

# MLA holds public grievances camp

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, Aug 8: To review achievements registered by various departments and listen to problems faced by the people in his constituency, MLA Reasi, Baldev Raj Sharma convened a joint meeting of officers, Sarpanchs, Panchs of different panchayats and prominent citizens of Reasi town here today.

Officers and engineers from different departments including PWD, PHE, PDD, Irrigation, CAPD, BMO, BDO, Municipality, Rural Development Department, Forest, Sarpanchs and Panchs of different panchayats besides prominent citizens of Reasi town were present in the meeting.

Responding to the demands of the Sarpanchs, Panchs and prominent citizens of the town, Baldev Sharma sanctioned four benches to be installed at Bus Stand Reasi out of his CDF. He also sought fresh perform from

the Health Department for sanction of funds required for the purchase of new ambulance out of his CDF.

Regarding posting of surgeon in the Hospital, the MLA said that matter will be taken up with the higher ups. He asked EO Municipality to take sample of sub standard tiles work.

He also directed the engineers of RDD, PWD, PMGSY to take all possible steps for the improvement and upgradation of roads and clear the slips lying on the roads. He asked the ZEO Reasi to make arrangements for the posting of teachers for GMS Dassano and new primary school of the same village.

Regarding construction of park at Kalika Mandir, he assured to take up the matter with the concerned department. He also directed the municipality to carry necessary repair of lanes approaching Kalika Mandir and Baba Lal Mohalla at the earliest.

# Bhalla asks JMC to intensify sanitation drive

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JAMMU, Aug 8: Underlining the importance of sanitation particularly during monsoon, Minister for Housing, Horticulture and Culture, Raman Bhalla, today asked the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) to gear up its men and machinery to carry out sanitation drive in nallahs in different areas of City of Temples particularly flood affected localities.

The Minister was interacting with the JMC officers during his tour to Nanak Nagar Sector 9, 10 and 14 and inspection of desilting work of nallah which is badly choked.

Mr. Bhalla called upon the people not to dump building material in the nallahs which causes blockage in nallahs during rainy season resulting flow of water into their houses. He called upon the people to avoid encroachments on nallah land, adding that such practices hinder the efforts of JMC in removing debris.

The Minister asked the JMC to remove debris from nallahs situated at Channi Himmat, Rahim Nagar, Rajiv Nagar, Gangyal, Digiana,

Trikuta Nagar Extension, Bhour Camp so that the residents of these areas do not face any inconvenience during rainy season.

Mr. Bhalla said for channelisation of Trikuta Nagar, Nanak Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Digiana Ashram, Ambedkar Nagar, Channi Himmat, Dashmash Nagar, Gangyal and Rampura nallahs, Government has approved a plan of Rs 68 crore. The Minister called upon the people to evict encroached land of nallah voluntarily as the Economic Reconstruction Agency has been directed to demolish illegal constructions by the encroachers.

Responding to the demand of Trikuta Nagar Extension people, Mr. Bhalla informed that Government has earmarked Rs. 20 lakh for construction of 150-meter retaining wall of nallah near Sai Vihar. Besides, Rs. 40 lakh have been earmarked for upgradation of internal links of deep drains of Trikuta Nagar.

Later, the Minister visited R. S Pura and distributed free ration and blankets among the poor sections of the area.

# Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha holds meet

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RAMBAN, Aug 8: Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha held a meeting under the chairmanship of its president Narayan Singh, in which Rajput community members from different villages and towns participated.

Narayan Singh discussed in detail the issues being confronted by the Rajput community in far off parts with active support from the Centre.

The Minister said this while addressing people during an extensive tour of Jammu city conducted to inspect the working of health institutions.

The Minister was accompanied by Director Health Services, Dr. B.S. Pathania, Controller Drugs and Food Control Organization, Satish Gupta, Director NRHM, Dr. Yash Pal Sharma besides other senior officers of Health Department.

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# Ensure better medicare to people: Shabir

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JAMMU, Aug 8: Minister of State for Health, Shabir Ahmed Khan today said that State Government is endeavouring hard to strengthen health sector in especially in far off parts with active support from the Centre.

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healthcare sector is receiving focused attention of the Government and several reforms are being launched to further improve health scenario in the state. He said that it is the endeavour of the State Government to provide better healthcare especially in inaccessible areas adding that liberal funding is being provided through various centrally sponsored schemes.

Mr. Shabir further stated that emphasis is being laid to facilitate the ailing people by strengthening urban as well as rural health care units with adequate health infrastructure.

Earlier, the Minister paid a surprise visit to Primary Health Centre, Kot Bhalwal and Urban Health Unit, Roop Nagar and directed the

doctors and para-medical staff to refrain from absenteeism to deliver hassle free services to the public. He directed the officers not to leave their respective institution without prior permission of the concerned authority.

Later, the Minister visited office of Controller Drugs and Food Control, Jammu to assess the functioning of the organization. He was briefed about the work to be done on FSSAI pertaining Public Analyst, Public Health Laboratory (Food Laboratory) and number of samples received and tested by the Drug and Food Control Organization.

The Minister asked the officers to redouble their efforts to further enhance the scale of sample testing of life saving drugs.

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# Khajuria fears spread of epidemic in Lajpat Nagar

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JAMMU, Aug 8: The Government should immediately pull up and task the concerned departments to take immediate steps to prevent the spread of epidemic in Lajpat Nagar and Canal area, said BJP national executive member, leader of Legislative Party & Jammu East MLA Ashok Khajuria, while visiting the area.

Khajuria visited to the area for an on the spot assessment of the crisis arising out of the flow of contaminated water, garbage and medical waste through nallah coming from Jammu Medical College and Krishna Nagar. He said that the nallah passing through the area has neither been widened and properly covered nor cleaned on regular basis. This resulted in the overflowing of waste water and garbage into the shops and residential

premises where it stagnates and form cess pools.

These pools not only become the cause of inconvenience to the population of area but also poses grave health hazard to the people. These stagnant cess pools become breeding ground for mosquitoes flies and insects resulting in the spread of diseases, Khajuria said.

He also visited Maharaja Hari Singh Park on the bank of river Tawi and assured the people that any illegal construction raised on Maharaja Hari Singh Park would be demolished and warned the concerned to keep at bay from doing any mischief.

Khajuria was accompanied by Sunil Dogra, Raju Pahalwan, Lovely Dogra, Bittu Dogra, Krishan Pahalwan and Gharu Pahalwan.

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