



LG Manoj Sinha along with students posing for a group photograph.

LG interacts with delegation of students visiting J&K under SEIL initiative

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JAMMU, Feb 9: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacted with a delegation of students

Div Com reviews measures to address traffic congestion in Jammu city

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JAMMU, Feb 9: In pursuance of the High Court orders, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today convened a meeting with officials of stakeholder departments to chalk out the strategy to resolve the issues being faced by the public due to traffic congestion.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; Commissioner Food & Drug Administration J&K, Shakeel ul Rehman; SSP Jammu, Chandan Kohli; Additional SP Traffic, officers of JDA and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

The Div Com held a threadbare discussion with the officials to chalk out the strategy to address the traffic congestion in Jammu city. He asked the concerned officers to work in coordination with various depart-

ments to achieve the desired goal. He directed the JMC to start the drive against the illegal encroachments from footpaths and ensure the removal of street vendors who have encroached on public spaces.

He also directed Traffic Police to impose the fine for violation of traffic rules and regulations. He directed JMC to identify suitable locations for separate zones of vendors.

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He further asked the officers to submit detailed action taken reports and apprise about the groundwork being carried out for the smooth flow of traffic on important city roads.



Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari, Ch Zulfikar and others at party convention in Nagrota.

Bukhari demands regularization of land, unauthorized colonies

*Seeks stoppage of land eviction drive

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JAMMU, Feb 9: Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari today urged the Government to stop the ongoing forced evictions and demolition drive and regularize the unauthorized colonies and the land which is under the occupation of the people for years and decades in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing party workers' convention at Nagrota in Jammu today Bukhari said, "Uprooting people through a forced eviction and demolition drive is an inhuman act which will bring more miseries to the people who have already suffered hugely over the years and decades due to the protracted conflict and wars."

Bukhari said people from J&K need a sigh of relief as they have been facing agonies for years due to the turmoil. People here have suffered due to the wars in 1947, 1965 and 1971. And, for the past more than three decades they are grappling with bloodshed, destruction, violence and so on. Government must realize that J&K people need solace, not further miseries in terms of demolition drives, he added.

Two docs banned from doing private practice

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SRINAGAR, Feb 9: Government today banned two doctors of Government Medical College (GMC) Baramulla from doing any private practice across Jammu and Kashmir, with immediate effect.

The action was taken against Dr Zafarullah (Assistant Professor, ENT) and Dr Shafaqat Ahmad Lone (Associate Professor, ENT) of GMC Baramulla, pending enquiry into the allegations against them regarding referral of patients from public hospitals to private hospitals for availing treatment/benefits under AB PM-JAY and AB PM-JAY Sehat Scheme and illegal up-coding of packages.

east in their interaction with the Lieutenant Governor shared insightful experiences of their tour. They said it was a privilege to be a part of the tour which enabled them to witness diverse and rich culture of different parts of the country.

Interacting with the students, the Lt Governor observed that SEIL tour is a unique initiative to promote the spirit of brotherhood, unity and the values of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

Pertinently, the SEIL tour was commenced on February 1st and the delegation earlier visited parts of Uttar Pradesh before reaching Jammu for a four-day visit.

SEIL delegation Coordinators Punam Romola Devi and Dipankar Das; National Secretary ABVP, Gulam Mustafa Ali; State President ABVP Dr A.P Singh; State Secretary Akshi Billowria; SEIL tour coordinator Jammu Kashmir Navjot Jasrotia; State Vice President ABVP Dr. Ajay Sharma, Dr. Lokinder Singh and Dr. Reetu Bhakshi were also present on the occasion.

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CS reviews progress of all RDD schemes

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JAMMU, Feb 9: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today reviewed the progress of all the schemes implemented by the Rural Development Department (RDD) for welfare and upliftment of rural masses throughout



J&K.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, RDD; DG, Budget; Director, RDD Kashmir/Jammu; MD, NRLM; Director, Rural Sanitation; COO, Himayat; Director Finance, RDD; Director, IWMP; Director, Social Audit, RDD; Chief Engineer, REW and other concerned officers of the Department through in person or virtually.

Dr Mehta enquired from the officers about the progress made in each scheme so far. He impressed upon them to accelerate the work so that the targets fixed are met without any fail especially in terms of person days in MGNREGA. He directed for clearing all the pending liabilities regarding the material bills in MGNREGA and seek rest of the designated funds after utilizing those available with the department.

He enjoined upon the officers to create durable assets under MGNREGA and look after the priorities in each village with respect to the creation of amenities there. He directed for completing highest number of works under MGNREGA this year. He advised them to carry out the social audit of every work and compare with other States/UTs and take appropriate measures to address those issues pointed out by audit.

He also made appraisal of the infrastructure created by the department to support rural institutions. He directed creating Panchayat Ghar in each GP and create model Panchayats out of each Panchayat in the UT. He also directed for holding the monthly convergence meetings in the Panchayats to ensure that the process of development is not hindered there for any reason.

Regarding the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) Grameen, the Chief Secretary made it clear that all the villages should look clean in all respects before the Independence Day this year. He directed for creating the necessary infrastructure as envisaged in the mission in each village or cluster of villages taken together. He laid emphasis on efficient door to door collection of waste and clearing of legacy waste in each village besides the progress made in construction of Soak pits, Composit pits, Twin pits or grey water treatment in the villages.

Commissioner Secretary, RDD, Mandeep Kaur in her presentation made during the meeting revealed that the department has made strides in all the aspects of rural development and sanitation. She said that the Department has succeeded in generating 2.08 Cr person days of work under MGNREGA thereby completing 69608 works registering an expenditure of nearly Rs 705.07 Cr so far.

She further apprised the meeting that a total of 83246 works have been completed last Financial Year. Regarding Amrit Sarovar J&K has completed 2417 Amrit Sarovar's as on date. The UT will complete 3000 Amrit Sarovar well before August 2023, as was informed in the meeting. Soak pits and compost pits are being made in the homes of all active job card (1058000) holders and 267967 Soak pits and 54317 Compost Pits had been completed all over J&K.

The higher-ups of the department have stated that the concerned persons are off and on approaching the Directorate for bringing them under Minimum Wages Guarantee Act and that they have been working as Hamal much before the Hamals who have been brought under Minimum Wages Guarantee Act vide Government Order No. 13 - CAPD of 2016 dated 04-02-2016.

Taking a strong note of the callousness of the Assistant Directors, the department has, while providing the last opportunity, directed for clearly specifying the criteria adopted while submitting the list to Accounts Section of this Directorate which formed the basis of Government Order No. 13 - CAPD of 2016 dated 04-02-2016 and also furnish the requisite information strictly as per the devised format as asked.

It has been further stated that in case, it is again found that the requisite information deviated from what has been asked "the same shall be treated as null and void and all the cases will be closed forever without any intimation and strict action will be initiated for wasting precious time of the authorities."

Officials concerned told Excelsior that they are pursuing the matter as per the directives that have been issued in this regard.

On March 9, 2022, Division Bench had directed JDA to apprise the court about final outcome of 38 notices issued to the shopkeepers having shops in JDA Shopping Complex City Chowk, Jammu who have encroached the corridors.

Today DB said, "it is necessary to array Commissioner, Food Safety, Jammu as a party respondent". Senior AAG Monika Kohli accepted notice on behalf of Commissioner, Food Safety, Jammu. DB further directed the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Nodal Officer to file response on behalf of the Commissioner, Food Safety, Jammu as well, by or before the next date of hearing.

On July 26, 2019, DB had directed Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation to furnish the information vis-a-vis whether the Municipal

Handicrafts & Handloom Deptt signs MoU with NIFT Srinagar on designing, branding

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Feb 9: Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu and National Institute of Fashion Technology, Srinagar today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Udyog Bhawan.

The MoU was signed in presence of Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, J&K and Rohit Kansal, Union Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, (Director General NIFT).

The MoU was signed between the two parties under the project titled "DESIGNING INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING AS A BRANDING INITIATIVE FOR HANDICRAFTS AND HANDLOOM SECTOR OF JAMMU".

The MoU document was signed by Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director Handicrafts and Handloom, Jammu, and Dr Javid Ahmed Wani, Director National Institute of Fashion Technology, Srinagar.

Secretary Industries & Commerce Department, Smita Sethi, MD JKTPPO, Khalid Jahangir, MD Handicrafts & Handloom Corporation, Atul Sharma and other officers of Industries and Commerce Department were present on the occasion.

The objective of the MoU is to create a strategic and attractive packaging design solution for branding Jammu Handicraft and Handloom items in view of enormous potential of this sector for growth, export and



Dignitaries of Union Ministry, H&H Deptt & NIFT displaying copies of MoU.

wealth creation and also employment generation.

Speaking on the occasion, Prashant Goyal appreciated the effort of entering into MoU with NIFT Srinagar as having professionally designed packaging prototypes, in tune with the market-demand, would definitely increase the sales of products viz-a-viz wage earnings of our artisans and weavers.

Union Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Rohit Kansal, who is also DG NIFT, said that the Government of India is willing to support the artisans and weavers of Jammu and Kashmir in any capacity.

He said they can offer courses to these craftsmen to upgrade and enhance their skills so that the products of these artisans will have value addition for better marketing.

The project envisions evolving of a roadmap to create unique and sustainable packaging to add value to the artefacts of the Jammu cottage industry.

This will give a unique packaging presentation having international standards besides determining the unique selling point of chosen Jammu Handicraft and Handloom goods.

As part of the MoU, packaging prototypes for products such as Basohli Paintings, Basohli Pashmina, Phulkari embroidery, Lathe Cum Lacquer products and Calico printing products are expected in the first phase.

The artisans and weavers present on the occasion gave their feedback regarding packaging and branding initiatives to the dignitaries present in the event.

Besides, prototypes packaging along with the trims that give product data and product care instructions for specified crafts will also be among the deliverables.

The MoU intends to empower the craftsmen of Jammu region by supporting them through better packaging and increased sales.

Possession of 4 kanal land taken in Navi Mumbai for new J&K Bhawan

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JAMMU, Feb 9: Government of Jammu and Kashmir has taken over the possession of 4 kanals land in Sector 16, Khargar, Navi Mumbai from CIDCO Maharashtra for the construction of new J&K Bhawan.

The possession of the land was taken under the directions of Vijay Kumar Bidhuri (Principal Resident Commissioner, Government of J&K) and under close supervision of Neeraj Kumar (Additional Resident

Commissioner) and Sivenay Kumari (Assistant Resident Commissioner, Mumbai) by a team headed by Shruti Bhardwaj (Manager, J&K House, Mumbai), yesterday.

Sanjay Koul (Under Secretary, RCO) was also present on the spot along with PwD officials namely Vikas Manhas.

The land shall be utilized for construction of a new J&K Bhawan in Navi Mumbai. This will be a relief for J&K residents who visit Mumbai especially for medical treatment and cannot afford expensive stay in Mumbai.

Water supply to remain affected

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JAMMU, Feb 9: The Department of Jal Shakti has appealed to the people of Janipur, Lakkar Mandi, Patoli, High Court, Roop Nagar, Chinnore Upper and adjoining areas to use the water judiciously ahead of cleaning operation of feeding reservoir.

"This is to inform the general public that to carry out the cleaning process of the Water Reservoir at Lohar, water supply to the areas being fed from Lohar shall remain partially affected for next 3 to 4 days," a communiqué stated.

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KVIC

11th Feb, 2023 at 3 PM

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