



Comm Secy Forest, Sanjeev Verma giving LPG connection to a beneficiary during B2V4 prog in Ramban.

'Back to Village' improves public delivery system in remote areas: Verma

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Commissioner Secretary Forests, Ecology, and Environment, Sanjeev Verma, today visited Panchayat Maitra in district Ramban during the ongoing Back to Village programme Phase-4 to assess the planning and development scenario of the district.

He was accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Musarat Islam, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal Sharma, various senior officers, Sarpanch Mohinder Singh and others concerned.

While appreciating the district administration for developing a better service delivery system in the district, the Commissioner Secretary asked officers to further improve the service delivery system from best to excellent to provide benefits of all social and financial assistance schemes to the last person of the society besides ensuring holistic development of the district.

The Commissioner Secretary also participated in Gram Sabha at Panchayat Hall Maitra Govindpur and interacted with representatives of PRIs to take stock of their issues pertaining to welfare and development of their respective areas. He also interacted with officers of line departments and obtained feedback regarding various ongoing development works being executed under different flagship schemes.

The Commissioner Secretary listened to the issues raised by the participants during Gram Sabha including development of play

FICCI FLO JKL delegation meets Amritsar counterpart, discusses mutual trade, cultural exchange

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JAMMU, Oct 31: Founding chairperson FICCI FLO JKL, Ritu Singh led a delegation of women entrepreneurs to Amritsar on a two day visit to broaden the prospects of business, trade and industry.

A meeting was held at Amritsar DIC office which was



Chairperson FICCI FLO JKL, Ritu Singh addressing a press conference at Jammu on Monday.

chaired by General Manager, Manavpreet Singh Jaj and DFO MSME Jammu, Rajesh Kumar.

Ritu Singh gave a detailed power point presentation with

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details of entrepreneur's business interests and the initiatives undertaken by FICCI FLO Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh and stressed upon the need for involving women entrepreneurs at all trade fairs, expos and exhibitions that are held in Amritsar for her member group.

This was followed by Wagah Border visit where the FICCI

BJP organizes seminar on birth anniversary of Sardar Patel

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organized a seminar on the birth anniversary of former Home Minister and Iron man of India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel here today.



MP (RS) Gulam Ali Khatana addressing a seminar held at BJP Office Trikuta Nagar on Monday.

Party's Department of Publication led by its incharge Rajnesh Jain.

J&K BJP spokesperson and former MLA, R S Pathania and BJP spokesperson and former MLC, Girdhari Lal Raina were the main speakers in the seminar, which was also addressed by former BJP president and former Minister, Sat Sharma and MP (Rajya Sabha) Gulam Ali Khatana.

field, installation of solar street lights, augmentation of Power Receiving Station, Maitra, clearance of FRA cases, posting of more doctors in NTPHC Maitra, opening of more Anganwadi Centres, completion of water supply schemes and link road projects etc.

Meanwhile, District Development Commissioner, Ramban, Musarat Islam, informed the Commissioner Secretary about initiatives being taken up by the departments of District Administration to resolve all the issues of public interest pertaining to their respective departments.

Sanjeev Verma also distributed the sanction letters of financial assistance cases under various government schemes of KVIB, JKREGP, Banks besides distributing LPG connections to women beneficiaries under Ujjawala Yojna. He also distributed Land Passbooks among the legal land owners.

Sanjeev Verma also visited Government Middle School Phalti, houses constructed under the PMAY-G scheme besides inspecting developmental works in the Panchayat like the indoor stadium, Residential Quarters of Officers, Gujjar and Bakerwal Hostel, and water reservoir. He also took feedback from the general public about the implementation of welfare schemes as well as developmental activities being executed in their respective areas.

He directed the DFO Batote to intensify work on the development of Nagar Van besides developing a city park at Govindpur Matra which is being developed as a Nagar Panchayat.

FLO JKL delegation met MoS Defence Ajay Bhat and GoC Major General Rajesh Pushkar and other officials who assured the FLO delegation of full support.

As an outreach to their brothers in uniform the delegation presented a heartwarming banner for the post which was handcrafted befittingly with a slogan that read

"Har Behan Ki Tum Ho Shaan, Mere Bharat Ke Veer Jawan along with Jammu's famous Patissa and chocolate Barfi of Jammu and a beautiful print of Radha Krishana from Basholi School of Art.

The delegation also paid obeisance at Golden Temple and prayed for peace and health to the people of J&K and rest of India.

A meeting was also hosted by FICCI FLO Amritsar chapter chairperson, Shikha Sareen in which the two chairpersons decided to collaborate on trade, business and promotion for members of both chapters to boost economy and cultural exchange of the two regions.

Varuna Anand, Kritika Khanna, Sona Mehta, Payal Saraf, Mona Saraf, Sarika Sachdev, Simmi Gulhati, Neha Mahajan, Sita Anand and Ridhima Dewan were present in the delegation.

Cong pays tribute to Indira, Patel

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, Oct 31: Congress today paid rich tribute to the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in different functions held at Indira Chowk Jammu and party office Srinagar today.

JKPCC president Vikar Rasool Wani, working president Raman Bhalla, Incharge DCC Jammu Urban Yogesh Sawhney



Cong leaders paying tribute to Indira Gandhi on death anniversary at Jammu on Monday.

and several other prominent leaders attended the function organised by JKPC and DCC Jammu * Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com

Urban. JKPCC chief and other senior leaders garlanded the statue of Indira Gandhi and paid floral tribute to the Iron lady and former Prime Minister.

Vikar Rasool Wani described Indira Gandhi a strong and bold leader who divided Pakistan into two parts and liberated Bangladesh when over 90000 Pakistan forces surrendered before India. She laid down her life for the unity and integrity of India.

He also recalled the great stalwart of the Congress party and former Home Minister Sardar Patel in his birth anniversary

DB disposes of PIL seeking release of unpaid wages under MGNREGA

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 31: Division Bench of High Court comprising Chief Justice Ali Mohd Magrey and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul today disposed of a PIL filed by All Jammu & Kashmir Panchayat Conference seeking directions for releasing unpaid wages to around 23.5 lakh poor workers with the observations that the subject of the PIL squarely comes within the domain and powers of the executive as such the petitioner should approach the competent authority for seeking the relief.

In the PIL, out of 23.5 lakhs workers 15.43 lakhs are active workers, who are the residents of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and had undertaken manual labour work under MGNREGA. However, despite the express provisions for disbursement of wages within a maximum prescribed period of 15 days, these children of lesser Gods and forsaken souls had not been paid fully by the respondents and from the year 2015 till date a huge amount of around Rs 29108.96 lakh stands as liability against the respondents.

Out of this, an amount of Rs 19224.69 lakh is due against the payment of wages of unskilled workers and an amount of Rs 9884.27 lakh is due on the payment of wages of skilled and semi-skilled workers.

conceptualized and materialized by present Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi". RS Pathania thoroughly recreated the chain of events before and after the Indian Independence stressing on the role played by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the integration of India. He stressed, "Had Sardar Patel been allowed to deal with Kashmir, the situation would have been different".

Stressing that Maharaja Hari Singh was committed to integrate J&K with India even before Independence, but he was pushed into a difficult situation by the creation of harsh circumstances by the conspirators i.e. British, Congress and Muslim conference.

Girdhari Lal Raina threw light on the grave mistakes done in relation to Jammu & Kashmir since the 1930s. He said that Sardar Patel could have handled J&K affairs in a better way if allowed by Pt. Nehru. However, due to the annoyed British Government, wrong policies of Pt. Nehru and conspiracies by Sheikh Abdullah, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh had to suffer for seven decades.

today, Patel played vital role in the freedom struggle and in uniting over 560 states with India. Later, he flew to Srinagar to attend a similar tribute paying function.

Bhalla also paid rich tribute to Indira Gandhi and Patel who played a great role in the nation building. Indira Gandhi laid her life for the nation and will always be remembered for her sacrifices. Senior leaders Ravinder

Wani said that Nation would continue to remain indebted to Indira Gandhi for her self-services and great contributions in Nation building.

Gandhi was known as iron lady given her valour and leadership qualities, Wani added and said the departed leader took the prestige of the Nation to the new heights in every respect and made India strong and vibrant in defense, communication, employment generation etc and worked tirelessly to free India from poverty and starvation.

The party also paid floral tribute to Vallabh Bhai Patel on his birth anniversary terming him a man of integrity. Speaking on the occasion senior Congress leader and CWC Member, Tariq Hameed Karra highlighted the administrative skills and leadership qualities of former Prime Minister and described her courageous lady, who never compromised on the integrity of the Nation and remained committed to protect Indian Nation from the foreign aggression & conspiracies.

Referring to the country's defense system, Karra added that Indira Gandhi did underground nuclear test in Pokhran and also launched lot of space satellite Arya Bhat. She signed 1971 treaty of friendship with Bangladesh and in 1972 and signed Shimla agreement to settle disputes through bilateral talks.

Senior leaders Ghulam Nabi Monga, Mohd Anwar Bhat, Shameema Iqbal, Shameema Raina, Farhat Qureshi, Irfan Naqib, Nisar Mundoo, Umer Jaan, Sahil Farooq and others were also present.

Poor funding hits development works in Ward 39

Sanjeev K. Sharma

JAMMU, Oct 31: As the mandatory tenure of five years for the elected Urban Local Body of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has hardly a year left and the city has also seen some developmental works completed but still much has been left which was expected to be done. Here we interacted with the elected Councillors of JMC to know about the real ground picture and to get details about the incomplete works, reason for that and much more.

Covering of two big Nallahs (deep drains)-one flowing from Janipur to Talab Tillo via Shanti Nagar and the other coming from Janipur and passing from the back side of a prominent shopping mall, are pending due to lack of proper funding in Ward number 39 (Toph Sherkhanian).

This was stated by Rajinder Singh Jamwal, JMC Councillor of Ward number 39 who belongs to Congress and was elected in Urban Local Body elections for the second time from the same Ward which includes areas of Toph Sherkhanian, Shanti Nagar, Patoli, Patoli-Thathar, Subash Nagar (Extension-I & II), Neelam Colony and some areas of Vikas Nagar.

In an interaction with the Excelsior, Jamwal informed that Detailed Project Report for all the deep drains (Nallahs) of Jammu falling in the limits of JMC was made and it showed an estimated expenditure of Rs. 693 crore and it also included two deep drains of Ward number 39.

"If central funding becomes available only then the pending works can be completed," he said.

On pending works, Jamwal said though Rs. 62 lakh was spent on the crematorium at Toph for its facelift and up-gradation but still Rs. 30 lakh more is required to properly develop the place of performing last rites and to construct rooms for Sadhus (saints) there.

He expressing dismay over the poor strength of Safai Karamcharis with the JMC and held the same responsible for poor cleanliness in the Ward.

"Though my Ward is not dirty but still I am not satisfied in this regard as more Safai Karamcharis were required in the Ward for cleanliness up to my satisfaction level," he continued.

Jamwal said that when he was elected as JMC Councillor for the second time in the year 2018 there were issues related to lanes and drains, cleanliness, street lights etc.

He further said that there was also a demand of a park in the Ward and the Ward still lacks a playground due to non-availability of land in the area.

Among prominent works he did during his tenure this time included up-gradation of crematorium in the Ward with construction of a big water tank along with a bathroom there to facilitate the people visiting there to perform the last rites of their loved ones.

Jamwal informed that he got sitting arrangement made at the crematorium along with a new cremation shed besides getting the path constructed there which is now properly tiled.

"Open space at the cremation

ground has now been converted into a beautiful park but still some work has been pending owing to lack of funding," he maintained. The Councillor said that two children graveyards (Shishu Samadhis) in the Ward-

ings," the Councillor claimed. He said that almost all the lanes and drains in the Ward have been properly developed now and coloured interlocked tiles have been laid on most of the lanes.

"Some drains in the Ward have been covered but most of these have been left open," Jamwal said adding that about 90 per cent works involving lanes and drains have been completed in the Ward and the remaining 10 per cent is pending due to paucity of funds.

The elected public representative further said that Rs. 37 lakh was spent on Toph Park while two open air gyms have also been given in the Ward-one at Toph and other at Shanti Nagar while a high mast light has also been installed in the Ward.

"My Ward has achieved the 100 per cent target as far as street lights are concerned," he said. Jamwal informed that as presently dengue fever has spread like an epidemic so fogging has been done in all the Wards of JMC in a turn-wise manner and only 2-3 Wards get fogged daily.

"Still if a complaint comes from some area, we send the JMC personnel there the very next day to manually spraying the insecticide," he claimed.

"During COVID-19 pandemic, we supplied ration and other things to the needy people and also arranged ambulances for shifting sick people to hospitals and organised vaccination camps in the Ward," the Councillor said.

He further said that presently he is organising Ayushman camps in the Ward to cover the left over people and the public in his Ward feels satisfied with his works.

one at Patoli and other at Toph, have also been developed now. "A very old well in the Ward has been filled and the area around it including that of the well has now been converted into a community hall to facilitate the adjoining area people for social functions involving small gather-



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As the tenure of five years for the elected Urban Local Body of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has hardly a year left and the city has also seen some developmental works but still much has not been done. Here we are starting a column to highlight such undone and incomplete works and the ground reality regarding the same and what the elected JMC Councillors feel in this regard and what reason they say about the incomplete and undone works. The column will cover all the 73 Councillors and will continue for 73 days.

every assembly constituency.

Besides, Dr. Nawab said that party is also going to open its office in every district so that public can find a platform to highlight their grievances.

He further said that Aam Aadmi Party is now the first choice of people in Jammu and Kashmir and day is not far when Government of an Aam Aadmi will be in office in Jammu and Kashmir.

On the other hand, AAP's Organization Building Co-Incharge of Jammu and Kashmir, OP Khajuria also addressed a presser in Jammu during which he also informed about 100 public rallies to be organised across Jammu and Kashmir in days to come.

He said that every assembly constituency will be touched during these rallies and Ministers of AAP Government will hold direct contact with masses.

He said that Aam Aadmi Party has set a trademark of administration and governance in Delhi and Punjab and governance model of AAP is now internationally recognised with Punjab Government has shown how to tackle the problem of unemployment, daily wagers regularisation and same model will be replicated in Jammu and Kashmir after AAP Government comes in office.

Advisor Bhatnagar tours Ganderbal, participates in B2V4 programme

Excelsior Correspondent

GANDERBAL, Oct 31: As part of Government's ambitious initiative to listen the issues of people at their doorsteps through Back to Village Programme Phase 4 (B2V4), Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar



Advisor to LG Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar giving baby kit to a beneficiary during B2V4 prog in Ganderbal.

today took an extensive tour of Kangan sub-division of Ganderbal district and participated in ongoing activities under B2V4 held at Panchayat Ghar Wussan-B Kangan.

During the visit to Panchayat Ghar Wussan, Advisor Bhatnagar had detailed interaction with Panchayat representatives and general public of the area. He took note of issues concerning development and welfare of their respective areas and asked the people to have maximum participation in B2V4 programme as it has been initiated for their welfare.

The Advisor also interacted with the visiting officer and offi-

cial of line departments and obtained feedback regarding various ongoing development works being executed under different flagship schemes in the Sub-division.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar highlighted the objectives of the programme and

the overall development of rural areas is ensured as they are well aware about the issues being faced by the people. He also gave necessary direction to the concerned departments for redressal of genuine issues raised by general public.

The Advisor on the occasion also distributed land passbooks, RBA certificates, income certificates, pension passbooks, baby kits among the beneficiaries.

Meanwhile, the Advisor also inspected the stalls established by different departments and enquired about the facilities and schemes being provided to the general public.

Advisor Bhatnagar also visited Primary School Payeen Bela Wussan where he interacted with the students and also inspected the facilities and functioning of the school.

Later, Advisor Bhatnagar also visited Degree College Kangan where he inspected the progress on under construction building and other infrastructure. He directed the Executive Engineer R&B for timely completion of the building so that it can be dedicated to students for use.

The Advisor also directed the officers to prepare a landscape map containing all components like development of ground, pathways, and provisions for face lifting of the college. He also asked them to establish all the convenience facilities for the students in the college.

Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyamir, CPO, ACD and other district officers accompanied the Advisor.



Lt Governor at a camp organised by JKB at Sheikhpora in Budgam.

J&K Bank pro-actively reaching out to youth during B2V4 program

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Oct 31: With latest phase of the UT Government's flagship 'Back to Village' (B2V4) program in full swing in J&K, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha yesterday visited one of the camps organised at Sheikhpora in Budgam district and handed over J&K Bank's loan sanction letter to an aspiring youth.

Meanwhile during the ongoing B2V4 campaign Advisor to LG, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar also visited a camp held under B2V4 Program at Wussan Ganderbal and handed over Bank's loan sanction letter to a beneficiary. Additional Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and Secretary GAD, Dr Piyush Singla also visited camps at Faqir Gujri in Srinagar and Mathwar camp in Jammu respectively and handed over loan sanction letters to a few beneficiaries during their stay.

Significantly, J&K Bank MD&CEO, Baldev Prakash is personally monitoring the effective participation of the Bank in making the program a huge success. During a meeting today with authorities of IIM Jammu led by Founder Director of the Institute Professor B S Sahay, MD & CEO said, "J&K Bank is pro-actively reaching out to youth during the ongoing B2V4 Program. I was amazed to see the excitement of the young participants at one such camp organised here in Jammu at Panchayat Sarora.

I felt equally glad to see the enthusiastic J&K Bank staff listening, counseling and guiding these participants with missionary zeal."

"Being financial institution of systemic importance in the J&K, we will ensure that during the B2V4 we reach out to all eligible youth across panchayats of UT and empower them financially with most suited products and services of the Bank", he added while assuring that the Bank will extend complete financial support to every viable self-employment proposal of youth during the program.

Organised to deepen their mutual engagements and take the relationship forward, the meeting was attended by Bank's Divisional Head (Jammu) Sunit Kumar, Dean Academics (IIM) Professor Jibr Ali, Associate Professors (IIM) Dr Prateek Jain, Dr Pankaj K Agarwal and Dr Muqbil Burhan, Assistant Professor (IIM) Dr Baljeet Singh and Financial Advisor & CFO (IIM) Rajat Jain besides other officials of the Bank and Institute.

Moreover, during the B2V4 program the Bank is showcasing a range of attractive government sponsored self-employment schemes that includes working capital facility for animal husbandry, diary and fisheries farmers under Kisan Credit Card scheme, commercial vehicle finance, Mumkin Scheme, Tejaswani - livelihood generation program for women etc.

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