

Capacity Building Programme on GST for tax officers concludes

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The two-day Capacity Building Programme for Tax Officers to strengthen human resource of State Taxes Department (STD) for implementation of Goods and Service Tax (GST) concluded on Tuesday at Excise and Taxation Training Institution, Nagrota here.

The workshop is being organised by State Taxes Department (STD), J&K in collaboration with Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).

Additional Commissioner Administration & Enforcement Jammu, Namrita Dogra, chaired the valedictory session.

All Deputy Commissioners of Tax department, Assistant Commissioner and State Tax Officers of Jammu division participated in the workshop.

Resource persons CA Ajay Sharma and CA Tarun Arora from ICAI spoke in



detail about various GST laws, demands, recovery, appeals. The second session were held on E-way Bill and Enforcement process, detention, seizure & release of goods and conveyances in transit.

Speaking on the occasion, Namrita Dogra said that the

Capacity Building Programme has been initiated under the guidance of Commissioner State Taxes Department, P K Bhat.

She said that this strategic move not only enhances the productivity of tax officers of STD but also promotes significant partnership be-

tween the ICAI community for larger economic growth of the nation. She added that the training module will continue tomorrow (October 15) and resource persons from ICAI will cover topics on demand, recovery, appeals, E-way Bill and Enforcement process.

LMD fines Private Hospital for Ambiguous Billing, Overcharging

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In a significant move to ensure compliance with the Legal Metrology norms and protect consumers from fraudulent practices of erring traders, the Legal Metrology Department (LMD) has taken action against a Punjab-based Jammu private Hospital chain based in Jammu at Greater Kailash.

The Hospital, claiming specialization in orthopedic surgeries and bone related treatments, has been fined by LMD for conducting transactions using non-standard unit of measurement which is not in consonance with the law. The hospital was found guilty of violating provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, which mandates a set of accurate information, and the use of stan-

dard units of measurement in all commercial transactions, including medical devices.

The instant case came to light following a special inspection conducted by a team of Legal Metrology Department Jammu District on the directions of the Controller Legal Metrology Department J&K, Anuradha Gupta for regulating commercial transactions in the health-care sector as well and to enforce the compliance of the Legal Metrology Act/rules to protect against fleecing of the consumer by the Hospitals, ensuring fair trade practices.

During the investigation, it was discovered that the hospital was using non-standard units of measurement in its billing for medical services and devices. Discrepancies were partic-

ularly noted in transactions related to the quantity (in terms of weight, measure, or number) of surgical materials or dressing supplies used during the surgical procedures, and as reflected in the patient billing.

Upon registration of case for breach of relevant provisions of the Legal Metrology Act, the Hospital management pleaded guilty to the violation and opted for the departmental compounding of the case by paying a fine of Rs. 20,000.

In a recent hand-out, the Legal Metrology Department J&K stressed that medical services, including transactions related to medical devices, now fall under the purview of the Legal Metrology Act, and

as per the standing norms, pre-packaged commodities must not be sold at prices exceeding their Maximum Retail Price (MRP). Consumers are advised to remain vigilant and carefully examine bills issued by the Hospitals, and in case of discrepancies, aggrieved consumers can approach the Legal Metrology Department for timely resolution. The Controller of Legal Metrology also appealed to the traders and service providers, including hospitals, to voluntarily adhere to the prescribed Legal Metrology standards while making any transactions, ensuring that patients receive fair and transparent billing.

Power Shutdown

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 15: According to the Chief Engineer, Distribution, KPDC, in order to carry out construction of 33KV Pulwama 2nd Circuit under Phase II from 160 MVA GIS Lassipora, the shutdown of 132/ 33 KV GIS Lassipora (160 MVA) shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Pulwama, Pinglena, MM Flour Mill, Covid Hospital and Tenghaar shall remain off while the power supply to the areas that will be affected include Pulwama, Tahab, Koil, Pinglena and Tenghaar from 10 AM to 05 PM on 17, 19, 21 and 23rd of October, 2024.

Similarly, to carry out the augmentation of 33KV Pampore Pulwama line, the shutdown of AIS Pampore (200 MVA) shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Station at Kadlabal shall remain off while power supply to the Kadlabal Pampore area shall remain affected from 10 AM to 05 PM on 16th of October, 2024.

Also, in order to carry out the Erection of poles in 11 KV Moshwara feeder (segregation and reconducting works) under RDSS Works, the shutdown of AIS Kanipora (2x50 MVA) shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Kanipora, Keller and Shadimarg shall remain off while power supply to the Keller, Shadimarg, Moshwara and Kanipora areas shall remain affected from 10 AM to 05 PM on 17 and 19th of October, 2024.

Further, to carry out Looping of trees! Branch cutting and other preventive maintenance works of various 33 KV lines, the shutdown of Shariefabad Grid Station shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Zainakote, Shalteng and Bakshipora shall remain off while power supply to the Zainakote, Shalteng and Bakshipora areas shall remain affected from 09 AM to 05 PM on 16th of October, 2024.

The shutdown of Wanganpora Grid Station shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at SH Pora, MR Gunj, Shreen Bagh, Kawdara, and Mughal Masjid shall remain off while power supply to the SH Pora, MR Gunj, Shreen Bagh, Kawdara and Mughal Masjid areas shall remain affected from 09 AM to 05 PM on 19th of October, 2024.

The shutdown of Bemina Grid Station shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at JVC, PC Depot, SKIMS-JVC and Children Hospital shall remain off while power supply to the Bemina, Parimpora, Children Hospital and JVC areas shall remain affected from 09 AM to 05 PM on 20th of October, 2024.

The shutdown of Bemina Grid Station shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Bemina I, Bemina II, Moominabad Court Complex and GIS Batmaloo shall remain off while power supply to the Bemina, Moominabad Court Complex and Batmaloo areas shall remain affected from 09 AM to 05 PM on 20th of October, 2024.

The shutdown of Bemina Grid Station shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Karan Nagar and Shalitore shall remain off while power supply to the Karan Nagar area shall remain affected from 09 AM to 05 PM on 19th of October, 2024.

The shutdown of Wanganpora Grid Station shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Safakadal and Wanganpora shall remain off while power supply to the Safakadal and Wanganpora areas shall remain affected from 09 AM to 05 PM on 17th of October, 2024.

In order to carry out Shifting of 33 KV line at Thune and Stabilization/ branch cutting along 33 KV Gurez Line, the shutdown of Potshahi Grid Station shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Gurez, Peerbaba, Tragbal and NHPC shall remain off while power supply to Gurez shall remain affected from 10 AM to 03 PM on 16 and 19th of October, 2024.

The shutdown of Kangan Grid Station shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Station at Surfraw shall remain off while power supply to the Gagangeer, Sonamarg and Surfraw areas shall remain affected from 10 AM to 03 PM on 17th of October, 2024.

Similarly, in order to carry out Branch Cutting, the shutdown of Kulgam Grid Station shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Station at Nillow shall remain off while power supply to the Nillow, Arreh, Begam, Sehpora and Mohdpura areas shall remain affected from 10 AM to 02 PM on 16th of October, 2024.

Also, in order to carry out Improvement/ stabilization of said line from Aishmuqam to RMU Pahalgam by way of replacement of poles with damaged pole tops, the shutdown of 132/ 33 KV Gopalpora Grid Station shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Stations at Pahalgam, GIS Pahalgam and Batkoot shall remain off while the power supply to the Powerhouse, Army, Hospital Pahalgam, A, B & C Batkoot, Laddi and Yenner areas will be affected from 10 AM to 04 PM on 16, 19 and 23rd of October, 2024.

Further, in order to carry out Reconducting of 33 KV Alusteng Zakura Line from 0.1 ACSR to 0.2 ACSR, the shutdown of Alusteng Grid Station shall be observed due to which 33/11KV Receiving Station at Umerhair shall remain off while power supply to the Ahmednagar, Baspora, (Partially) and Umerhair areas shall remain affected from 11 AM to 04 PM on 19 and 22nd of October, 2024.

DDC reviews implementation of Self-Employment Schemes, HADP

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District Development Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan today led a comprehensive meeting aimed at expediting decisions on cases related to self-employment schemes and the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). The discussion focused on the swift approval of pending cases to foster economic growth through local businesses and entrepreneurship.

A detailed review of the applications submitted for various self-employment schemes was conducted. The DDC also interviewed the Applicants under various schemes. These schemes are vital for encouraging individuals, particularly the youth and unemployed, to take up entrepreneurial ventures.

The DDC stressed the importance of facilitating financial assistance to eligible applicants in a timely manner, allowing them to establish and expand their businesses. By removing bottlenecks and expediting

approvals, the district administration aims to create more employment opportunities and boost local economic activities.

In addition to reviewing self-employment cases, the DDC also highlighted the need for innovations especially in the Priority sector like Renewable energy, agro technology.

The DDC urged officials to align self-employment initiatives with the broader objectives of HADP, ensuring that the benefits of these programs are extended to disadvantaged groups, rural areas and the district's most vulnerable populations.

The DDC also emphasized transparency and accountability in the selection and approval processes, calling on the officers to ensure that genuine candidates receive the benefits without delays. Meeting was attended by ADDC Sukhdev Samyal, ACD Pardeep Kumar, AD Handicraft Ujwal Sambyal, AD employment Annie Vaid, Deputy Registrar Bhawani Attri, CAO, DSHO and other officials.

DC resolves issues to facilitate fast tracking of work in Reasi district



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In a decisive step towards expediting the completion of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, the Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan today chaired a meet-

ing with stakeholders, including National Highway Authority of India functionaries.

The discussions focused on addressing the pending issues related to Package 17 of the expressway project

falling Reasi District. The DC assured them of every possible help in removing any hindrance to facilitate expeditious completion of the project.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the ur-

gent need to resolve any bottlenecks that could hinder the progress of this strategically important project. He issued clear instructions to NHAI officials to fast-track all pending matters, ensuring the work proceeds without further delays.

He further assured the NHAI team of the administration's full support in facilitating smooth operations. "The district administration will extend all possible assistance to ensure the project moves ahead swiftly. We are committed to working closely with NHAI to remove any hurdles," he added. The Deputy Commissioner also urged all stakeholders to maintain coordination to prevent any disruptions in the work schedule. Meeting was attended by Project officer NHAI, PIO NHAI Udhampur and other NHAI officials.

DC Ganderbal reviews functioning of PM Shri Schools

GANDERBAL, OCTOBER 15: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir Tuesday convened a comprehensive review meeting to evaluate the functioning of PM Shri Schools in the district.

The meeting, held in the conference hall of the Mini Secretariat Ganderbal, was attended by the Chief Education Officer, Deputy Chief Education Officer, Zonal Education Officers, principals, and heads of institutions of PM Shri Schools.

During the meeting, the DC emphasized the importance of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the holistic development of schools.

Key discussions included generating APAAR IDs for students, ensuring the proper utilization of funds, and enhancing visibility by uploading school activities on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

The meeting also focused on strengthening the support from Vidyanjali, improving monitoring mechanisms in PM Shri Schools, and promoting Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and digital initiatives for better learning outcomes.

Special attention was given to ensuring basic school amenities, such as drinking water facilities,

functional lavatories, internet connectivity and electricity.

The DC highlighted that a conducive learning environment helps students explore their interests, learn new skills, and engage parents in promoting positive behavior among students. He also stressed the integration of technology into the teaching-learning process as a means of enhancing educational outcomes.

The DC emphasized further improving the educational standards and infrastructure of PM Shri Schools to provide students with a thriving learning environment.

ADC Handwara conducts surprise inspection of schools in Vilgam zone

KUPWARA, OCTOBER 15:

The Additional Deputy Commissioner, (ADC) Handwara, Aziz Ahmad Rather today conducted a surprise inspection of various schools of Vilgam Education Zone of Sub Division Handwara to assess the quality of education, punctuality of staff/ students, hygiene and other important requirements for the safe, smooth and hassle free functioning of the schools.

The ADC inspected the classrooms and other facilities available in the schools and also checked the attendance record of both students and teachers. Attendance sheets were thoroughly checked to scrutinize the accuracy of records. This step aimed to promote regular attendance among students and punctuality among teachers.

During the visit, the ADC interacted with the school staff, teachers, and students. He encouraged the teachers to focus on their teaching methodologies

and gave valuable suggestions to improve the learning environment.

He also motivated the students to actively participate in learning activities and maintain discipline within the school premises.

The schools inspected include Government Secondary School Haftrada, Government Boys High School Haftrada, KGBV Haftrada, UPS Hachmarg, Government Primary School Chechi Molalla, Sochayalari and Government Boys Middle School Sochayalari.

JMC imparts awareness to work animal owners

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An awareness-cum-registration programme was organized today by the Veterinary section of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) for work animal owners operating within JMC limits.

The main motive of the programme was to aware the owners of Marriage buggies/ Horse cart/ horses/ Pony/ Mule/ Camel/ Donkey and other work animals regarding benefits of registration of their work animals in accordance with the Prevention of Cruelty to Draught and Pack Animal Rules, 1965 and J&K Municipal Corporation Act, 2000.

Commissioner JMC, Dr. Devansh Yadav along with Deputy Director Research, AHD Jammu Dr. Rakesh Koul, MVO, JMC Dr. Jaswant Singh, VAS, JMC



Dr. Divya Sharma, besides Lab officers DDR Lab Dr. Abhimanyu Chauhan and Dr. Ashwani Bassan were present in the programme.

The Commissioner interacted with the stakeholders regarding the importance of registration of their work animals with JMC and benefits as such. The team of the Veterinary section informed the stakeholders regarding the importance of health and fitness status, duration of their working hours, capacity of load on animals and various animal welfare issues of these

work animals. As many as 30 registration certificates were issued on-spot after RFID tagging and blood sample examination. Free vaccines for rabies and tetanus were provided to 50 animals.

Veterinary section of JMC is carrying out various drives within JMC limits to curtail the incidences of cruelty towards work animals as well as plying of these animals by their owners without obtaining proper licensing from Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Vidya Devi assumes as Principal ANMT Doda

DODA, OCT 15: Vidya Devi on Tuesday assumed the charge as new Principal Government ANMT School Doda.

This momentous occasion was marked by a formal induction ceremony, where she was warmly welcomed by the staff of CMO Office besides the staff members of ANMT Doda. Vidya Devi has a long and illustrious career in the field of Nursing, having previously served as Principal ANMT Kathua for around two years.

Soon after taking charge, she held an introductory meeting with the staff and urged them to work with legacy of dedication for the welfare of the better future of the student community undergoing their professional courses at ANMT Doda.

