

# Prioritise relief, rehabilitation of those affected by Smart City Project: CCI

► Urges CS to bring uniform rehabilitation policy soon



CCI delegation during meeting with Chief Secretary Dr Arun Mehta.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: The Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) Jammu appealed to the Chief Secretary of J&K, Arun Mehta to come up with a uniform policy for relief and rehabilitation of those affected by the Smart City Project and make sure that no soul in the Union Territory faces injustice of any sort.

This demand along with other demands was raised by the CCI delegation led by its President Arun Gupta along with the Office bearers Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President; Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice President; Gaurav Gupta, Secretary General; Rajesh Gupta, Secretary and Rajesh Gupta, Treasurer which met the Chief Secretary here at Civil Secretariat on Wednesday.

On the occasion, a memorandum of demands was also submitted to the Chief Secretary.

The demands and issues which became the part and parcel of the interaction between CCI members and the CS include redefining of land types in J&K as large chunks of land in Jammu have been declared as

"Gair Mumkin Khuds" by Revenue Department and registration and construction activities on these lands have been barred thus there is need to revisit the policy in vogue, rehabilitation of those who are and who will get affected by Smart City Project, creation of more commercial/ residential sites by JDA and Housing Board as the process has been stalled since over three decades, giving new ray of hope to existing liquor vendors who have been rendered jobless by new excise policy by giving a second

thought to the changed policy by involving CCI in the process, lease period of allottees should be extended further after charging minimum possible premium, some commercial sites have been allotted to some persons at Bahu Plaza and regular rent is being charged and received from them but no lease deeds have been executed therefore the same should be executed without any delay, land ownership rights should be given to the existing industrial units and warehouse after charging reasonable premium, put-

ting an end to demolition drive in the name of Smart City that has been multiplying hardships for the traders as well as people, JMC should create new infrastructure beyond the City limits under the title new Jammu City for realising Smart City project as the Yellow line 'terror' is in no one's interest, revival of The Citizens Cooperative Bank Ltd. Jammu by providing funds in the shape of Share Capital along with added relief of additional funds to write off the accumulated losses, Smooth functioning of new Bus Stand Terminal fully and allotting shops inside Jammu Haat to the affected shopkeepers whose shops was taken for constructing the aforesaid building besides few traders whose business establishments came under Jammu-Akhnor Flyover. Besides, the CCI also demanded removal of security pickets outside the Main Gate of Shree Raghunath ji Temple which was causing problems to the devotees visiting the temple.

After giving a patient hearing, the Chief Secretary assured that he will look into the issues and take up the same with the concerned quarters for early redressal.



**Congress launches membership drive with slogan 'Aayo Chalein Congress Ke Sath, Badlein Pradesh Ke Halaat'**

**People want change as BJP utterly failed on all fronts: JKPCC Chief**

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JAMMU: Launching its membership drive on Wednesday with the slogan 'Aayo Chalein Congress ke Sath, Badlein Pradesh ke Halaat', JKPCC Chief Ghulam Ahmad Mir claimed that people want change, as BJP has failed on all fronts of governance especially uncheckered price rise, record unemployment besides other anti employees, in anti trade, anti poor politics.

PCC Chief said that the decision of Membership drive has been taken by the AICC President Sonia Gandhi in the recent Congress Working Committee.

In the AICC meeting Smt. Sonia Gandhi directed all party cadres with rank and file for the membership drive at booth levels in all the states. The date of membership drive upto March 31, 2022.

Having failed to give employment to highest number of percentage of educated unemployed youth, the Centre Govt. and UT administration is beating about bushes and finding faults in the past Govts.

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J&K Congress Chief G A Mir and senior leaders launching membership drive.

half years, now the people of different sections are being forced to swallow the bitter pills, as they have no representation or forum to raise their voice against the anti people policies of the BJP through bureaucratic system.

change and people will throw out BJP in next assembly elections, he claimed and said that party will go to the people with new slogan of "Aayo Chalein Congress Ke Saath, Badlein Pradesh Ke Halaat".

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