

# 'Jan Bhagidari' essential for holistic development of Panchayats: Jt Dir Tourism

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JAMMU: As part of the ongoing Back to Village-4 programme across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, visited Panchayat Kalyanpur and undertook appraisal of various development works and Govt. Schemes. The Joint Director also interacted with the representatives of the Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs), local stakeholders and frontline workers of all the line departments, including Horticulture, Agriculture, Handloom and Handicrafts, ICDS, Industries, Social Welfare, among others. The Visiting Officer also inaugurated stalls depicting local agricultural produce and handicraft products at PWD Guest House, Jhiri.

During her interaction with the Gram Sabha, Sunaina listened to issues and demands



Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma Mehta visiting a stall.

raised by Sarpanch, Panches and general public of Kalyanpur Panchayat and sought people's participation (Jan Bhagidari) in formulating the annual plan and also timely monitoring of the ground works in line with deliverables set out during the 'Jan Abhiyan Programme' so that the execution of development works is completed in time and with the active involvement of the PRI

members. Apart from visiting Govt. Offices, Higher Secondary School, Anganwari Centers, tourist places etc. the Joint Director Tourism in the wee hours of the morning of Day-2 of her visit interacted with the students undergoing 3 month C-Dyde Training Programme of Physical and academic training to appear in various competitive examinations. A pledge

regarding 'Nasha Mukh' Abhiyan launched by Govt. of J&K UT was also taken with the youth besides participating in 'Run for Unity' event which acted as a motivating factor for the young aspirants.

Later, the students of Government Higher Secondary School Jhiri presented a scintillating cultural programme and local sports activities in the school premises. The Visiting Officer appreciated the enthusiasm of the participating students and distributed certificates of appreciation.

Recently completed Community Sanitary Complex at Panchayat Kalyanpur constructed at a cost of Rs. 22.50 lakh was inaugurated and a bathing Ghat which is constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.00 lakh was inspected by the visiting officer.

In order to promote rural tourism, the visiting officer identified some trekking routes

in the area in consultation with the Panchayat members. She also stressed for the 'home stays' in the Panchayat area for the tourists and pilgrims visiting Baba Jitto temple Jhiri. This will in turn generate employment from border/religious tourism.

Later in the day, Joint Director Tourism inspected the anganwadi centre, IHHL units, PMAY houses, various other works under MGNREGA, SBM etc. The two day visit concluded with a captivating interaction with the Mahila Sabha and Bal Sabha.

While expressing her satisfaction with the overall working of all line departments, Joint Director Tourism, exhorted the officers to keep working with the same zeal and zest and their ultimate goal should be to provide timely delivery of services to the local populace for the sustainable development of the area.

# J&K Grameen Bank organises awareness programmes in collaboration with RBI



J&K Grameen Bank & RBI officials and others at an awareness programme.

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JAMMU: Financial Inclusion & Insurance Department under the guidance of Sanjay Gupta, Chairman of J&K Grameen Bank in collaboration with RBI organized awareness programmes for the public for making them aware about various banking facilities, frauds and other grievances redressal system of the Bank and RBI.

The participants of the programme were RBI, J&KB officials, general public and local PRI members.

Rohit Kashyap, LDO, RBI and Suhai Anwar Ansari, Manager, RBI also participated in one of the programmes organised at village Gajansu and made the masses aware about the Govt Social Security Schemes and Banking Ombudsmen for redressing their complaints.

Sunil Choudhary, Head of Financial Inclusion & Insurance Department, J&K Grameen Bank highlighted that the programmes are conducted in collaboration with RBI under the theme "Main

Bi Jagruk" a "Nationwide Intensive Awareness Programme" launched by RBI.

Also, the claims under Govt Social Security Schemes of Rs.02 lakh were handed over to the nominees of the claimants.

Branch Heads of their respective Branches emphasized on various facilities of the Bank and requested all the participants to visit the bank branches to avail any type of banking services or immediate redressal regarding the same.

# Omar should answer about killings in his tenure instead of talking about China: Sunil

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JAMMU: BJP General Secretary and Incharge Kashmir, Sunil Sharma on Wednesday criticised former Chief Minister J&K Omar Abdullah on his remarks on China and said, "Omar Abdullah should answer the killings and loot he did in his regime, instead of dictating terms on China to New Delhi".

The BJP Senior leader Sunil Sharma, said Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti are trying to issue such statements that brings them in the lime-light as the duo knew their existence on ground is completed rooted out.

"Our forces gave befitting reply to China in Ladakh and pushed them back to their territory. The contribution of our forces is not concealed to anyone," Sunil said.

The BJP Senior leader held that Omar Abdullah should talk of Jammu & Kashmir where people have rejected this double speak leader. "People of J&K want to know why scores of youth got killed in his regime and why the resources of UT were plundered by NC. The NC leader should give an appropriate answer to people without any delay tactic", he said.

He claimed BJP is sincere in fulfilling promises made to the people.

"BJP made promise of abrogating Article 370 from past many decades and finally it was done.

Ministry of Home Affairs on the floor of Parliament had assured people of J&K that statehood would be restored at an appropriate time", he maintained.

# Arrangements for Jhiri Mela reviewed



DDC Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan and DC Jammu, Avny Lavasa chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: District Development Council Chairman Jammu, Bharat Bhushan and Deputy Commissioner, Avny Lavasa on Thursday convened a meeting of officers of line departments to take stock of arrangements put in for annual Jhiri Mela commencing from November 7, 2022.

Other arrangements reviewed in the meeting mainly included sanitation, uninterrupted power supply, regular and safe drinking water, security arrangements, adequate stocks of ration and fire wood, provisions for accommodation of the devotees, deployment of fire tenders at the venue, setting up of stalls by different departments and conduct of cultural programmes during the fair. The R&B department was asked to complete the blacktopping and up-gradation work of roads leading to Jhiri

well before the commencing of the Mela. She asked the PHE Department to ensure uninterrupted water supply with provision for additional water tanks, hand pumps and sprinklers for cleaning of the venue. The Deputy Commissioner also instructed the Power Department to ensure proper lighting arrangements in addition to uninterrupted power supply at the venue throughout the fair. The DC directed the traffic authorities to ensure proper management of traffic during the event and place proper sign boards for the convenience of the devotees. She asked the Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution authorities to keep a check on the rates and quality of food items being sold during the fair. The Health Department was directed to keep sufficient provision for medicare facilities and medical staff along with ambulances.

# Congress delegation calls on Dy Mayor, discusses issues pertaining to people



Congress delegation calling on Dy Mayor, B.S Billawaria.

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JAMMU: A delegation of Congress leaders including Dwarka Nath Choudhary Chief Whip Congress along with other Corporators of party, called on newly elected Deputy Mayor of Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria. They discussed various issues concerning city, including budget, infrastructure and public safe-

ty with Deputy Mayor and sought early measures to resolve the same. The deputy mayor pledged to work closely with opposition to ensure that residents can have a voice in Government.

The opposition leaders lauded Baldev Singh Billawaria for his efforts as Chairman of Health and Sanitation JMC. They said

# HC dismisses petition against Govt order regarding posting of Secy Sports Council

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Srinagar: Justice Javed Iqbal Wani of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court has dismissed a petition filed by Ashutosh Sharma challenging Government Order No 93-JK (GAD) of 2021 dated January 30, 2021 for transfer/posting of an officer as Secretary, Sports Council not holding rank of Special Secretary in J&K government.

The petitioner Ashutosh Sharma through Advocate Ajay Vaid in the availability of Quo-warranto, alleged that officer transferred/posted as Secretary Sports Council was not holding rank of Special Secretary as provided in the Rules and therefore the order of Secretary Sports Council's appointment be set aside. The

respondent Government of J&K UT through AAG Amit Gupta Dy AG KDS Kotwal and Advocate Anshuja Tak in objections said that the petitioner Ashutosh Sharma has no locus standi to maintain the petition and that Council is a Society registered under Jammu and Kashmir Societies Registration Act, 1998. It further said that in terms of Rules supra, the Council does not bar Government from transferring and posting an officer other than a Special Secretary in the interest of administration. It further said that petitioner Ashutosh Sharma has no legal, statutory or fundamental right to invoke in the extra ordinary writ jurisdiction of the court.

Justice Javed Iqbal Wani after hearing both the parties, held that the jurisdiction of the High Court to issue a writ of quo-warranto is limited one, being also discretionary which court may grant, according to the facts and circumstances of each case.

"The basic fundamental principle for issuance of writ of quo-warranto is that there should be violation of mandatory provisions of the constitution or a statute. Council is a Society registered under Jammu and Kashmir Societies Registration Act 1998 and its affairs are being run and operated under a constitution incorporating therein Memorandum of Articles of Association and Rules and regulations. Thus, in absence of violation of a statutory Rule or a provision of the constitution, a writ of quo-warranto cannot be granted by the High Court. In view

of what has been observed, considered and discussed here-in-above the instant petition filed by Ashutosh Sharma is held not maintainable and accordingly dismissed", the High Court observed.

Here it is relevant to mention that J&K Sports Council on July 22, 2022 had de-recognized J&K Olympic Association, headed by Ashutosh Sharma for violating the guidelines and restrained J&K Olympic Association, from deputing contingents for National Games.

It was decided that J&K contingents be sponsored through respective recognized sports associations affiliates of National Sports Federations for participation in the national games under the banner of J&K Sports Council.

# ACB organises Vigilance Awareness programmes across J&K

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JAMMU: Observing Vigilance Awareness Week from October 31 to November 6 with the theme 'Corruption free India for a developed nation', Jammu and Kashmir Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Thursday conducted various awareness programmes for vigilance awareness across UT of J&K. ACB Rajouri held a seminar in the Conference Hall of Govt. Degree College Mendhar and interacted with the participants including students and faculty members of the College.

ACB team briefed them for lodging the complaints against various activities whenever they observe. All the participants were encouraged and advised to come forward and join in the fight against corruption.

Sandeep Wazir, AIG Administration of ACB Hqrs. in an exclusive programme on Vigilance Awareness discusses various issues and spreads awareness and promote good governance amongst employees. A team of ACB Doda also visited University Campus, Bhaderwah and organized Vigilance Awareness



ACB official speaking at awareness programme.

Programme Cum Seminar. The programme was attended by the Assistant Registrar cum Liaisoning Officer, Arif Khateeb of University Campus Bhaderwah, along with staff members and students. ACB team sensitize the faculty, other staff and students about functioning of Anti-Corruption Bureau. Dalip Kumar, SSP ACB Jammu organized a seminar at DC Office Kathua. Rahul Pandey, DC Kathua, Atul Gupta, ADC Kathua and all district officers attended the programme. ACB Jammu organized a painting competition at Government College for Women, Parade, Jammu in connection with Vigilance Awareness Week.

ACB Anantnag in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Develop-

ment Institute (JKEDI) organized a seminar for sensitizing employees about the perils of corruption at JKEDI today. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director JKEDI was the Chief Guest, who stressed on the role of education in inculcating moral and ethical values of integrity. ACB Baramulla organized an awareness programme at Government Higher Secondary Institute Hadipora, Rafiabab. The team of Anti Corruption Bureau Baramulla headed by Dy.SP Mohammad Rafi interacted with students, staff & Civil Society members and made them aware about perils of corruption. ACB Srinagar organized Seminars at two different places under the aegis of "Vigilance Awareness Week-2022".

# Mayor launches new system of working in JMC

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JAMMU: In order to improve the transparency and effectiveness of the local body administration and make the services of Jammu Municipal Corporation more citizen centric a new initiative was launched on Thursday by Mayor JMC Rajinder Sharma in Councillor hall.

As per the press briefing by Mayor, all the controlling officers of Jammu Municipal Corporation from different sections have deputed their officers/officials for inspection of various development works activities going on in Jammu City. The inspection and monitoring of various works activities would be held Ward wise and twice a week in proper coordination with Councillors of the respective wards. A comprehensive roster for all 75 wards of JMC has been framed by controlling officers and clubbed in a way that during inspections no field of works activities left as per direction of Mayor. This new initiative will check the quality of services, and quick access to ground information which will further help with immediate



Mayor JMC Rajinder Sharma talking to reporters.

redressal of grievances and within time limits for the same. Mayor while interacting with media persons today said that all Councillors have committed that they will work together for all round development of Jammu, keeping at bay the lines and difference if any. Dy. Mayor B.S Billawaria, Chairman of the Health & Sanitation Raj Kumar Tarkhan, Chairman of the Swachh Bharat Committee M.S Mankotia and Chairman of Social Justice Committee Ajay Gupta and Councillors of JMC appreciated the curiosity and strong urge of Mayor Rajinder Sharma for development in a transparent, neat & clean work culture.

Mayor also said that he will

extend his full support for hard working and upright officers and shall reward them as well. The action shall follow against those who are divulging from the pledge of honesty and integrity taken a couple of days back in Conference Hall of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

A series of ventures not only to impart a much needed facelift to the Jammu but also to prove the fact that a good administrative set up is always humane, accommodative & citizen centric added Mayor.

# Kaliveer Charitable Trust to hold bi-annual congregation on Nov 6

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JAMMU: Kaliveer Charitable Trust (Regd.) is going to celebrate the Bi-Annual Congregation of Kuldev Kaliveer Ji Maharaj at Kaliveer Bhawan, Sunjwan on November 6, 2022 (Sunday).

The trust, on this occasion, has decided to hold religious as well as cultural programmes. Besides these, Satsang (Bajam-Kirtan) especially with the participation of the devotees will be performed.

Navgrah-Devi & Dev Poojan shall also be performed on this occasion. All the people of Jammu and surrounding areas are requested to participate in the programme to seek the blessings of Kuldev Kaliveer Ji Maharaj.

Special Preeti Bhoj/Langer is also being organized and Prasad shall also be distributed amongst the devotees.

# Yudhvir listens to public grievances

Says BJP committed to address day-to-day problems of masses

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President on Thursday conducted a public grievances camp at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kacchi Chawni here.

Many deputations including individual persons visited the party office to discuss their issues with the senior BJP leaders. Deputations & common people discussed various issues related to the development of their respective areas and their other concerns.

They also put forth various issues pertaining to basic amenities including drinking water, electricity, roads, etc. They sought immediate resolution of their pressing issues.

While giving patient hear-



Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President listening to public issues.

ing to the deputations, Yudhvir Sethi resolved most of the issues instantaneously by talking to the authorities concerned on phone. He assured to take up the rest of their issues with the concerned authorities and get the same resolved at the earliest.

Sethi said that the Modi

government has initiated number of development projects in the last couple of years and very soon the results would start coming out changing the development profile of the region.

He said that the stakeholders in J&K are working relentlessly for achieving the goal of making the Union

Territory an example for its counterparts with up to the mark edifice and all round development.

The senior BJP leader said that the Party is fully committed to address the day to day problems being faced by the people in general and that of Jammu City in particular. He stressed on the party's sincere attempt to have direct interaction with the masses and provide best possible solutions to their day to day administrative and development issues. He said that it is a sincere attempt to lessen the gap between administration and people and ensure that genuine issues of people are redressed in an efficacious way.