

**Sinha interacts with people, addresses grievances during Live Public Hearing**

# Every effort being made to empower citizens: LG

*Excelsior Correspondent*

JAMMU, Jan 30: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacted with the people and heard their grievances during "LG's Mulaqaat- Live Public Grievance Hearing" at Civil Secretariat.

The Lt Governor appraised the action taken on the grievances of the applicants by the concerned Administrative Secretaries, Deputy Commissioners and other senior officers.

"Our prime objective is quality grievance disposal, constant monitoring of service delivery mechanism, ensuring accountability for welfare and progress of the common man", the Lt Governor said.

Every effort is being made to empower the citizens and enable them to play a bigger role in society. Various interventions and e-Governance tools are ensuring that the benefits of our development programmes, various central sector schemes reach out to the people as intended, added the Lt Governor.

Taking note of the grievances received from various complainants regarding pending cases for social security schemes' benefits, the Lt Governor directed the Administrative Secretaries and Deputy Commissioners for



Addressing the issue of Bidiya Lal from Kishtwar pertaining to availing of benefit under the PMAY Scheme, the Lt Governor was informed that the complaint has been addressed and the applicant has received the first installment under the scheme.

It was also informed that an action has been initiated against the delinquent officials responsible for the delay in the extension of benefit to the eligible applicant.

Rehana Batul, Commissioner/Secretary, Public Grievances informed the chair about the progress and status of grievances received on JK-IGRAMS.

The Lt Governor appreciated the efforts of all which resulted in 96% disposal rate of all grievances received. He also emphasized on taking dedicated measures to make the public grievance redressal mechanism more responsive at all levels.

Various applicants expressed their gratitude to the Lt Governor-led UT Administration for prompt redressal of their grievances.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners; Deputy Commissioners; SSPs; HoDs and other senior officers, in person and virtually, were present during the interaction.

## Chugh takes dig at Rahul, says Nehru had ceded Indian land to China

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JAMMU, Jan 30: National general secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and in charge J&K, Tarun Chugh today lambasted Congress vice president, Rahul Gandhi for misleading people that Modi Government ceded Indian territory to China.

**\* Watch video on www.excelsiornews.com**

In a statement issued here, today, Tarun Chugh asked Rahul Gandhi not to spread canards and hoodwink people by hiding facts. He said it was his great-grand father and first Prime Minister of India, Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru in whose Government in 1962 war China captured thousands Acres of Indian territory. He said it is the result of policies of PM Narendra Modi led BJP Government that China does not dare to raise its eyes towards India now.

The BJP national general secretary said the 140 day long Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY) of Rahul Gandhi was a conspiracy to mislead the people of the country. He questioned the suggestion of Rahul Gandhi asking Union Home Minister, Amit Shah to take Yatra from Jammu to Srinagar and reminded him that it was because of abrogation of Article 370 by Modi Government that the Congress

leader could unfurl the National Tricolour at Lal Chowk, Srinagar in Kashmir Valley yesterday.

Chugh said Rahul Gandhi is active in politics for last two and half decades and during this period the Congress Government led by Dr Manmohan Singh ruled at Centre for 10 years so why did not Rahul Gandhi took an initiative during that period to hoist the National Flag at Lal Chowk Srinagar when Congress was in power at Centre.

He said Rahul Gandhi had to wait for three generations to hoist the Tricolour at Lal Chowk, Srinagar and he got this opportunity only after annulling of Article 370 and 35 A which was a blot on India's unity and integrity by Modi Government. For this Rahul should compliment PM Narendra Modi instead of criticizing him and BJP, he added.

Tarun Chugh also said that instead of making allegations during his yatra against BJP and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Rahul Gandhi should have sought the feedback from people about the two organizations wedded to the national cause.

He said the country has tolerated the Congress for 55 long years but it was due to its policies that Congress has lost its mandate in the country now and it is struggling for its identification as a national party.

## Justice Tashi inaugurates District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission

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JAMMU, Jan 30: Justice Tashi Rabstan, Chief Justice (A) High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh today inaugurated "District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Jammu" in District Court Complex, here in presence of Justice Sanjeev Kumar, who is also Administrative Judge for District Jammu.

Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Mohd Akram Choudhary, Justice Rahul Bharti and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi also graced the occasion.

Sanjay Parihar, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Jammu, Haq Nawaz Zargar, Registrar Vigilance, Aijaz Khan, Principal Secretary to the Chief Justice, S R Gandhi, Registrar Judicial High Court Wing, Jammu, Pawan Kotwal, President DCDRC, Jammu, Jugal Kishore Anand, Additional Secretary to the Government, Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs and other members of the Commission were also present at the occasion. The programme was also attended by members of the Bar Association, Jammu.

District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission will act as a forum to recognize the rights of the consumers. The implementa-



**Chief Justice (A) inaugurating District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission on Monday.**

tion of the Consumer Protection Act will be ensured through this Commission which has been enacted to provide for establishment of authorities for timely and effective administration and settlement of consumers' disputes.

Pertinently, the District Commission shall have jurisdiction to entertain complaints where the value of the goods or services paid as consideration does not exceed one crore rupees and a complaint in relation to any goods sold or delivered or any service provided can be filed before the District Commission by a consumer or by any recognized consumer association or by the government authorities recognized under law.

Under the Consumer Protection Act the District Commission can also refer matters

for mediation and settlement and the District Commission shall have same powers as are vested in Civil Court under the CPC with respect to matters as per the Act and the proceedings before the Commission shall be deemed to be judicial proceedings.

The District Commission can order removal of the defects, replacement of the entire good, return to the complainant the price, award compensation and also grant punitive damages as well as compensation and can also direct discontinuation of unfair trade practices as well as to withdraw the hazardous goods from being offered.

The programme was also attended by all the Judicial Officers posted at District Headquarter Jammu as well as by the officers of the engineering wing.

## Mayor directs S/JSC Chairman led delegation to meet LG

# Resignation threat, opposition by Councillors against new guidelines for Pension

*Sanjeev K. Sharma*

JAMMU, Jan 30: Officers from different departments answered to queries of elected representatives of the Urban Local Body during a two-day General House Meeting (GHM) of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) which started here today.

While informing about various schemes of his department, Tehsil Social Welfare Officer (TSWO), Manjit Singh in GHM said that for old age pensions new guidelines have been introduced under which only those people who have Priority House Holder (PHH) and Antyodaya (AAY) Ration Cards will be eligible for pension.

He also said that those who were getting this pension earlier will now have to apply online for getting their pensions re-sanctioned and such people will have to submit the birth certificate issued by certain authorities as are mentioned by the Social Welfare Department in new guidelines.

Over this Shama Akhtar, Independent Councillor from Ward number 71, intervened and said that it is not possible for people at the far-end of their lives to again apply for the pensions which they were already getting.

"Many of these elders are even bedridden and others are not familiar with online procedures," she said adding that the new guidelines should be made mandatory for the new cases but for the already existing ones the procedure should be made easy.

She was replied by TSWO Manjit Singh saying that this is a policy matter.

He further informed that there shall be no pension for Non-priority



**Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma flanked by Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Bilawaria and JMC Commissioner, Rahul Yadav during GHM at Jammu on Monday.**

Household (NPH) Ration Card holders.

Rejecting the new guidelines, BJP Councillor Surjeet Singh of Ward number 43 intervened and said that these pensions should not be stopped as doing so will put many people in problems.

Another Independent Councillor Sham Lal Basso said that as per new guidelines, the existing pension beneficiaries availing pension under Integrated Social Security Scheme which include old age people, women in distress and physically disable persons have to re-submit their applications through online mode. "Different documents like Domicile Certificate, proof of residence, AAY/PHH Ration Card, proof of age etc are required for that as per new guidelines," he maintained.

He threatened to resign if such guidelines are introduced and claimed that these things are clear denial of pension to poor.

BJP Councillor Anita Sharma of Ward 11 also had similar concern while Ward number 60 Councillor, Rajni Bala of Congress said that old age pensions should not be stopped but should be made easy.

"In present society even children avoid their parents and if anyhow a son gives some money to his old parents, his wife created hurdles," she said adding that under all these circumstances old age pensions should not be stopped as most of the elders maintain their dignity and they avoid asking their children for money.

Sharda Devi, Ashok Manhas

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and other Councillors also expressed similar concern.

Over this the Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma intervened and said that Chairman of Social Justice Standing Committee (SISC) of JMC will soon lead a delegation in this regard to J&K Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha for getting a solution to the problem.

Officers from Traffic Police, Pollution Control Board and Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs also answered to the queries raised by the Councillors.

Tomorrow the GHM will take some resolutions and discussions on Modern Lanes and Drains etc.

Apart from this ACR Jammu will talk on removal of encroachments from water bodies within the limits of JMC, EESL Chief and JPDC officer, officers from Forest Department will address and answer the members regarding issues concerning their departments.

Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Bilawaria and JMC Commissioner, Rahul Yadav were also present on the dais.

## SC issues notice on plea challenging appointment of police personnel as PPs in J&K

*Excelsior Correspondent*

NEW DELHI, Jan 30: The Supreme Court today sought the response of the Central and Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Governments to a plea challenging the appointment of police personnel as public prosecutors in the Union Territory (UT) of J&K.

The petition was filed by one Amit Pathania through advocate Anupam Raina against September 2022 order of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, dismissing the petition.

A bench of Justices MR Shah and CT Ravikumar issued the notice to the respondents.

A government order of November 2019, and subsequent notifications, had sanctioned the creation of a Directorate of Prosecution in the UT, comprising gazetted and non-gazetted police personnel.

This is against the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code

(CrPC) as well as the concept of a free trial, since the minimum requirement of seven years litigation experience as an advocate is effectively dispensed with, it was contended.

The plea also stated that the respondents exercised their powers in an unlawful, unconstitutional and arbitrary manner one day before the CrPC was set to come into effect in the UT.

The erstwhile State was earlier following the Ranbir Penal Code and associated codes in line with the Indian Penal Code and the CrPC.

There exist no statutory provisos to enable such appointments particularly considering the lack of concurrence of the Chief Justice, the petitioner stressed.

It was also submitted that the High Court did not discuss the petitioner's arguments in its order.

Advocates Anupam Raina, AP Singh and Sunando Raha appeared for the petitioner.

## Govt names 57 schools, roads, bridges after martyrs, eminent personalities

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JAMMU, Jan 30: Government of Jammu and Kashmir today accorded sanction to the naming of its 57 infrastructure/assets including schools, roads, bridges and sports stadiums after martyrs/eminent personalities.

In Anantnag district, Government Girls Middle School (GMS) Ara (Khoshipora) has been named after martyr Rameez Raja Itoo (Constable), Government Middle School (GMS) Lookbhawan after Abdul Ahmad Wagay (Head Constable) and Akura Bridge after Nisar Ahmad Wagay (Constable) while Government Primary School (GPS) SK Payeen in Bandipora district has been named after Abdul Kabir Pahloo (Constable).

In Shopian district, GPS Chillipora has been named after Mohd Yousof Hajam (Senior Grade Constable), Government Upper Primary School (GUPS) Tollihallah after Farooq Ahmad Khokhar (Senior Grade Constable), GUPS Safanagri after Abdul Aziz (Senior Grade Constable) and GUPS Keegam after Farooq Ahmad Yattoo (Constable).

In district Srinagar, GPS Shamasabad has been named after Inspector Shabir Ahmad Bhat, Government Girls Model Higher Secondary School Khanyar after Deputy SP Mohd Ayoub Pandit, Government Boys Middle School (GBMS) Rathpora after Constable Altaf Hussain, Government Middle School (GMS) Zoonimar after Constable Ghulam Hussain Dar and Road from Naaz crossing to Gonikhan market named as ML Bindroo Road after Makhana Lal Bindroo (pharmacist/businessman).

In Budgam district, GPS Kralpora (Sanoor Kalipora) has been named after Senior Grade

Constable Ghulam Hassan Mir, GPS Parry Mohalla Kanihama after Senior Grade Constable Bashir Ahmad Hajam (JKAP 7th Battalion) and GPS Sofipora Magam after Constable Mohd Iqbal Sofi (IR 3rd Battalion) while in Kupwara district, GUPS Awathkul (Meelyal) has been named after Constable Mohd Syed Khan, GMS Lalpora after Constable Fayaz Ahmad lone and GMS Lach Mawar after Constable Abdul Karim Sheikh.

In Ganderbal district, GBMS Safapora has been named after ASI Abdul Khaliq Khan, GMS Ramwari after Constable Farooq Ahmad Hajam, GMS Duderhama after Constable Abdul Hamid, GMS Check-i-Kachnambal after Constable Khurshed Ahmad (IR 5th Battalion), GBMS Hakeemgund after Constable Farooq Ahmad and the playground along National highway (tehsil Kangan) after Constable Rameez Ahmad Baba.

In district Pulwama, Sports Stadium has been named after Constable Gulzar Ahmad and Government High School (GHS) Payar after Constable Mushtaq Ahmad whereas in Baramulla district, GPS Salasan has been named after Constable Nazir Ahmad Mir, GMS Shaheed Meer after Constable Mohd Sultan Dar and Tashkhan Chowk/Tehsil Point Baramulla named as 'Bindass Chowk' after Mudasir Ahmad Sheikh (SPO).

In Kulgam district, GMS Razloo has been named after Constable Mohd Shafi Dar (IR 5th Battalion) and GMS YK Pora after Constable Muzaffar Ahmad while Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Ghagwal in Samba district has been named after Major Rohit Kumar and Government Girls Higher Secondary School RS Pura in Jammu has been named after



**Injured students being examined by doctors in GMC Kathua on Monday.**

**Dr Jitendra expresses shock**

## Girl student killed, 9 others injured after being hit by car

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KATHUA, Jan 30: A 17-year-old girl student was killed and nine others injured after being hit by a speeding car outside their school in Kathua district, today officials said.

The students were waiting for a bus at Barwal Morh along Jammu-Pathankot Highway when they were run over around 12.45 pm, they added.

Police said, the students were of D S Heritage School, Barwal Morh, Kathua. A speedy car bearing Registration Number PB08CW/8368 on its way from Punjab towards Jammu hit them near DS Heritage School Barwal Morh on National Highway resulting in injuries to eleven children and death of one girl on spot. They were immediately shifted to GMC Kathua for treatment. The school management and family members immediately started rescue operation and shifted them to hospital.

Bumika Hans, 17, daughter of Ashok Kumar Hans of Nihalpur Pali Morh was declared brought dead by doctors.

The injured have been identified as Aryan Sharma, 17, son of Tilk Raj of Dhanni Bhakta, Pragthi, 17, son of Pankaj Sharma of Budhi, Shagun, 15, daughter of Krishan

## 8321 kanal State land retrieved from illegal encroachers in 6 distts

*Excelsior Correspondent*

JAMMU, Jan 30: In continuation to anti-encroachment drive of the Government against illegal encroachers, around 8321 kanal State land has been retrieved till date in the districts of Ramban, Reasi, Doda, Jammu, Kathua and Rajouri.

The district administration Ramban today retrieved more than 2377 kanal State land across eight tehsils of the district. In a joint anti-encroachment drive led by Tehsildar Ramban Rafiq Ahmed, a chunk of State land at Ward Number 7 (Maitra) falling within the Municipal Limit Ramban was retrieved besides demolishing illegal structures in Maitra and Pamote area including illegal building of a private school and a commercial building complex constructed on encroached land.

As per the Revenue Department of Ramban, during joint anti-encroachment drives, the teams of Revenue, Police and other concerned officers and officials demolished illegal structures build on State land besides retrieving more than 2377 kanal State land worth crores of rupees from the encroachers including 1524 kanal in Pogal-Paristan, 748 kanal in Ramban, 50 kanal in Banibal, 30 kanal in Khari, 18 kanal in Ramsoo and 6 kanal in Batote.

In district Reasi, State land measuring 144613 kanal and 13 marlas has been evicted till date. In continuation of the drive, Tehsildar Pouni today retrieved 13 kanal and 7 marlas prime land at villages Bealuan and Ransoo, Tehsildar Reasi retrieved 96 kanal, Tehsildar Thakrakote 338 kanals 18 marlas and Tehsildar Thuroo retrieved 1050 kanals worth crores of rupees.

The district administration Jammu today evacuated more than 63 kanal prime state land worth

crores of rupees at different places of the district. During a demolition drive, a team of revenue officers and police demolished 3 illegal 'pucca' structures including boundary walls and retrieved prime state land measuring 21 kanal in village Deeli near Tawi Farm Bishnah Bridge. A chunk of State land measuring 12 kanal was also retrieved in village Gole tehsil of Jammu West while State land measuring 23 kanal 9 marla in village Ghank of tehsil Bhalwal was also retrieved today.

In district Doda, State land worth more than Rs 10 crores has been evicted. Around 3 kanal commercial land worth crores of rupees was retrieved on Ring Road alongside the Bus Stand by removing encroachments. Similarly, 12 kanal prime state land falling under Khassa Number 803 was retrieved alongside National Highway by demolishing an under-construction column structure. Likewise, a multi-storey under-construction illegal structure was also sealed and taken over by the Government at Thathri.

Meanwhile, District Administration Kathua intensified its ongoing anti-encroachment drives in the district. The major retrieval by Revenue teams includes approximately 733 kanals encroached State Land which was later handed over to Industries/SIDCO Department in Budhi. The evicted state land in village Budhi is worth crores of rupees.

In a joint anti-encroachment drive, a team of revenue officers along with police and other concerned officials today retrieved state land measuring 3635 kanal 10 Marlas in Rajouri.

The DC has exhorted upon the ACR and Tehsildar to intensify the eviction and demolition drive in collaboration with police and other concerned in coming days so that the given target is achieved.

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**NOTICE FOR SALE OF URS WHEAT UNDER OMSS(D) THROUGH E-AUCTION**

Online financial bids are invited by FCI, J&K Region through e-auction for sale of Wheat lying at various depots of FCI in J&K Region on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" from all empanelled bulk Consumers/Traders with FCI.

Online address for e-auction is <http://www.valuejunction.in/fci>. Empanelled parties may access the tender through login ID & password provided to them by Mjunction Ltd. Tender schedule of WHEAT-Date of NTI: 27.01.23. Last Date for depositing EMD: 31.01.2023, Starting date and time for online bidding: 01.02.2023 from 11:00 am, End date & time for online bidding: 01.02.2023 upto 02:00 pm.

**General Manager (Region)**