

CS directs for time-bound revival action for recoverable MSMEs

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Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress and functioning of the J&K MSME Health Clinic, a digital initiative aimed at monitoring, diagnosing and revitalizing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the Union Territory through timely assessment and targeted interventions.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department; Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department; Director Industries & Commerce, Jammu/Kashmir; Director Handloom & Handicrafts, Kashmir/Jammu; Representatives from IIM-Jammu, J&K Bank besides other senior officers of the Industries & Commerce Department.

The meeting reviewed the expansion of the programme's diagnostic coverage, the status of field-level assessments, institutional arrangements for rehabilitation, financial interventions and the use of digital tools for monitoring and follow-up of stressed industrial units.

Taking stock of the progress achieved, the



Chief Secretary directed the Industries and Commerce (I&C) Department to accelerate field visits and strengthen the operational capacity of Small Business Development Units (SBDUs). He called for ensuring the mandatory expansion of SBDUs so as to adequately equip them to undertake assessment, handholding and follow-up of MSMEs in a coordinated and result-oriented manner.

The Chief Secretary further stressed for completing diagnostic profiling and preparing actionable revival plans for all 6,576 identified recoverable units. He stressed that the assessment exercise should now translate into structured interventions, with periodical follow-up and monitoring of the recommendations emerging from the Health Clinic.

Earlier, the Commissioner Secretary, I&C,

Vikramjit Singh apprised the meeting that the MSME Health Clinic is presently monitoring a portfolio of 3,42,261 registered MSME units, out of which 2,94,014 units have undergone diagnostic assessment. The analysis revealed that 2,87,332 units, constituting 97.7 per cent of the assessed portfolio, have been found completely stable.

He further revealed that the assessment has identified 6,682 units requiring active intervention, including 6,576 units classified as recoverable and 106 units identified as prone to chronic sickness. Additionally, he made out that 48,247 units have been referred back to J&K Bank for data correction, enabling further refinement of the database and more accurate assessment of the concerned enterprises.

It was also divulged that in order to strengthen the

field-level implementation mechanism, District level core teams have been institutionalized across all districts. Each SBDU has Investment Promotion Officer (IPO) from the respective District Industries Centre (DIC) and a District Nodal Officer (DNO) from the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), a consultant and other members of SBDU. In addition to that 60 more consultants are being provided to SBDU out of which 10 have been deployed till date and process of others is underway.

The meeting was apprised that the field teams have so far conducted 581 factory visits, resulting in the preparation of 317 comprehensive diagnostic reports. Of these, 34 critical rehabilitation cases have received formal approval from the District Level Advisory Committee (DLAC).

Grand Annual Day Celebration 2026 Held at PM SHRI Govt High School Sersundwan

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PM SHRI Government High School Sersundwan, in SMVD Assembly Constituency District Reasi, celebrated its Annual Day 2026 with great enthusiasm and grand fervor. The event was graced by Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Jammu Lok Sabha Constituency), as the Chief Guest, alongside Shri Baldev Raj Sharma, Hon'ble MLA (Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Constituency, Katra), who attended as the Guest of Honour.

Together, MP Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma and MLA Shri Baldev Raj Sharma inaugurated key infrastructural development works worth ₹8 lakh aimed at enhancing student facilities.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma commended the school's academic achievements and highlighted the transformative educational reforms taking place across Jammu and Kashmir under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He pledged continuous support for the



comprehensive development of the institution.

Shri Baldev Raj Sharma, who has officially adopted the school, reaffirmed his commitment to addressing the long-pending demands of the region. He assured full support for upgrading the institution to a Higher Secondary level, constructing a proper approach road, and executing further developmental projects.

Former DDC Chairperson Shri Saraf Singh Naag was also present, alongside prominent local figures including Ex-BDC Shri Ashok, Shri Bhuri Singh

Naag, Shri Ramesh Bhagat, Shri Ramesh Kumar, Shri Naseeb Singh, and Shri Dhyan Singh. The occasion was further attended by headmasters from neighboring schools, as well as local Deputy Sarpanches and Panches. The event saw active involvement from prominent administrative and educational leaders, including Shri Jagdish Chander Mehra, Joint Director School Education (Udhampur/Reasi) Range, Shri Geetu Bangotra, Chief Education Officer, Reasi, Shri Liakat Ali, Zonal Education Officer, Chinkah

Local Women from Self Help Groups and Students also exhibited their hand made articles to promote Vocal For Local, dignitaries appreciated them.

Students captivated the audience with vibrant cultural performances, sports activities, and exhibitions featuring science models and artwork, including creative depictions of the world's highest railway bridge. The celebration concluded with strong participation and praise from teachers, parents, and members of the local community.

Sunil holds outreach camp in Baramulla, assures to raise people's issues in Assembly

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Leader of Opposition in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly and senior BJP leader Sunil Sharma interacted with residents and representatives of different sections of society from three districts namely Baramullah, Kupwara, and Bandipora in Dak Bungalow, Baramulla as part of the BJP legislative group's pre-session public outreach programme.

J&K BJP General Secretary Anwar Khan, All Cells Co-Incharge & Prabhari Baramulla Bilal Parre and other senior leaders of the party also accompanied the Leader of Opposition on the occasion.

Sharma said that the BJP legislative group has decided to visit district headquarters across Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the upcoming Assembly session to directly listen to the concerns and grievances of the people.

"A large number of people have come from different parts of North Kashmir with their issues. Our legislative group has decided that before the Assembly



session, we will visit every district headquarters, listen to the problems of the people and ensure that their genuine concerns are raised in the appropriate forum," Sharma said.

He said the outreach programme in Baramulla provided an opportunity to hear people from different sections of society and understand issues affecting their day-to-day lives.

"We have come here to listen to the problems of the people and raise them in the concerned quarters. Our responsibility as the opposition is to ensure that the voice of the common man reaches the government and the Assembly," he said.

Sharma said several important issues were brought to his notice during the interaction, including roads,

bridges, water supply, tourism, electricity charges, employment, outsourced workers, NHM employees, Anganwadi workers and municipal elections.

Expressing concern over unemployment and employment-related grievances, Sharma said that the problems faced by unemployed youth and workers require serious attention and appropriate government intervention.

He also said that issues related to local governance and civic infrastructure need to be addressed effectively so that development reaches people at the grassroots level.

"The people have brought very basic issues before us. Some have concerns regarding roads and bridges, some regarding water supply, while others have

raised tourism and other civic issues. These are basic governance issues and they cannot be ignored," Sharma said.

On the absence of municipal elections, Sharma said that strengthening grassroots democratic institutions was important for effective local governance and development.

"The BJP is the principal opposition party and we will raise the concerns of the people in the Assembly. The issues brought before us in Baramulla will be taken up at the appropriate level," Sharma said.

Sharma reiterated that the pre-session outreach programme was aimed at strengthening direct engagement between elected representatives and the people and ensuring that public grievances are reflected in the legislative process.

Sharma reiterated that the BJP will continue to remain a strong voice of the people of J&K, raising their concerns in the Assembly and standing firmly with them against the anti-people policies and misgovernance of the NC Government.

Stop testing youth patience, empower them to excel in every field: Altaf Bukhari

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Jammu: Calling upon the youth to take an active role in shaping the future of Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari today said meaningful political change could come only when the younger generation takes charge of the region's political and social affairs. Bukhari was addressing a joining programme at the party headquarters in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, where former NSUI Joint Secretary Tableen Bobarai, along with nearly 200 youths and around 100 prominent citizens from Arnia, joined the Apni Party under his leadership. Prominent among those who joined included Rajwant Singh Raji, Sagar Singh Charak, Buta Singh, Alyas, Irfan, Jaskaran. The programme was organised by J&K Apni Party Jammu Provincial President S. Manjit Singh. Welcoming the new entrants, Bukhari congratulated Tavleen Singh and the other members of the joining groups and expressed confidence that their induction would further strengthen the party at the grassroots level. Tavleen said the decision to join the Apni Party was influenced by what he described as its emphasis on speaking openly about issues confronting the people.

Speaking in the context of the new entrants, Bukhari said the youth represented the most important segment of society and should not remain mere spectators in political affairs. "You have to bring the change. Until you bring the change, the politics of Jammu and Kashmir will also not improve," he said, urging the young entrants to actively participate in public life. Bukhari said the younger generation had to take responsibility for the future of Jammu and Kashmir and focus political attention on issues that directly affected their lives.

He also told the new entrants that they had not joined the Apni Party to become employees of any individual or family, but had been provided a political platform to serve the people. "This is a party of the people, for the people," he said, while asking the new members to remain connected with their respective communities.

Interacting with reporters after the joining programme, Bukhari spoke at length on a range of issues confronting Jammu and Kashmir, with healthcare, unemployment, statehood restoration, electricity, governance and political accountability dominating the interaction. On the ongoing strike by National Health Mission (NHM) employees and their demand for an increase in remuneration, Bukhari termed their demand legitimate and urged the administration



to wake up and address their grievances. He questioned the functioning of the health administration and said that the Chief Secretary, being the head of the administration, must take serious note of the problems confronting the health sector and ensure corrective measures.

Responding to a question on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), Bukhari said the immediate concern should be the survival and well-being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He questioned the priority being given to wider political debates when basic healthcare services remain inadequate. "UCC is for those people who will stay alive," he said, stressing that his immediate concern was to ensure that people had access to hospitals, doctors and essential medical

services. On the performance of the elected government as it approaches two years in office, Bukhari alleged that the government had "lost its way" from the beginning and had failed to adequately address the basic problems of the people. He also criticised the opposition, saying that political parties should focus on issues concerning ordinary citizens rather than remaining caught up in political rhetoric.

He said political parties should make promises that were practical and achievable instead of making commitments that could not realistically be fulfilled. Referring to the employment situation, Bukhari said Jammu and Kashmir has a large pool of educated youth seeking opportunities and main-

tained that providing jobs and livelihood opportunities must be among the foremost priorities of any government.

On restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Bukhari said there was "no other way" but to pursue the issue through dialogue and persuasion. He maintained that confrontation would not help and that the political leadership must put forward a reasoned and convincing case before the Union Government. He said Jammu and Kashmir had a long historical and constitutional association with the Indian Union and argued that the demand for statehood should be taken forward through democratic engagement.

Asked about the proposed all-party meeting and whether it could lead to any significant decisions, Bukhari said political meetings should ultimately focus on matters affecting the people. He emphasised that issues concerning employees, students, healthcare, taxation and public welfare should receive serious attention. On questions concerning financial burdens and taxation, Bukhari said the government should be cautious about adding to the burden of employees, students and other sections already facing difficulties. He particularly referred to healthcare personnel and interns and said their genuine concerns should be addressed.

Healthcare remained one of the strongest themes of Bukhari's interac-

tion with the media. Referring to the situation in Bani, he said he had learnt that the Sub-District Hospital had been without a gynaecologist for around a decade, forcing women to travel long distances for childbirth and specialised medical care. He also referred to a sonography machine reportedly lying unused at a hospital because of the absence of a person to operate it. Questioning the mismatch between infrastructure and manpower, he said providing equipment alone was not enough unless trained personnel were available to deliver services.

Bukhari also raised questions about the functioning of Rajouri Medical College and alleged that a substantial proportion of patients were being referred to Government Medical College Jammu. He questioned the purpose of a medical institution offering specialised services if patients continued to be referred outside the region for treatment. He also criticized BJP for patting its back of establishing AIIMS in Vijaypur when patients from there are being referred to Govt Medical College Jammu. He called for an examination of the functioning of healthcare institutions and said human lives could not be compromised. "Healthcare is a universal right," he maintained, stressing that people in remote and hilly areas should have access to essential medical services close to their homes.