

CCI team calls on Principal Secy Housing, seeks early redressal of public issues

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JAMMU: The Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu in its quest to sort out issues of the businessmen fraternity and the people of Jammu region today called on Principal Secretary Housing Dheeraj Gupta and held threadbare discussion on issues the aforesaid lot is confronting with.

Leading the CCI team, Arun Gupta, President raised the issue of shopkeepers of Shiv Market and Bahu Plaza claiming that some shops in these markets are on lease and others on rent. Reminding the Principal Secretary of the proposal to macadamize the Kuchha road stretch from Balidan Stambh to Sabji Mandi in Narwal for creating an alternate route to cope up with traffic rush on Railway Station - Narwal



CCI Jammu delegation calling on Principal Secretary Housing, Dheeraj Gupta.

Road and highway stretch outside hotel Radisson, Arun appealed for realizing the project as soon as possible.

He said that the occupants of shops at Shiv Market Rail Head Complex had applied for transfer of shops in their names and execution of lease deeds after depositing requisite fee for the same with JDA but to no avail. He also raised the issue of

roads and other civic edifice in Transport Nagar area as the same is in a dismal state. He demanded immediate repairs and maintenance on a regular basis. He also said that the issue pertaining to the lease deeds/rent deeds made by JDA with the occupants of the shops /halls at Bahu Plaza should be resolved earlier.

Arun Gupta said that

despite the freehold rights given to the Channi Himmat Residents by the concerned agency the Jammu Municipal Corporation is demanding NOCs every time thus leading to undue harassment of the residents. He said that the issue should be taken up with the concerned officials of JMC to make sure that no resident of Channi Himmat faces difficulty.

Raising another issue of vital nature, Arun Gupta asked the Principal Secretary Housing to revisit the notice issued to Gandhi Nagar residents for vacating 10 feet land chunks from their plots claiming that the order is arbitrary as these people are living on these land chunks since last over 50 years and some have even started their businesses over the same. He also took up the case of shop-

keepers of Gole Market Gandhi Nagar who have been served with the notice to wind up their shops which they have been running since the 1960s.

Arun Gupta also raised the issue pertaining to the new Bus Stand terminal and the problem being faced by the traders at Bus Stand.

After giving a patient hearing, Dheeraj Gupta assured the Chamber team that all the issues taken up in the meeting shall be addressed on priority and he will also take up the matter of Channi Himmat residents with JMC Commissioner for early redressal.

Among those who were present included Anil Gupta Sr. Vice President, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President, Gaurav Gupta, Secretary General, Rajesh Gupta, Secretary and Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer.

Mir meets Sonia Gandhi Congress President stressed to maintain discipline at all levels

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NEW DELHI: The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Ghulam Ahmad Mir on Thursday met Congress President Sonia Gandhi in union capital and briefed her about various issues confronting people.

In a meeting, which lasted for one hour Ghulam Ahmad briefed Gandhi about the current situation in J&K, besides organizational affairs and activities. Mir also briefed CP about upcoming Jan Jagran Abhiyan to be launched from 14th this month covering all districts. Many other issues especially unemployment and developmental issues also came under discussion. Congress President received feedback on organizational affairs and activities and stressed the need to maintain discipline at all levels in the party. Both Gandhi and JKPCC President also held discussions on the membership drive set to be launched in JK shortly. Congress President expressed serious concerns over the deteriorating security situation and bloodshed in Kashmir.



Black Day for Punjab, Congress dancing to tune of Pakistan's ISI: Chugh

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JAMMU: BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh today said that it was a black day for Punjab when the Punjab Assembly passed a resolution against the BSF.

Chugh flayed the Congress government for politicising the issue of national security by passing a resolution against the BSF, a force which has been bravely guarding the national borders for the last many decades. "The Congress seems



to be pleasing it's mentors in the Pakistan ISI by passing such deplorable and anti-national resolution in the state Assembly", Chugh said. He said the Congress government

was deliberately turning a blind eye to repeated drone attacks being done by Pakistan. Incidents of Tiffin bombs in Punjab indicate how serious is the threat to security from Pakistan. Yet the Congress government wants to obstruct the working of the BSF on the national borders, he said. It's a matter of shame that the Congress was playing with national security and is dancing to the tunes of ISI, Chugh added.

PMAY-U to ensure universal housing in J&K



Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta chairing 9th meeting of SLSCM.

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JAMMU: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Thursday chaired the 9th meeting of the State Level Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (SLSMC) of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban (PMAY-U) Mission. Administrative Secretaries of Finance, Health & Medical Education, Housing & Urban Development, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Planning, Development & Monitoring, Jal Shakti, and Revenue, besides Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Managing Director, Housing Board, Managing Director & Chairman, Jammu & Kashmir Bank and concerned Heads of Departments participated in the meeting. It was informed that as per the revised survey, the department of Housing & Urban Development has sanctioned 55,868 houses under these four verticals.

It was informed that the H&UDD is undertaking verification of all approved beneficiaries to cross verify raised claims and weed out ineligible beneficiaries. Accordingly, the claims of 18,613 and 1,524 beneficiaries in Kashmir and Jammu division, respectively, were proposed to be rejected. The SLSCM approved the proposal of 20,457 and 10,949 housing units in Kashmir and Jammu division, respectively, under the

PMAY-U Mission, while rejecting the proposed ineligible claims with the directions of submitting the written record proving such ineligibility.

Similarly, in Udhampur Planning Area and Bhandarwah Planning Area, claims of 32,001 beneficiaries were approved and that of 20,209, rejected. Further, it was informed that with a view to saturate housing demand under the scheme in all cities and towns of Jammu and Kashmir, the Housing & Urban Development Department undertook an extensive IEC campaign and roped in the elected representatives in all Urban Local Bodies through the concerned Deputy Commissioners. The SLSCM, as such, approved 79 new DPRs comprising 12,700 beneficiaries under BLC category of PMAY-U, with a total financial implication of Rs. 662.54 crore. The Chief Secretary impressed upon the Department to initiate the process of tendering for works for sanctioned houses to ensure adherence to project timelines.

Taking into consideration the difficulties faced by the beneficiaries from weaker section in availing the upfront financial assistance comprising 25% of the total assistance, the Chief Secretary also allowed submission of post-dated withdrawal forms instead of cheques by the beneficiaries holding Jan Dhan Accounts.

PIL regarding deaf & dumb populace of Paralkote: DB grants two weeks time to take effective steps

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) regarding difficulties of deaf and dumb population of Paralkote village in Poonch, a Division Bench of J&K High Court Jammu Wing comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Mohan Lal directed for taking effective steps as directed vide order dated 15.02.2021 within two weeks positively.

It is worthwhile to mention here that on February 15, 2021, the Division Bench observed that on basis of some news item published on November 29, 2018 in context to village Paralkot in District Poonch that a number of people there are deaf and dumb, a suo moto action was taken by

the court. As per a study, the village comprises about 140 persons having 23 families, out of which 16 persons are deaf and dumb.

DB further observed that status report on record indicates that the Government has sanctioned a pension of Rs 1,000 per month to each of them. Apart from this, there is a proposal to set up Vocational Skill Development Courses as rehabilitation measure and for the same a sum of Rs 3,25,000 has also been sanctioned. However, we do not know if the said sanctioned amount has actually been released and the Vocational Skill Development Courses have been started, DB said, seeking a fresh affidavit in this regard. DB further

observed that none of the report on record however indicates as to what measures Government proposes to take to cure occurrence of this impairment in village, which is said to be of hereditary nature. Deputy AG submitted that Institute of Human Genomics, University of Jammu is studying the matter but on account of COVID-19 pandemic, the report could not be submitted. DB after hearing Deputy AG, directed for filing fresh action taken report along with report of University of Jammu bringing on record the suggestions or proposals of the Government which are intended to be taken to eliminate aforementioned impairment from village.

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NOTICE FOR E-TENDER OF HIRING ARCHITECT SERVICE FOR HIGH RISE HOSTEL BUILDING AND HIGH RISE STAFF ACCOMMODATION CONSTRUCTION

The Rashtriya. Raksha University invited E-Tender for providing architect service for following construction work.

Sr. No.	Name of Items with Description	Total Estimated cost
1	Architect Services for High Rise hostel building for Students	Total Estimated cost Rs 150 Crore
2	Architect Services for High Rise flats for Staff Accommodation (1BHK:2BHK:3BHK)	

● Any other architectural services requirement as per the institutional requirement

Interested bidders from all over India can download and submit tender document from the website <https://eprocure.gov.in> which is already floated on Dt. 04/11/2021 at 03:00 PM.

Any other mode of submission shall not be entertained. Details of tender are available on University website www.ru.ac.in

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Ladakh Cultural Forum rejuvenated to safeguard UT's cultural identity

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LEH: It has become important for all the cultural societies of Ladakh to work unitedly for the cause of protecting Ladakh's cultural identity. Indigenous language is the root of the culture and that needs to be strengthened by inculcating interest in youth for their mother tongue.

This was stated by President Ladakh Cultural Forum, Mipham Otsal in an interactive session held with cultural societies of Leh district in the Lotsava auditorium of the Academy of Arts, Culture and Languages, Leh.

Otsal assured that the Ladakh Cultural Forum will lead from the front to make sure that Ladakh's rich cultural heritage is preserved and handed over to the younger generation.

Ladakh Culture Forum was reorganized and reformed in September this year. This society is one of Ladakh's oldest civil societies founded in 1976 under by scholars and artists of Ladakh.

The aim of reforming the prestigious forum was to make it more inclusive by involving all local stakeholders to work for the revival, preservation, and promotion of Ladakh's rich cultural heritage.

Director, Ladakh Theater Organization (LTO), Mipham Otsal was unanimously nominated president and founder/secretary, Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation (HCHF) Dr. Sonam Wangchok as General



President Ladakh Cultural Forum, Mipham Otsal, addressing cultural societies

Secretary besides electing other members in the executive and the advisory committees.

While highlighting different initiatives undertaken by Ladakh Cultural Forum since 1976, Dr. Sonam Wangchok termed it as Ladakh's largest association consisting of scholars, artists, NGOs, village societies, students, and individuals working in the field of cultural preservation in Ladakh. "Strengthening Ladakh Cultural Forum by involving all local stakeholders is the need of the hour to protect Ladakh's cultural heritage from all kinds of threats and challenges," he said.

To revive and preserve Ladakh rich culture based on the ten sciences or fields of study categorized into two

groups, major and minor fields, secretaries for each science were also appointed. The five major fields of study are Philosophy (nang don rigpa), Logic and epistemology (tshadma rigpa), Grammar and Literature (sgra rigpa), medicine (gsowa rigpa), and arts and Crafts (gzo rigpa). The five minor fields of study are astronomy and astrology (skar rtsis rigpa), poetry (snyan ngag rigpa), rhetoric (sdeb shayor rigpa), lexicography (mngon brjod rigpa) and drama and dance (zlos gar rigpa).

Secretary, Grammar and Literature (sgra rigpa), Dr. Thupstan Nurboo also addressed the representatives of cultural societies of different villages and stressed on feeling pride of one's own language. He suggested several ways for Ladakh Cultural Forum and cultural societies of Ladakh to entice young children to learn their indigenous language and feel the pride of it.

Advisor, Ladakh Cultural Forum, Gelong Thupstan Paldan advised societies to revive traditional values and systems to ensure sustainable development.

Renowned singer Morup Namgyal, Padma Shree awardee, advised cultural societies of Ladakh to work closely with Ladakh Cultural Forum to organize workshops and awareness programmes to educate people about the importance of culture and heritage, and appealed to the people of Ladakh to respect the mother tongue and feel proud of speaking it.

Mayor Chander Mohan lauds JSCL for timely completion of projects

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JAMMU: The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta on Thursday chaired a City Level Advisory Forum meet under Jammu Smart City Mission and reviewed the status of projects being executed by the Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) to transform Jammu into a sustainable and economically vibrant city.

The meeting was attended by Member of Parliament, Jugal Kishore; Deputy Mayor, JMC, Purnima Sharma; Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Anshul Garg; CEO, JSCL, Avny Lavasa; Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Jammu, Chandan Kohli; Additional CEO, JSCL, Hitesh Gupta; Director Projects, Sumil Thusi; Team Leader, PMC Pushpendra Srivastava and President Chamber of Commerce, Jammu, Arun Gupta and officials of several government departments. Giving a detailed presentation on the works taken up and completed so far, Chief Executive Officer, JSCL, Avny Lavasa said that the focus of Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) is to improve the quality of life of people by enabling local development and harnessing technology to create smart outcomes for citizens. It was informed in the meeting that the main components of the Jammu Smart City Project are City Beautification, Solid Waste Management, IT Enabled Infrastructure, Road & Parking Improvement, Disaster & Emergency Management and Civic infrastructure Development.

It was also informed in the meeting that the 39 projects worth Rs 671.63 crore have been completed and 45 more projects costing Rs 1294.64 crore are at different stages of execution.

The projects including



JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta chairing a meeting.

Vertical Garden, Façade Lighting Illumination of Bahu Fort, Fountains at Rotaries, Multilevel Parking at Bus Stand and Phase-1 of Wayfinding Signage have been completed in a stipulated time frame and work on other important projects is in full swing. "The work on Jammu Smart City's flagship project - the Development of Tawi River Front on the lines of Sabarmati River development front is going on war footing. The DPR of the project is under vetting with IIT-Jammu and the tender shall be floated in next week only," the meeting was informed by the CEO JSCL.

The other crucial projects, which are under execution are Jammu Smart Parking (IT based Smart Parking), Public Bicycle Sharing - PBS, Cycle Tracks at several locations, Modernization of Narwal Fruit / Vegetable Mandi, Modernization of Old Sabzi Mandi at Parade, Upgradation of Schools into Smart Schools, Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) and Smart Poles at Junctions.

The Advisory Forum members also gave their valuable suggestions for the overall development of Jammu city.

Lauding the officials for timely completion of several projects, JMC, Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta said these projects will add charm to the beauty of the city of temples. "These projects will increase the tourist

footfall in Jammu as well as improve the overall look of the city," he added. He added that the completion of projects will also boost tourism as well as the economy of Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, MP Jugal Kishore said that the Smart Cities Mission is an

innovative initiative by the union government and the timely execution of projects will bring Jammu at par with other metro cities.

Directing officials to expedite the pace of ongoing projects, MP Jugal Kishore assured all possible assistance

Div Com conducts surprise inspection of Sub Registrar Offices



Div Com Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer inspecting Registries in office of Sub Registrar, Jammu North during a surprise visit.

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner, Jammu Dr Raghav Langer on Thursday conducted a surprise visit in the Offices of Sub Registrar, Jammu North, Jammu South, Jammu Khas and inspected Registries of these Offices.

During the visit, the Div Com inspected the records of

Registries and also interacted with the vendors, vendees and lawyers who had come with their clients for registration of documents and inquired about the issues being faced by them.

The Div Com also listened to the general grievances of the people who had come for registration of documents regarding the problems being faced

by them during Registration of documents.

The Div Com checked the reconciliation of records, total time being taken by the Sub Registrar Offices for registration of documents and he also scrutinize the documents.

The work flow of the registration process was also assessed and directions were issued to Sub Registrars to expedite the same and make the process totally hassle free for the visitors.

Some of the sale deeds and mortgage deeds being put up for registration were also randomly scrutinize by the Divisional Commissioner.

Meanwhile, the Divisional Commissioner also sought data from the concerned Sub Registrars regarding total registrations done in the current financial year, stamp duty and registration fee collected and total valuation of the documents registered.