

CM Omar Abdullah distributes appointment orders to 55 JKAS, Accounts Service officers

‘You have got a chance which very few people get, use it to serve people,’ CM tells appointees

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Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today distributed appointment orders to 55 newly selected candidates of the Combined Competitive Examination entering the Jammu & Kashmir Administrative Service and Jammu & Kashmir Accounts ((Gazetted) Service at a function held at SKICC here.

The 55 newly appointed officers include 28 Junior Scale JKAS officers and 27 Accounts Officers of the J&K Accounts (Gazetted) Service.

Ministers Javid Ahmed Dar & Satish Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Dheeraj Gupta, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department, M. Raju, senior officers of the GAD, newly appointed officers and their parents were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister congratulated the newly selected officers and their parents and families, acknowledging the effort, perseverance and sacrifices that went into their selection.

He told the officers that receiving their appointment orders was not the destination of their journey but a new beginning, and that they had covered only a small part of the larger journey ahead.

“Now you have to decide how you want people to remember you when you complete this journey. Only you can decide that,” the Chief Minister said, urging them to build their careers on the foundations of competence, honesty and hard work.

He said public servants are remembered not merely for the positions they hold but for the difference they make in the lives of people. He advised the officers to uphold integrity and ensure that their conduct in public service earns them respect.

The Chief Minister reminded the officers that behind every government file, application and complaint is the story of a person. While every grievance or complaint may not necessarily be justified, he said, there is a reason behind every grievance, and officers must have the sensitivity and willingness to understand people’s problems and work towards resolving them.

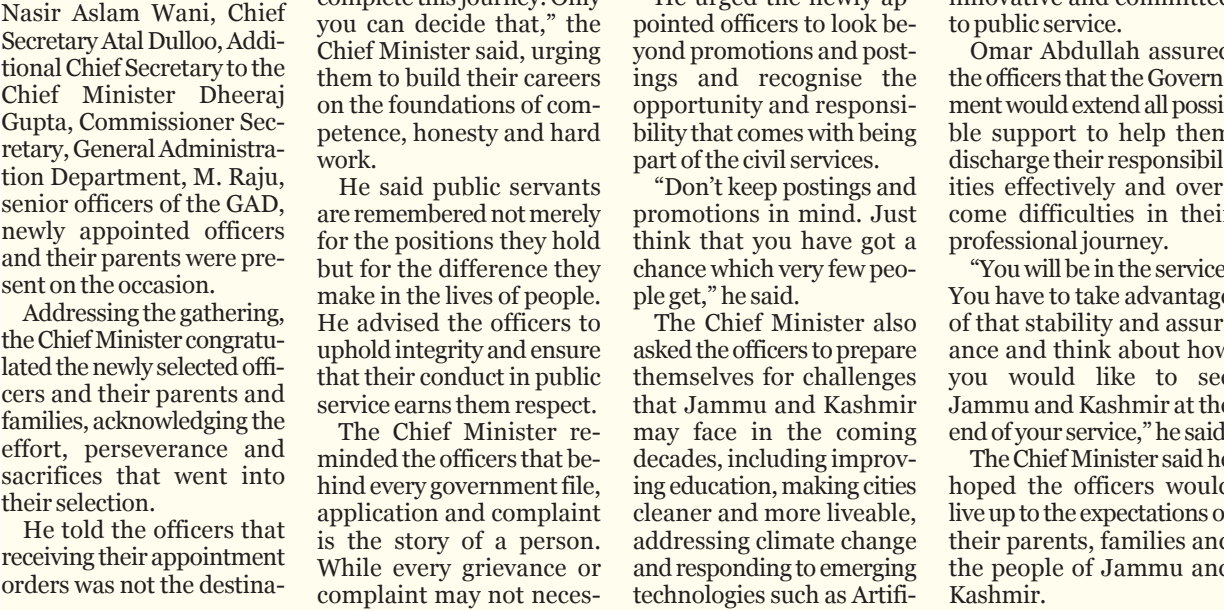
He urged the newly appointed officers to look beyond promotions and postings and recognise the opportunity and responsibility that comes with being part of the civil services. “Don’t keep postings and promotions in mind. Just think that you have got a chance which very few people get,” he said.

The Chief Minister also asked the officers to prepare themselves for challenges that Jammu and Kashmir may face in the coming decades, including improving education, making cities cleaner and more liveable, addressing climate change and responding to emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence.

He said that the nature of governance and the challenges before society could change significantly over the next 10 to 20 years, and called upon the young officers to remain adaptable, innovative and committed to public service.

Omar Abdullah assured the officers that the Government would extend all possible support to help them discharge their responsibilities effectively and overcome difficulties in their professional journey. “You will be in the service. You have to take advantage of that stability and assurance and think about how you would like to see Jammu and Kashmir at the end of your service,” he said.

The Chief Minister said he hoped the officers would live up to the expectations of their parents, families and the people of Jammu and Kashmir.



Farmers seek urgent desilting of nallah in Suchetgarh sector

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A delegation of residents and local representatives from villages in the Suchetgarh sector, led by former Minister and senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar, met Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and sought urgent desilting and renovation of the nallah from Gharana to Aik Nallah at Nekowal-Jeora.

The delegation apprised the Divisional Commissioner of waterlogging and backflow affecting Gulabgarh, Partap Kote, Gharana and Gharani, claiming that obstruction in the existing drainage channel has resulted in stagnation of water and damage to standing crops and agricultural land.

According to the memorandum submitted by the delegation, flood and waste water from the Tanda area through Phian Tibba and adjoining areas traditionally flows through the villages towards the Pakistan side. The residents claimed that the flow has been obstructed following construction of a defence/bund wall on the other side, causing water to backflow towards agricultural fields on the Indian side.

The delegation urged immediate cleaning, desilting and renovation of the drainage channel to facilitate diversion of accumulated water towards Aik Nallah at Nekowal-Jeora. The demand covers the stretch from Gharana to Aik Nallah, Nekowal-Jeora, Panchayat Abdal and Panchayat Gharana in Suchetgarh tehsil.

The residents said the issue had earlier been taken up with the XEN, Flood Control and Irrigation Department, Jammu, following which a Junior Engineer visited the site for assessment. They sought time-bound execution of restoration and desilting works, stressing that the issue directly affects agricultural land, standing crops and the livelihood of farmers, particularly ahead of further rainfall.

Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar assured the delegation that the matter would be taken up with the concerned departments and necessary action initiated to address the drainage problem.



DM Kupwara chairs NCORD Committee Meeting, reviews Anti-Drug measures in District

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District Magistrate (DM) Kupwara, Shrikant Suse, today chaired a meeting of the District-Level NCORD (Narco Coordination) Committee to review the measures being undertaken to curb the menace of drug abuse and illicit trafficking in the district.

The meeting focused on strengthening coordinated efforts among various departments and agencies involved in drug demand reduction, enforcement, prevention, public awareness and rehabilitation. Detailed discussions were held on the progress achieved so far and the measures required to further intensify the district’s fight against drug abuse.

During the meeting, the Committee reviewed enforcement-related action taken under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The meeting took stock of FIRs registered by the Police Departments of Kupwara and Handwara, action taken against drug peddlers, attachment of properties linked with narcotics-related activities, preventive detention of habitual offenders and other measures aimed at disrupting the drug supply network.

The District Magistrate directed all concerned departments to maintain close coordination and adopt a proactive approach in identifying vulnerable areas and taking timely action against persons involved in the cultivation, production, transportation and distribution of narcotic substances.

The meeting also reviewed the ongoing drive against illicit cultivation of cannabis and poppy. The concerned agencies were asked to sustain field-level surveillance and ensure timely destruction of illegal crops to prevent their conversion into narcotic substances. Measures pertaining to the removal of encroachments and other activities associated with drug-related hotspots were also discussed.

Emphasizing the importance of preventing the availability of spurious and unauthorized medicines, the District Magistrate directed the Assistant Drug Controller to intensify market inspections and conduct special checking drives in coordination with the Police Department. The officers were asked to ensure strict action against the sale and distribution of fake, spurious or unauthorized drugs and strengthen monitoring of pharmaceutical outlets across the district.

The District Magistrate stressed that enforcement alone cannot address the drug problem and called for greater emphasis on preventive interventions, awareness generation and rehabilitation. He directed the concerned departments to enhance awareness programmes, particularly among students and youth, regarding the harmful consequences of drug abuse and the importance of seeking timely assistance.

He further underscored the need to identify vulnerable individuals and ensure that persons affected by substance abuse are appropriately guided towards counselling, treatment and rehabilitation services. The concerned departments were instructed to work in close coordination to facilitate access to support mechanisms for affected persons and their families.

The District Magistrate called upon all stakeholders to adopt a sustained and coordinated approach towards making Kupwara a drug-free district, stressing that concerted efforts by government departments, law-enforcement agencies, educational institutions, civil society and the general public are essential to effectively combat the challenge of substance abuse.



120 Students Inducted as NSS Volunteers at GDC Ramban

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Around 120 students were inducted as volunteers of the National Service Scheme (NSS) during an induction programme organised at Government Degree College (GDC) Ramban on Tuesday.

The programme was aimed at familiarising newly inducted volunteers with the objectives, values, activities and responsibilities of NSS, while encouraging them to actively participate in community-service initiatives.

Addressing the volunteers, NSS Programme Officer Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed Mir briefed them about the functioning and objectives of the scheme. He emphasised the importance of community service, volunteerism, discipline and social responsibility, urging the students to contribute meaningfully to the welfare of society.

Principal of the college, Prof. Romesh Kumar Atri, also addressed the gathering and highlighted the role of NSS in developing leadership qualities, civic responsibility, empathy, teamwork and a spirit of service among students.

He encouraged the volunteers to engage actively with the community and work towards addressing social and environmental concerns.

During the programme, the volunteers were apprised of the NSS motto, “Not Me But You,” which reflects the spirit of selfless service and concern for the well-being of others. They were also familiarised with various NSS activities, including community outreach programmes, cleanliness drives, plantation campaigns, environmental awareness initiatives, health-awareness campaigns and other social-service activities.

The programme was attended by faculty members, including Prof. Samir Ahmad, Dr. Mohd Maqbool, Dr. Sayar Yousuf, Dr. Hamid, Dr. Ab. Raoof Bhat and Dr. Aijaz Ahmad Tantray, besides other teaching and non-teaching staff.

The induction marked a significant beginning for the NSS unit of GDC Ramban and is expected to further strengthen the college’s efforts towards community engagement, social responsibility and the holistic development of students.



Javid Dar assures prompt redress of issues of Fruit Mandi Associations

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SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 15: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, today interacted with the representatives of Fruit Mandi Associations from Kashmir Division at the Civil Secretariat here to discuss issues concerning the functioning of fruit mandis and strengthening of horticulture market infrastructure.

The meeting was attended by Director Horticulture Marketing and Planning, Ghulam Jeelani Zargar; Managing Director, JKHPMC, Mohammad Farooq Dar; Director Horticulture Kashmir, Vikas Anand; Presidents of Fruit Mandi Associations from Kashmir Division besides other senior officers.

During the interaction, the representatives apprised the Minister of various issues concerning the functioning of fruit mandis. They highlighted the need for strengthening the basic infrastructure and improving essential facilities for traders, fruit growers and labourers associated with the horticulture sector.

Javid Ahmad Dar assured the representatives that their genuine concerns would be examined and resolved on priority basis. He directed the concerned officers to maintain close coordination with the mandi associations and take necessary measures for addressing their issues in a time-bound manner.

The Minister emphasized that the government is committed to create a conducive and efficient working environment in fruit mandis, which play a vital role in facilitating horticulture trade and supporting the livelihoods of thousands of growers, traders and workers.

Javid Dar stressed the need for strengthening the basic infrastructure and improving essential facilities in fruit mandis to facilitate smooth trade operations and ensure better working conditions for all stakeholders. He called for coordinated efforts by the concerned departments to identify infrastructure gaps, address operational bottlenecks and ensure timely execution of necessary improvement works.

Highlighting the importance of the horticulture sector to Jammu and Kashmir’s economy, the Minister underscored the need for sustained efforts to strengthen market infrastructure, improve trade facilitation and safeguard the interests of fruit growers and other stakeholders.

He also emphasized the importance of regular interaction with the Fruit Mandi Associations to ensure that their concerns are promptly brought to the notice of the concerned authorities and resolved effectively.

