



DC Jammu chairing a meeting.

DC Jammu reviews functioning of Revenue Deptt

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 14: To strengthen the facilities being provided to the general public at their doorsteps, District Administration Jammu has taken many initiatives including starting of around 14 online services, providing Digital Land Pass Books and writing of Jamabandis etc.

In continuation to this, District Administration organised a function here under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Anshul Garg whereat computers and printers were distributed among all Tehsildars to gear up the process for providing online facilities initiated by the District Administration.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the functioning of the Revenue department, besides

the services being provided to the general public.

The Chair was informed that the department offers around 14 online services and generated more than 90 thousand digital land books.

Regarding writing of Jamabandis, it was informed that out of 915 villages Jamabandis of 900 villages have been already written and submitted.

The concerned Officer also informed the Chair that a facility regarding E-rents has been provided to more than 30 thousand people and a survey regarding SVAMITVA has been completed in all villages.

ADC Satish Sharma, ACR Vijay Kumar, ACG Rakesh Dubey along with Tehsildars and other senior officers from Revenue department were present in the meeting.

J&K will become hub of technology with opening of Space Centre: ABVP

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JAMMU, Mar 14: Students owing allegiance to Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) have termed the establishment of Centre for Space Sciences in Central University Jammu (CUJ) a historic step and given all credit for the same to Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh who they said is working tirelessly for the development of J&K and welfare of its people especially the youth.

In an interview to a news channel these students termed the establishment of this premier institute in CUJ a great development not only for J&K but entire North India as it is the first such type of institute in North India. With establishment of such type of institutions J&K will become technology hub in coming times. It is a very good initiative by the Government of India and it will create employment opportunities, give boost to economy and startups in the UT, they added.

They said the J&K students going outside UT for such courses can now join these

courses in newly established space Centre at CUJ and opening of such premier institutions have become possible only after the abrogation of Article 370 as till that time the barriers created by the so-called special status were a great impediment in opening of premier institutions in the erstwhile State.

They said not only new institutions were opened in the J&K after abrogation of 370 but the terrorism was also contained and the day will not be far away when the J&K youth will not lag behind from the rest of country as they will get all opportunities for a bright career at their door steps.

They said the youth will also be no more dependent on Government jobs as they can go for startups and avail other opportunities of self employment made available for Modi Government. They said that after the abrogation of 370 J&K is on the path of development and progress and opening of Space centre in the UT will create multiple opportunities for the youth.

JKBOA elects office bearers

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JAMMU, Mar 14: Jammu Kashmir Bank Officers Association (JKBOA) Jammu has elected its office bearers.

The newly elected office bearers are Anil Sharma (president), Rahul Dev Singh Sambyal (senior vice president), Kanwaljeet Singh Azad and Abhishek Barua (vice presidents), Sunil Bhaug (general secretary), Kapil Nanda, Nikhil Grover and Satinder Kour (secretaries), Har Dutt (organizing secretary), Pushpraj Nagra (secretary Finance), Sudesh Sharma (secretary Kathua), Sanjeev Mangotra (secretary Udhampur), Anil Manhas (secretary Doda) and Ashok Rotra (secretary Rajouri).

Out of the total of fourteen office bearers, this is the first time that representation to all the zones of Jammu province was given at the secretary level. It will be the first time that JKBOA

Jammu unit will be represented by two female office bearers as one post of secretary was already reserved and another one was won by first timer Satinder Kour.

After being elected to the post of the president, Anil Sharma assured the members of JKBOA Jammu unit that he along with the whole elected team of office bearers will always remain available to address the issues of whole officer's fraternity while Sunil Bhaug assured that the elected team of office bearers will remain committed to their vision document.

Pertinent to mention here that the elections for the post of the office bearers of JKBOA Jammu were held on December 11 last year but the result was kept in abeyance as per the directions of the court, in the suit filed by the AIJKBOO. The result of the elections was declared today with the dismissal of the suit by the Court.

Separate Thathri Assembly Constituency in Doda demanded

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JAMMU, Mar 14: Thathri Development Front has urged upon the chairperson of Delimitation Commission, (Red) Justice Ranjana Parkash Dessai for creation of separate Thathri Assembly Constituency in District Doda, without increasing the number of constituencies.

In a handout Front said, "Let the previous Doda Constituency remains as such but the newly proposed Doda West Constituency should be merged with Thathri."

Front Members said that Thathri Sub-Division comprises of five Tehsils and almost 90 per cent of its area is hilly, snow-bound and backward.

They demanded to attach the two adjacent Tehsils-Mahalla and Dharbshalla with five Tehsils of Sub-Division Thathri to make it a Constituency.

"The presently drafted proposal has attached half of the Sub-Division with Doda West and Doda Constituencies and the other half with Bhadarwah Constituency which is quite irrational, arbitrary and unjust," Front members maintained appealing to the Commission, Lt. Governor of J&K UT and concerned MP, Dr. Jatinder Singh to respect the identity of Sub-Division Thathri and not attach it partly with Doda West and Doda and partly with Bhadarwah Constituency as the same is wrong geographically, topographically and culturally.

House gutted in fire

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UDHAMPUR, Mar 14: A house was completely gutted in the accidental fire at village Upper Barneen in Ghordi Block of Udhampur District, this evening.

However, no one was injured in the fire that broke out in the house of Lai, son of Mohamed Ali.

The house was completely gutted in the accidental fire as there is no fire brigade faculty in this hilly area. Even as the family members, with the help of local villagers, tried to control the blazes, the wooden house virtually reduced to ashes within no time.

Exact cause of fire and approximate loss in the incident could not be assessed immediately. The affected family has been shifted to a nearby house.

MD JKPC inspects progress of under construction projects

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JAMMU, Mar 14: To expedite the ongoing works and monitor the progress on the ground, Rajesh Kumar Shavan Managing Director JKPC Ltd. has undertaken a 10 day field tour to inspect the pace of progress on under execution projects in J&K.

On March 12, 2022, the Managing Director inspected ongoing works at Paramedical Staff Quarters at Ramban being executed at an estimated cost of Rs. 1970.5 lakh. The Dy General Manager Doda/Ramban was directed to accelerate the pace of the project and complete the work in a time bound manner.

He also inspected construction of Eye Ward at District Hospital Ramban being executed at an estimated cost of Rs. 1 crore. On spot instructions were passed to the engineers to shift the HT line coming within the alignment of the work immediately and to accelerate the pace of work.

The Managing Director also inspected the Indoor Stadium Complex at Gool being executed at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.82 crore.

He also visited Degree College Banihal being executed at an estimated cost of Rs 18.86 crore. The engineers were asked to complete the Academic Block of the project at the earliest to benefit the students.

On March 13, 2022, the Managing Director visited the Migrant Colony at Vessu (Anantnag) being executed at an estimated cost of Rs. 64.62 crore where he was accompanied by Er. Shaikat Ahmad Dar, General Manager Kashmir and Dy. General Manager concerned Er. Gh. Hussain Dar and other technical staff. The General Manager apprised the Managing Director about the overall status of the project.

On March 14, 2022, he inspected the ongoing project of Red Cross Bhawan at Gowkadal Srinagar being executed at an estimated cost of Rs.4.73 crore. The Managing Director impressed upon the concerned Dy. General Manager to accelerate the pace of work and achieve the timeline set by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir and the District Administration.

He further enjoined upon the subordinate staff to take extra care to maintain quality works.

Sat Sharma, Baru start construction work of drains

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JAMMU, Mar 14: Former UT President BJP and Ex MLA Jammu West Sat Sharma along with BJP senior leader and JMC



Ex MLA Sat Sharma along with JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru starting construction work of drains.

The works will be executed under the supervision of Jammu Municipal Corporation at an estimated cost of Rs 12 lakh.

Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that recently results of State election shows that Governments in the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have performed well and development works are going on in

full swing all over. Schemes of Union Government are reaching to the needy at grassroot level, he added.

Sanjay Baru said that Jammu Kashmir UT witnessed era of development and benefits of good governance after 73rd and 74th amendments.

GST Council inducts Sanjay Bansal

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JAMMU, Mar 14: A delegation of Federation of All India Vyapar Mandal (FAIVM) today met CGST Commissioner, Mahesh Kumar Rustogi; Additional CGST



A delegation of FAIVM alongwith CGST officers posing for a photograph.

Commissioner, Chaman Lal Dogra and Assistant CGST Commissioner, Narotam Sharma and informed them about the induction of FAIVM J&K president, Sanjay Bansal in Grievance

Redressal Committee of GST Council.

The delegation sought full help for traders in future for their grievances that arose day-by-day because of continuous changes in GST.

A handout of FAIVM stated that changes in GST took place for 1750 times right from the beginning of GST.

It further stated: "GST Council inducted Sanjay Bansal, president FAIVM J&K in Grievance Redressal Committee of GST and it is a big achievement for FAIVM J&K."

The delegation gave a list of demands of business fraternity to CGST Commissioner and Additional Commissioner CGST and felicitated them.

Sanjay Baru said that Jammu Kashmir UT witnessed era of development and benefits of good governance after 73rd and 74th amendments.

He said the successive Governments failed to take cognizance of the decision of the NHRC that the Kashmiri Pandits were the victims of acts akin to genocide in Kashmir. It also observed in 1999 that a genocide type design may exist against the Kashmiri Pandits in the minds and utterances of the terrorists in Kashmir", the BJP leader remarked.

He said that the story depicted in the film, The Kashmir Files is a true saga of events of 1989 and after in the Kashmir Valley. It symbolises the pain, torture, humiliation and exodus of the Pandits who were given an ultimatum in the Kashmir Valley in and after 1989. There were attempts made by a number of vested interests to put the truth of Kashmir under carpet, he added.

Chungoo said the ethnic cleansing of the Pandits from Kashmir was showcased wrongly by varied political and human rights forces as well as by a section of the media as a 'simple

migration of people due to fear of life'. They deliberately created a facade about the events and tried to malign Jagmohan, the then Governor of J&K, for the wrongs done to Kashmiri Pandits. It was a conspiracy hatched up to keep the world in dark about the true picture of Kashmir and Kashmiri Pandits, he added.

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Further investigation into the case is going on.

Mayor, Div Com stress on optimal use of multi level parking

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JAMMU, Mar 14: Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation, Chander Mohan Gupta and Divisional Commissioner, Dr Raghav Langer today chaired a meeting of business community, Transport Associations, Traffic police and Civil Administration to review the measures to ensure optimum use of mega Asset of Multi Level JDA parking at General Bus Stand.

The meeting was attended by President, Jammu Chamber of Commerce, Arun Gupta; Presidents of Raghunath Bazar Association, Residency road, Hari Market, Purani Mandi, Kanak Mandi Traders Federation, Taxi Union, Matador Union, Transport Union, Bus Stand Union besides Vice Chairman, JDA, Pankaj Magotra; ADC Jammu, General Manager SRTC, ARTO Jammu, Additional SP Traffic and other concerned officers were also present in the meeting.

The Divisional Commissioner took strong note of minimal use of JDA Parking and directed the concerned authorities to ensure optimal utilization of the multilevel parking which has capacity of approx 1350 vehicles.

The Mayor JMC and Div Com sought suggestions from all the participants for making this mega asset fully functional.

The participants gave their valuable suggestions and informed that the shopkeepers provided new shops are not doing too well due to foot loof-fall.

In order to increase footfall of public, the participants advised for early start of E Rickshaw services, opening of all routes to the Bus Stand like Hari Market entrance, main road entrances. They further called for proper functioning of wash rooms, lifts, Escalator, Food

Courts, provisions of washrooms on all the floors which are presently available at ground floor and the 4th & 5th commercial floors.

While reviewing the allotment of shops, the stakeholders apprised that the existing minimum bid price is too high which should be reduced for better response of auction.

The Div Com took strong note of delay in functioning of some basic facilities and directed the JDA officials to take corrective measures and ensure proper functioning of all the 8 lifts installed there, proper functioning of washrooms, sanitation and better drainage. He also instructed that all the civil works, if pending, should be completed in a time bound manner.

He further instructed the JDA to take every possible corrective step to ensure that General Bus Stand and Multi Level parking were made properly functional.

While responding to the issue related to start of E Rickshaw services the Div Com said under the Smart City Project the JSCL has invited applications from interested and existing auto drivers to buy E Rickshaws for which government is also providing subsidy.

The Div Com also took cognizance of illegal parking of buses on the roadsides and pick and drop services from the road.

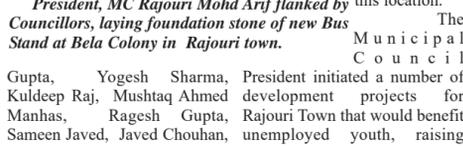
He strictly directed the ARTO Jammu to ensure that the buses do loading / unloading at their allotted slots in the Bus Stand. He also directed the Traffic Department to ensure strict enforcement and ensure that vehicles are not wrongfully parked on the roads and no loading, unloading is allowed on the roads outside Bus Stand. Meanwhile, JDA is already issuing monthly passes on concessional rates to the shopkeepers of the area; who have to use this parking space on daily basis.

MC starts work of Bus Stand for Thanamandi, Darhal route

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RAJOURI, Mar 14: Municipal Council Rajouri, today, under the leadership of Mohammad Arif, President MC Rajouri, laid the groundwork/foundation stone for a separate Bus Stand in Bella Colony for Thanamandi, Darhal- Rajouri route buses/mini-buses today.

While addressing an impressive gathering at Rajouri including Municipal Councillor - Iftikhar Ali Dar, Pushvinder



President, MC Rajouri Mohd Arif flanked by Councillors, laying foundation stone of new Bus Stand at Bela Colony in Rajouri town.

Vijay Kouchar, Shafqat Mir, Tazeem Dar, Haji Mohammad Zameer, Mohammad Asif, Shabaz Pahari, Khadam Hussain Chib, Qayoom Kamlak, Thariq Sheikh, District Transport Union president etc, Arif said we are going to begin this new project because of your support, blessings. The Lieutenant Governor's Administration's gave attention to our legitimate need. He claimed that after the project is completed, working people and carriers will have no problems of traffic jam and that there has been a long-standing need for the construction of a bus stop at this location.

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BJP leaders posing with DDC member, Balbir Lal who joined the party at Jammu on Monday.

DDC Marh Balbir Lal joins BJP

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JAMMU, Mar 14: DDC Marh Balbir Lal joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in presence of a massive gathering of prominent political and social personalities from Marh at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP president, Ravinder Raina accompanied by DDC Chairman Bharat Bhusan, former Cabinet Minister, Sukhnanand Choudhary, BJP SC Morcha president Prof. Gharu Ram, DDCs Suresh Sharma, Geetu Aulakh, Vidhya Mottan, Sharda Bhaug, BJP secretary, Vikas Choudhary, Shakti Sharma, Harjeet Singh, Sham Lal and others welcomed Balbir Lal into the party fold.

Ravinder Raina welcoming Balbir Lal into the party expressed happiness that he has returned to the family. He said that impressed by the policies of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi every person is coming to the family and it always gives the immense pleasure that our own family member returns to the party. He said that the way Narendra Modi has served the masses with the plethora of welfare schemes like Ayushman Bharat Card, help the needy in COVID marred time, issued e-Shram cards and launched many other welfare schemes that have directly benefitted the masses.

He said that the development process is at its peak in Jammu & Kashmir with new hospitals,

educational institutions and other development infrastructure coming up. He said BJP is progressing with the companionship of every person from every background. "The mega victory of BJP in four states is the evidence of people's love for Modi", he added.

"BJP's grand win in Deoband seat is suggestive of acceptance of the party by Muslims and this trend strongly suggests of BJP's grand win in J&K Assembly elections. BJP is going to form a Government of its own by winning more than 50 seats in J&K", Raina said. He added "Along with BJP's stronghold seats in Jammu region, BJP is sure to win seats in Kashmir as well".

Former Minister, Sukhanandan Choudhary said that Marh people are strong nationalists and always support BJP. He said that as a dedicated family we must all move together in synchronization while supporting each other in organizational and development works to boost the development in the area.

Balbir Lal complimented senior party leadership. He said that the whole nation stands with PM Modi and BJP. He said that the masses of Jammu & Kashmir are ready to give a clear cut majority to BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections. He assured the senior party leadership that he will dedicatedly work for the organization in future. Vikas Choudhary conducted programme proceedings.

Farooq trying to vitiate peaceful atmosphere: Bali Bhagat

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JAMMU, Mar 14: Former Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, Bali Bhagat has strongly castigated former CM and senior National Conference (NC) leader, Dr. Farooq Abdullah for trying to mislead the people of Jammu region by issuing unwarranted statements based upon surmises and conjunctures and far from reality.

Bali Bhagat, while reacting to the statement of Dr Farooq Abdullah given in Samba yesterday, said that it is really an irony that Farooq Abdullah having lost the political space in the Valley has now stooped so low that in utter desperation he is leaving no stone unturned in making attempts unabated to vitiate the peaceful atmosphere of Jammu region.

The former Minister said what an irony that a person claiming to be head of the secular party labels Indians in J&K as outsiders. He asserted that if anybody comes from any part of the nation it would be gross injustice to call such person an outsider. He said that the nation called India is one and anyone living in any part of the nation

and moving to any other part of the nation for doing business or any other legal activity has the fundamental right to do so. He said that no authority whatsoever can stop him from enjoying this right.

Termining the statement of Dr Farooq as divisive politics, the senior BJP leader said that NC leader is creating problem for all such residents of J&K who are working outside the Union Territory in other parts of the nation.

Bali Bhagat said that outsiders are in fact anti-India elements from Pakistan who had been receiving the patronage of anti nationalists. He added that outsiders would fit aptly with the Bangladeshis and Myanmar people brought under a well knit conspiracy to settle in Jammu by the erstwhile regimes in the erstwhile State of J&K including his Government.

The senior BJP leader asserted that his party is people's party in letter and spirit and this has been proved by the BJP's victory in four states in the recently held polls. He exuded confidence that the victory story will be written in Jammu and Kashmir too in the forthcoming Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ch Manmohan demands OBC status to Jats in J&K

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JAMMU, Mar 14: All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS) President and former Mayor, Ch Manmohan Singh on Monday reiterated demand of giving OBC status to the Jat community in J&K on the pattern of several other states in the country.

He raised the demand while presiding over a meeting of the Maha Sabha here at Kunjwani. The meeting was organised by Sunil Sonu CA, District President AIJMS.

While batting for OBC status to Jat community, Ch Manmohan claimed that BJP's J&K chief Ravinder Raina had said on record that Backward Classes Commission had submitted its report to the Centre for granting OBC status to various communities of J&K including Jats and the same had been endorsed. He said that BJP in J&K should change words into actions and ensure justice to Jats of the region who are moving from pillars to posts seeking what they deserve on merit.

The former Mayor said that refugee Jats, displaced persons, those living on borders are all facing numerous hardships and only OBC status can give some respite to this community from the immense difficulties which

it is confronting since the past over 70 years.

Ch Manmohan Singh said that AIJMS has made serious efforts for getting OBC status for Jats and for the same, the former Governor J&K Satyapal Malik, former CM Mehbooba Mufti, former LG G C Murmu and LG Manoj Singh were approached for the same but till date nothing positive has come to fore but. AIJMS will not give up until the Jats get what is their right, he added.

The former Mayor also asked the Government not to test the patience of the Jats and warned that if the demand is ignored, the Jats will come on roads to seek justice.

Sunil Sonu CA, District President AIJMS said that Jats will continue the fight till the issue meets logical conclusion. Those who were present in the meeting include Master Harbhajan Singh, Master Surain Singh, Master Devi Singh, Manmohan Singh (Sarkaria), Surjeet Singh, Baldev Singh, CA Sunil Chowdhary, Baljeet Singh (Kaka), Raj Kumar Singh, Surinder Singh (Shinda), Sarbjeet Singh (Sarpanch), Jagdish Singh (Natty), Mohinder Singh, Surjeet Singh, Jagdish Singh Randhawa (Bittu) and Bhagwan Singh.