

Union MoS External Affairs and Education inaugurates various developmental projects in Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, SEPTEMBER 24: As part of the Central Government's public outreach programme, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Education, Dr Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh today visited Tehsil Ramnagar and listened to public demands during a programme held at Government High School Dehari Sub Division Ramnagar of District Udhampur.

Dr Ranjan inaugurated various developmental works and projects of Rural Development Department executed under 14th FC, PMAY-G, SBM-G and MGNREGA of Block Ramnagar, Kulwanta and Parlihdar of District Udhampur. These works include construction of community sanitary complexes, water tanks, buildings, bowlies, PMAY-G houses, protection works, land development works, bridge paths, ponds, cremation/passenger sheds, play grounds and tractor roads among others.

The Union Minister also inaugurated water supply scheme Thakey and Koharmarg under NABARD in Block Parlihdar. He also laid the foundation stone for improvement of road from Bari to SC village and construction of road from Shiv Temple to Barta High School under NABARD.

After the inauguration, the Minister took a round of departmental stalls established for awareness of general public about various schemes.

The Minister interacted with staff members and beneficiaries of the scheme and had a detailed review of implementation of schemes on the ground and also took feedback from the beneficiaries.

The Union Minister also distributed Mamma kits under BBBP, sports kits under Khelo India, Sehat cards under Ayushman Bharat Scheme, domicile certificates, E-Sharam cards and wheel chairs besides handing over power tiller machines and maize shellers among the beneficiaries.

While addressing the gathering the Union Minister

Gas Agency sealed for selling under-weight cylinders at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, SEPTEMBER 24: Taking cognizance of media reports on alleged sale of under-weight Gas cylinders by Gulshan Gas Agency Srignufwara Anantnag, the Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Priyush Singla dispatched a team of officers headed by SDM Pahalgam with AD, Food and AD Legal Metrology as members to the place for on-spot investigation in the offence. The team conducted thorough enquiry into the matter and found under-weight cylinders being sold to the customers and not conforming to the legal standards. Besides, the cylinders of the same agency were weighed at different locations and those also did not weigh as per laid down standards. The team sealed the outlets of the agency and also directed for immediate stopping of its services and operations. An FIR was also lodged against the proprietor of the agency.

Union Minister of FPI, Pashupati Kumar Paras visits CoE, Zawoora Interacts with progressive farmers and entrepreneurs

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 24: As a part of Public Outreach Programme of Union Government for Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries (FPI), Shri Pashupati Kumar Paras today visited Centre of Excellence (CoE), Zawoora Srinagar and had a detailed interaction with the progressive farmers and entrepreneurs.

Speaking on the occasion the Union Minister said that the Government is committed to fulfill all genuine demands of farming community of the valley. He said that the Government has already initiated several measures to realize the dream of Prime Minister of doubling the farmers' income by 2022.

Highlighting about the initiatives of Union Government for development of Food Processing sector in J&K, Shri Paras said that the Government is exploring possibilities to set up mini food parks in J&K to boost investment. He added that apart from enhancing processing capacity in the region, this will also ensure farmers get remunerative

said that after abrogation of Article 370 from J&K, many changes are visible in the field of development like completion of mega projects, progress of ongoing developmental works and implementation of different centrally sponsored schemes in J&K. He said that the present dis-



the developmental process accelerated with full zeal and dedication for the socio economic upliftment of common people. He said that the government is committed to empowering Panchayats through devotion of funds, functions and functionalities as local representatives are well aware of needs of their areas and can resolve the issues on priority with the best solution. Commenting on the natural assets and scenic beauty of J&K, Dr Ranjan said that Jammu region has huge tourism potential as well as potential of channelizing the local produce of vegetables into an organized venture.

While interacting with the people during a public outreach programme at Dehari, the Minister took elaborate feedback on the status of implementation of all government schemes in the area. He said that the main purpose of this outreach programme is to assess the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes on ground and take feedback from people.

While underscoring the

Secretary Parliamentary Affairs, GOC 15 Corps call on Lt Governor

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 24: Secretary Parliamentary Affairs, GOI, Shri Gyanesh Kumar today called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan.

The Lt Governor and Sh Kumar discussed a variety of issues related to Panchayati Raj System in J&K.

Meanwhile, General Officer Commanding (GOC) 15 Corps, Lt General, D.P. Pandey also called on Lt Governor.

The GOC briefed the Lt Governor about the prevailing security scenario in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. They also discussed various issues related to internal security management in

importance of New Education Policy 2020, he added that the new policy paves the way for reforms in the education sector and the government is committed to provide quality education to the students.

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During the camp, DDC Chairperson, DDC Vice Chairperson, BDCs, DDCs and PRIs besides a large number of the general public hailing from different adjoining panchayats of Block Ramnagar attended the public outreach programme and projected several demands before the Minister.

While responding to the demands of PRIs, the Minister assured that all the demands of the area will be fulfilled on priority basis. During the camp, renowned local Artist Romulo Ram and party presented theme based cultural items which were highly applauded by the Union Minister as well as the audience.

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The Lt Governor appreciated the high professionalism of the Army in ensuring a safe and secure environment for the people of J&K.

Union MoS Skill Dev, Entrepreneurship Visits Baramulla, Interacts with Local Handicraft Artisans Special Interventions Taken to Promote Traditional Handicraft Industry: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

BARAMULLA, SEPTEMBER 24: As part of Union Government's special public outreach programme, Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar today paid visit to Pattan area of Baramulla district where he interacted with the local artisans associated with 'Mirgund Handicraft Cluster' besides carrying out several developmental activities.

The minister held a comprehensive interaction with the artisans and took first hand appraisal of various activities carried out in the handicraft cluster. The artisans shared their views and suggestions besides apprising several grievances meant for the upgradation and development of handicraft sector.

After interaction, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar expressed his happiness over the outstanding art and skill

performed by the local artisans and said the Union Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched various programmes and schemes which aims to

the exponential growth.

Meanwhile, the Minister presented felicitation certificates to the local artisans who have successfully cleared the assessment for the job role of



promote traditional industries based on local art and skills. He said that through Skill India programme, special emphasis is being laid for the encouragement of local artisans adding that the quantum of revenue generated through handicraft industry will mark

Traditional Hand Embroiderer conforming to National Skills Qualifications Framework Level 4.

Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Bhupinder Kumar among other senior concerned functionaries were present on the occasion.

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Telugu film makers keen to explore J&K as shooting destination Tourism Dept officers brief them about scope for film tourism, also meet Hyderabad Golf Association members

HYDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 24: The film makers of Telugu cinema (Tollywood) are keen to explore Jammu & Kashmir as a shooting destination for the upcoming movies.

This was disclosed by the office bearers of Telugu Film Producers Council and Telugu Film Directors Association in a meeting with the officers of J&K Tourism Department here today.

A team of officers from the Tourism Department, these days, is on a visit to Hyderabad to interact with members of tourism trade, media, film makers and other stakeholders.

During the meeting, the officers informed the office bearers of these organisations about the recently launched Film Policy by the J&K administration under which all film permissions have been brought under single window clearance mechanism besides incentivising the producers opting to choose shooting in J&K.

The office bearers of Telugu Film Producers Council and Telugu Film Directors Association comprising T. Prasanna Kumar, Mohan Vadlapatla and N. Shankar and Tamareddy

production houses which have shot in J&K this year include M/S Roaring Lions, Mumbai, R K Film Association, Arka Media Works, Hyderabad, People Media Factory LLP,

Bangaluru, Ushers Studios, Hyderabad besides production houses from Kannad, Malayalam and Tamil cinema. The team of officers also met the office bearers of Hyderabad Golf Association headed by its President, C. Dayakar Reddy at Golconda Golf Course.

The officers informed the members of Golf association that Golfing circuit of Jammu & Kashmir comprising the iconic Royal Springs Golf Course, Pahalgam Golf Course, historic courses like

the Gulmarg Golf Course and Kashmir Golf Course besides Jammu-Tawi Golf Course provides a rich and varied world class experience to visiting golfers which is unparalleled in rest of the country.

Few days back the prestigious PGTI tournament was played at picturesque RSGC, Srinagar which saw some of country's top golfers like Jyoti Randhawa, Udayan Maney, Jeev Milkha Singh and others playing on the Srinagar turf. This tournament was organised after seven years.

Similarly, the officers informed that many golf tournaments of national standard are lined up for next two months.

Earlier in the day, the team of officers called on the Chairman, Telangana State Tourism Development Corporation, Uppala Srinivas Gupta and briefed him about their visit.

The team of officers comprising CEO, Rajouri Development Authority, Vivek Puri and Deputy Director, Tourism, Kashmir, Dr. Ahsanul Haq Chishty is on a visit here and yesterday they had detailed interactions with members of media and travel operators of Telangana and Andhra region.

Dr Sehrish inaugurates workshop for intermediaries of SAATH scheme

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 24: After being inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor in the first week of this month the Mission Director, JKRLM, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today inaugurated the workshop for the functionaries implementing the 'SAATH' program here.

The 'SAATH' initiative is a rural enterprise acceleration program for the Self Help Group (SHG) women in J&K. Under the program both the intermediaries and prospective entrepreneurs would initially be trained for taking their businesses to the next level of success.

On the occasion the MD, JKRLM said that the intention and purpose of the program is that rural women are benefited tremendously. She said that this new initiative is a step above our routine functioning. She observed that such a program has been fashioned for capacity building of all the stakeholders including JKRLM functionaries and the rural SHG women for making this program a success.

The MD also impressed upon the trainees to take full advantage of the program so that they have complete awareness about the queries of these women entrepreneurs. She asked them to be the role models for these women so that they would excel in the enterprises they are involved in. She said that this program has an objective of creating successful entrepreneurs out of small time, self employed, rural women.

Dr Sehrish further asked them that lot of efforts had been invested on part of JKRLM to strategize, evolve and rollout this program. She mentioned that the best trainees from India SME Forum had been arranged to make best out of this initiative. She encouraged them to learn more so that this would happen to be watershed for

the future generation of entrepreneurs. The MD apprised that by a scientific whole scheme of things the role of these intermediaries is eminent as they themselves,



method it has been worked out that our registered SHGs has a potential of creating employment for 35000 persons.

She made out that in the

if not entrepreneurs are going to produce best entrepreneurs out of SHG members. She elucidated that this program has a potential to turn the fortunes of the rural women if

province. The Department was further asked to explore possibil-

ities of developing water sports facilities in the wild water segment at river Lidder, Salal, and Baglihar dams.

Reviewing the water sports facilities at the Ranjit Sagar Dam, the Chief Secretary directed the Department to complete the equipment audit and commence training of the youth in kayaking and canoeing sports at an earliest.

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CS reviews functioning of Sports Department Sports infrastructure being augmented to promote sporting culture in J&K

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 24: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired a meeting to review the functioning of the Youth Services & Sports Department.

It was informed that the Department is organizing various sports activities and undertaking several infrastructural projects across Jammu and Kashmir to promote sporting culture in the Union territory.

The Chief Secretary directed the Department to establish high-standard facilities for promoting water sports in J&K and procure adequate equipment in this regard. The Department was asked to develop water sports in various lakes including Dal, Wular, and Mansbal in Kashmir province and Mansar, Surinsar, and Ranjit Sagar Dam in Jammu

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Kharif Season-2021 : Navin Choudhary reviews readiness of procurement portal, status of its integration with national portal

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 24: Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers' Welfare (APD&FW), Navin Kumar Choudhary today chaired a meeting to review the readiness of procurement portal and status of its integration with national portal for Kharif Season-2021.

Commissioner Secretary Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Zubair Ahmad; Director APD&FW Jammu; General Manager, FCI, Jammu, Scientists (E), NIC, Jammu and other concerned attended the meeting in person and through virtual mode.

At the outset, the meeting was informed that the procurement portal has been available since September during which farmers' registration took place and the J&K portal is ready for procurement also for Kharif Season-2021 which would commence from October 1 in Jammu division.

On the occasion, the

Principal Secretary asked the Agriculture Department to put in place all facilities at

was informed that J&K has chosen the Tripura model and the same process is being fol-

so that data will be sent to the Central Portal in a hassle free manner. He also asked SDOs to camp themselves at the designated Mandies from October 1 to 2, 2021 to sort out issues, if any, at the locations.

He further directed the respective officers to ensure that farmers receive payment within 72 hours against their produce.

With respect to availability of Mandies in the Jammu region, the meeting was told that all the Mandies' locations have been identified for which tenders have also been floated by the Agriculture Department.

While speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary, Zubair Ahmad directed the FCI and Agriculture Department to put in all the arrangements before the actual procurement from October 1 and asked the concerned that UT portal should be duly integrated with national portal and Government of India and FCI would be informed accordingly.

He impressed upon the concerned that procurement should be on a real-time basis



the Mandies where procurement will take place while as directed Food Corporation of India (FCI) to take care of the rest of the procurement process.

Regarding the integration of J&K Portal with the National Portal, the meeting