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## Lieutenant Governor

..... popularity of our film industry has contributed in bonding with different cultures across the world.

"Good Cinema is not just entertainment but also influences the greater cause of service and human values. I believe a good film is one which strikes a balance between entertainment and social concern," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor exhorted film-makers that they possess a powerful medium of change which can play an important role in establishing equality, social justice and help in eradicating social evils.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor also spoke on the progressive Film policy of J&K and series of initiatives, including operationalization of Cinema Halls in Kashmir, incentives to film makers, Single Window portal, taken by the government to create a vibrant film ecosystem in Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir. He said that Jammu Kashmir will host the International Film Festival next year.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lieutenant Governor paid homage to famous Theatre and Film personality of J&K, Shri Mushtaq Kak and recalled his outstanding contribution to the world of cinema and theatre.

The Lieutenant Governor also lauded the efforts of 'Vomeds Organization' for promoting cinema in Jammu Kashmir and felicitated various stakeholders associated with the event. Renowned filmmaker and actor, Sh Pankaj Khajuria was conferred with the Mushtaq Kak award.

Ms. Yasha Mudgal, Commissioner Secretary, Tourism Department; Sh Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG Jammu -Samba -Kathua Range; Sh Rohit Bhat, President Vomeds and Festival Director of Jammu Film Festival & TIFFS; senior officials, participants of the Film Festival, industry professionals, prominent artists and cinema enthusiasts were present.

## Chief Minister .....

rising. To adapt, we need to promote modern agricultural practices, introduce new techniques and technologies, and raise awareness among farmers."

He lauded the progress made by SKUAST-Jammu in recent years, saying, "I felt elated on visiting SKUAST-Jammu. Since my last visit, the university has made remarkable progress, for which I congratulate the Vice-Chancellor and his entire team."

The Chief Minister expressed concern over the neglect of agriculture in discussions about J&K's development.

"In Jammu and Kashmir, we find farmers in every corner, yet when we discuss progress, we focus on factories, tourism, and facilities for pilgrims at religious places. Sadly, the contribution of farmers and the agriculture and allied sectors often goes unnoticed," he said.

He stressed the economic potential of agriculture and allied sectors, stating, "I firmly believe that focusing on these sectors can significantly transform J&K's economy. We rely heavily on imports for many necessities, such as dairy products, meat, and oils. Our efforts should aim to produce these locally through import substitution. If we achieve surplus production, we can sell it outside, leading to a positive shift in J&K's economy."

Omar Abdullah called for efforts to restore farming as a viable and respected livelihood for future generations.

"Our farmers must feel confident that their hard work on the land will generate income. However, it is disheartening that the younger generation is distancing itself from agriculture. Productive agricultural land is increasingly being used for non-agricultural purposes because our children hesitate to connect with agriculture and allied sectors. This mindset needs to change," he lamented.

Speaking about Jammu's agricultural potential, he said, "Multiple-farming, cultivating staple crops, and utilizing land for high-value products hold immense potential. Jammu is already renowned for its RS Pura Basmati, Rajma and Gucci mushrooms from Kishtwar. Products like olives and exotic fruits, which were unheard of just a few years ago, are now becoming common in our homes. There is no scarcity of potential here."

He further emphasized the importance of undertaking research and ensuring that its benefits reach every corner of J&K.

"The practical implementation of research is crucial, and the responsibility lies in ensuring that its benefits reach every corner of Jammu and Kashmir. Farmers must be informed about the advantages of these practices so that agriculture becomes productive and attractive, even for the younger generation."

The Chief Minister also pledged his government's unwavering support to SKUAST, saying, "This four-day program is an excellent initiative for farmers and visitors to learn and benefit from.

My government will fully support and assist the university in its endeavors. We stand shoulder to shoulder with you, and you will always find our doors open to help this institution thrive."

During the event, Omar Abdullah released several books on agriculture and research authored by various experts.

He also felicitated progressive farmers from Jammu division for their contributions to the sector.

Earlier, the Chief Minister inaugurated the National Agriculture Summit & Farmers' Fair-2024 in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Minister for Agriculture Production Javid Ahmad Dar, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu BN Tripathi, MLA RS Pura-Jammu South Dr. Narinder Singh Raina, and other dignitaries.

On the occasion, Omar Abdullah laid the foundation stone of the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development at the main campus of SKUAST-Jammu and planted saplings of various fruit plants alongside the Deputy CM, Agriculture Minister, MLA, and VC SKUAST-Jammu.

The Chief Minister also inspected stalls set up by agriculture and allied departments, interacting with staff and farmers.

He inaugurated the Krishi Mela Rural Sports by blowing a whistle and witnessed a tug-of-war competition among boys and girls of different categories.

The event witnessed the participation of scholars, researchers, scientists, students, and progressive farmers, making it a significant platform for knowledge-sharing and capacity-building in agriculture.

## Migrant women .....

As per the said definition, a migrant was someone who was forced out of the Kashmir Valley after 1989. This factual aspect is not disputed by appellants herein. Thus, there is no cloud or doubt with regard to the migrant status that was granted to the respondents herein.

DB further observed that one question of public importance that arises before this Court is whether a woman who has been given a migrant status on account of the suffering endured by her and her family on account of which they were forced to leave their home and hearth in the Kashmir Valley on account of disturbance that was rampant in the year 1989 onwards, could be discriminated and would stand to lose the said status only on account of fact that she had got married to a non-migrant? Holding thus would be going against the nature of human beings. Respondents herein, who are ladies and on account of no fault of theirs, had to leave their place of original residence in Kashmir Valley, cannot be expected to remain unmarried only to secure a job in the Kashmir Valley as a migrant. It is also reasonable to presume that because of the exigencies, not every migrant woman would be in a position to find a match who himself was a migrant. In such a situation, to hold that the woman would lose her status as a migrant only because she, out of the natural urge of forming a family, had to marry a non-migrant on account of existing circumstances, would be grossly discriminatory and militates against the very concept of justice. This discrimination becomes even more brazen where a male migrant continues to remain a migrant notwithstanding the fact that he has married a non-migrant. Such a situation has arisen only on account of patriarchy that prevails in the human race. However, in matters relating to employment under the State/UT, such discrimination cannot be countenanced. As regards, the contention put forth by learned counsel for the appellant that there was non-disclosure/concealment of the fact that the respondents were married, is of no consequence. Undisputedly, the Advertisement notice does not provide for cancellation of the candidature on account of non-disclosure or improper disclosure of facts/marital status. Further, the appellants have not been able to show how material injustice has been taken place to those who could not get selected otherwise on account of such non-disclosure. Therefore, this argument is also rejected, DB said.

DB observed that in view of what has been argued and considered and held hereinabove by this court writ petition fails and is, accordingly, dismissed. The appointment orders shall be given by the authority concerned to the respondents herein within a period of four weeks.

## Dy CM .....

Importance of night-time vigilance and frequent inspections. He emphasized that no mining operations or hot mix plants should be allowed to function without proper permissions, asserting that accountability at every level of administration was essential to achieving this goal.

The officers were instructed to provide updated and comprehensive data on mining activities and ensure consistent coordination with the police to enhance field-level monitoring.

The Deputy CM noted that robust data management would not only expose irregularities but also strengthen the overall governance of mineral

resources. Surinder Choudhary ordered immediate seizure of machinery and vehicles involved in illegal mining. He highlighted the need for imposing substantial penalties on violators, stating that such measures would serve as an effective deterrent against unauthorised activities.

Highlighting the environmental consequences of illegal mining, the Dy CM expressed concern over pollution in water bodies and called for concerted efforts to address ecological damage. These measures, he noted, aligned with the government's broader commitment towards sustainable resource management.

Regarding recurring mismatch between field data and records on the J&K Mining Web Portal, Surinder Choudhary asked the officers to rectify this issue promptly, underscoring the importance of transparency and accountability in mineral resource governance.

The meeting was attended by Director Geology & Mining Puneet Sharma and all District Mining Officers, among others.

## Kashmir Situation .....

CRPF Cup Srinagar Sector, a cricket tournament to be held from November 20 to 28. Inspector General of CRPF (Srinagar Sector) P K Sharma said the aim is to have maximum connect with the youth of Kashmir.

"The situation (in Kashmir) as we all know, is under control... All forces are working in synergy," he said.

The CRPF IG inaugurated the second edition of the CRPF Cup Srinagar Sector, a cricket tournament, at the Sher-e-Kashmir stadium here.

He said 16 teams — 12 from the Srinagar district, and two teams each from Budgam and Ganderbal districts — are participating in the tournament. A football tournament will be organised Next month, the CRPF officer said.

## Increasing ration .....

the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Speaking with reporters, minister Sharma said that all arrangements have been put in place for winter. He also said that statehood restoration is a priority and chief minister Omar Abdullah has himself met top leadership in New Delhi. "I believe PM Modi is himself interested in restoring the statehood and all other issues will be addressed after it's restoration," he added. The Minister sought 11 months time to fill the gaps created in the last 11 years. On being asked about winter preparedness, he said that officers in the administration are quite intelligent, but there are some deficiencies, which will be filled. "All arrangements, like dumping of essentials, have been put in place. But, we need to stay alert to tackle any challenge," he added.

## CS reviews .....

Secretary, APD, MD, HADP, Deputy Commissioners, HoDs, Convenor, UTLCB and other concerned officers of the department.

Dullo, while assessing progress on establishment of Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) across different districts of the UT, emphasised upon the concerned to keep increasing services being extended through these KKGs. He observed that such steps would accentuate the impact of these centres besides bringing efficiency in their functioning and utility for the farmers. He enjoined upon the Department to establish rest of the KKGs by January this year and make a dashboard to monitor the transactions regarding necessary advisories, sale of seeds and fertilisers by each of them.

The Chief Secretary also enquire from the respective DCs about the functioning of KKGs in their districts. He called upon them to make these centres active by establishing kiosks for each of them in the villages of their operation. He also took note of the hardware received by each DC and its distribution among the Kisan Udhymis (KUs) of their districts. He stressed on exploring ways and means to make all those KKGs functional for which KUs had not been made available till date.

Principal Secretary, APD, Shalendra Kumar, emphasised upon the field functionaries to ensure that all the 2000 KKGs are made functional before February this year. He directed for taking the registration numbers to at least 500 per KKG. He also enjoined upon them to convert the ongoing events of Kisan Sampark Abhiyan 3.0 and Block Diwas as the major camps for registration of farmers besides creating awareness among them.

It was further given out that under phase first a total of 501 KKGs had been established across different districts of the UT and 1499 are going to be made functional in phase 2. It was added that for each of the KKGs a science graduate is selected by the district administration as Kisan Udhymis for running these centres here.

Later, the Chief Secretary reviewed the progress made by the Department in seeding of Aadhar and land details on PM KISAN portal. He directed the DCs to make all efforts to remove the pendencies with regard to completion of NPCI, e-KYC and land seeding pendencies.

He also enjoined upon the Revenue Department to synchronize their RoR data with that of the PM-

KISAN details for generation of Agristack Ids in favour of all the farmers as per the Gol guidelines.

It was revealed that the IT has around 9.39 lakh active beneficiaries under PM-KISAN and these are also being given other benefits like KCC and services under Kisan Sathi portal developed in J&K.

## Former Bank .....

bursing of demand loan without security as well as failure in safeguard of security obtained in loan cases. It also surfaced that an amount of over Rs 1.76 crore has been misappropriated by him during his tenure as the manager of Udhampur branch from 2014. Out of the misappropriated amount, over Rs 1.52 crore stands recovered while an amount of Rs 23,68,456 is still recoverable, the spokesman said.

He said Gupta accepted during the course of verification that he was guided by some other senior bank officers, who forced him to make advances, use of product OD (Overdraft) against deposit without obtaining any security as well as to create fixed deposits in the staff category to get the staff benefits in rate of interest. "The role of other such officers is to be looked into during investigation," the spokesman said. He said the bank management terminated Gupta's services after a departmental inquiry for abuse of official position, dishonesty and fraud, embezzlement of public money for deriving personal benefits as a result of which a loss has been caused to the public exchequer as well as the bank.

## Justice Koul .....

court. The next hearing in this matter is scheduled for November 25, 2024. In the interim, Justice Vinod Koul directed that the parties maintain status quo until the next date of hearing, subject to any objections from the opposing side

## Owner of .....

-2 mtr(6.5 ft). The height of building was fixed as 10 mtr from the front road level. The owner accordingly paid residential building fee Rs 15707.

As per approved site plan, the owner towards front side was to construct kitchen left side, porch right side, followed by living room, drawing room then back of them two bed rooms with common toilet along with stairs inside as witnessed in duplex residential house with main entry from porch area. Besides as per drawing, the owner was to construct open Verandah on both floors. On first and 2nd floor, the owner was allowed verandah on porch area and rest of construction altogether same as in case of ground floor.

The owner deviating from approved site plan raised commercial construction without maintaining setbacks and didn't construction proper kitchen, living room, drawing room and infact raised commercial halls without any internal partition walls. However it deserves mentioning here that the owner initially to hoodknick general public kept window for kitchen on ground floor and main entry from porch area and raised stairs quite back of porch to reach first and 2nd floors and didn't construct duplex house by not constructing stairs alongside living room to reach first and 2nd floors and kept stairs from backside towards back of porch area. The owner actually constructed commercial hall measuring nearly 1400 sqft against permitted 1056 sqft covering construction area of kitchen by removing existing window and kept provision for fitting of iron shutter measuring 10x10 ft and divided porch area into a shop measuring 10x10 and separate entry on ground floor to reach at first and 2nd floor as there was no indication of residential construction in absence of living room, drawing room, bed room except toilet on ground floor, first and 2nd floor covering open Verandah area on porch area and infact raised altogether three commercial halls against residential approved site plan. The owner didn't observe mandatory setbacks as owner left 6 ft from front side when he was supposed to leave 13 ft besides extending 3 ft galleries on three floors. The owner also raised extra construction of room on 2nd floor other than mummy. The owner has already completed plaster work on three floors.

JMC surprisingly instead of taking befitting action after land use change construction reached public domain through print media by serving owner notices under BOCA Act 1988 or JMC Act 2000 by serving owner notices under provision of 253(1) and 258 (1) of JMC Act 2000 and the building should have been sealed but nothing was done by JMC and three floor commercial construction is still intact due to no action by concerned enforcement staff deployed in Ward 50, particularly Enforcement officer Anil Kashyap and Enforcement Inspector Varun Kesar properly and suitably patied by Dy Commissioner South Lal Chand which is evident from the non-stop commercial construction on residential plot despite bringing the same into kind notice of concerned JMC officials. Housing Board should also take serious cognizance of this violated construction as ongoing construction on ground floor is sheer breach of Lease deed agreement. Commissioner JMC should pay instant heed to ongoing unauthorized constructions and ask enforcement staff to perform their duty honestly and sincerely failing which it would be extremely difficult to implement JMP-2032 in letter and spirit.