by Marc Canter, CEO Instigate.ai and Co-Founder Macro-Media, USA. He shared an interesting case study on decentralized computing with professionals from different backgrounds coming together to offer international services with the concept of viral marketing. He cited the examples of 'SauceNet' and 'Instigate.ai'.

In his keynote address, Professor Akshay Agarwal of IISER Bhopal highlighted the new possibilities offered by Artificial Intelligence. He gave an interesting presentation on the power of AI and the future implications of the same.

Organizing Secretary of the conference, Dr. Sameer Kaul, spoke about the relevance of the conference and introduced the theme and sub-themes spread across the technical sessions of the two-day event.

On the occasion, newsletter of the host institution 'College Times' was also released. Three books authored by the faculty members of the host college- Prof. Sheba Drabu, Professor Sania Shakeel and Dr. Riffat Amanwere also released on the occasion.

The inaugural session was also attended by Dean Academic Affairs, Cluster University Srinagar, Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Lone and Registrar, Prof. Khurshid Mir.

The first technical session was based on the theme of 'Machine Learning & Neural Networks' with Dr. A.H. Moon, Dean Research, IUST, as Chairperson. He also delivered the Lead Talk for the session. The second technical session of the day was based on 'AI & machine Learning' with Dr. Majid Zaman, Controller Examinations, University of Kashmir, as the Chairperson and Lead Speaker.

Dr. Abina Habib moderated the proceedings of the inaugural session while Dr. Suhail Ahmad was the rapporteur. Dr. Bilal Maqbool Beigh presented vote of thanks.