Mayor takes big stride to weed-out corruption; Launches app for building permission, grievances redressal

Public harassment in hands of Enforcement Officers shall end now: Sharma

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JAMMU: Taking a big stride to weed-out corruption in the Urban Local Body, the Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma on Friday launched a mobile phone app 'My Jammu' wherein building permission in the city can be checked for every JMC Ward.

During a function in this regard at the general house of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) the Mayor informed that the app will also facilitate in checking the status of violation of building permission and in registering grievances regarding violations.

"All this system shall be internally managed by the concerned Inspectors, Enforcement Officers, Chief Enforcement Officers, Joint Commissioner R&E, Commissioner and the Mayor," Rajinder Sharma informed.

After 7-1 notice there should be 7-3 notice within three days if reply to the earlier notice remains unsatisfactorily. If 7-3 notice is not issued then notice of 8-1 for sealing the complex is

"But a wrongdoing was going on and the Enforcement Officers were not issuing notices of 7-3 as their palms were greased. Now as the system has been made online such concerned officers become bound to issue notice of 7-3 following that of 7-1," the Mayor said adding that the development shall largely end the harassment being faced by the public otherwise and the officers on the other hand will also become accountable as avoiding action by them will put them under scanner.

Sharma informed that this is a biggest change in building section which will act as another strong step for ensuring 'Imandar Jammu, Shandar Jammu'-the public

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Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma chairing a meeting on Friday.

campaign launched by the Mayor himself to eradicate corruption from the government machinery.

Rajinder Sharma also said that similarly another online portal has been started for grievance redressal.

"Earlier responding to grievances the officers used to write on papers that the concerned grievance has been addressed but now public has been empowered to reopen the file of their grievances if they are not satisfied," he maintained adding: "In this way the concerned officer dealing with a particular grievance will again get it and if the same grievance visits a particular officer thrice then action shall be taken against him/her.

For revenue collection also the mobile phone app shall have the provision.

"Earlier the officials of JMC used to issue payment receipts for payments and one who paid Rs. 500 used to get the receipt of Rs. 300 and in this way Rs. 200 were swindled," the Mayor continued adding that the online payment will prevent this wrongdoing and will also fulfill PM Modi's dream of cashless transactions.

By these three new developments the Mayor has started brilliant steps to for 'Imandar Jammu, Shandar Jammu' to make facilities ensuring transparency and accountability and end the culture of corruption.

It is pertinent to mention anti-corruption here that the anti-corrup-

tion campaign of the Mayor Jammu with a wage of joy has took the entire of with everyone from youth to

the senior citizens extending support for the noble pur-

the Mayor Rajinder Sharma, who is also General Secretary of All India Mayors Association played an active role in putting an end to the use of polythene bags wherein he led a campaign for that which was supported by entire of Jammu region and had backing of top bureau-



Sharad Mahotsava begins at Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir

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JAMMU: Three Day "Sharad Mahotsav" commenced with religious fervour and enthusiasm at ancient and historic Panjvaktra Mahadev Mandir, here on Friday.

Suresh Sharma, Receiver, inaugurated the festival and apprised that the main objective of organising this festival is to channelize the youth energy towards constructive purposes and provide a suitable platform



artists to display their creative pursuits.

At the same time, he said, it is

promote the Indian Classical Music which is an integral part of our rich cultural heritage

He further elaborated that many more such festivals or on the cards in near future, at the Paniyaktra Mandir

The participants in today's included Simran Sharma, Dheeraj Kumar, Manhas, Ritisha Poojan Kumar, Netra Tickkoo, Rahul Mangotra, Nirmal Kumar and Arpana Kumar.

The budding artists presented Shiv Bhajans, Ram Bhajans and the message from Ram

Charit Manas.

The youth contest was followed by Bhajan Sandhya by senior acclaimed artists.

It was commenced by acclaimed artist Radha Rani from Rishikesh. She regaled devotees with bhajans of Tulsidas, Meera etc. Dr Roshi Shamnotra, Professor in Institute of Music and Fine Arts finally mesmerised audience by rendering Bhajans of

Meera, Raidas and others.

Guru Parshotam Kumar, Rakesh Anand, Amarjeet Singh and Vinay Kumar.

Tomorrow, on 4th November; Dharmesh Nargotra and his disciples shall regale the devotees with their offering of Bhaians, at 5:30PM.

The appeal is being made to general public to participate in the Mahotsav, in large number to receive the blessings of Panjvaktra Mahadev.

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in Dusoo Pampore, located in the heart of south Kashmir's Pulwama district. $_{ m the}$ inanı rura function senior offic i a l s including Secretary Agriculture Shabnam Kamli. Director

Two day Jeshn-e-Zaffran concludes at Dusoo Pampore Celebration inappropriate when

production declining: farmers

SRINAGAR: The two-day grand "Jashn e Zaffran "fes-

tival celebrating the saffron bloom took place at Indian International Kashmir Saffron Trade Centre (IIKSTC)

Director Horticulture Kashmir were present

The festival's agenda was not limited to saffron blossom but cultural programmes also to promote tourism

During the festival, the officials faced the wrath of saffron farmers. Soon after the officials began to speak, some farmers stood up and talked about the authorities indifference towards the saffron cultivators and issues related inadequate irrigation facilities.

The farmers said that the authorities were doing little to save the saffron production.

"There has been a significant dip in the yield and the government has not done anything", said a miffed farmer while expressing concern over the saffron corms being attacked by the rodents.

Another farmer said that he was requesting the officials sitting on the podium to give him just two minutes to speak about a host of issues confronting the farmers. The farmers said that "in the absence of the dripping irrigation system, the prolonged dry spells take a toll on

It is pertinent to mention that the government had introduced a drip irrigation system in 2010 after it rolled out the Rs 412-crore National Saffron Mission to fight the dry spells.

Soon after the festival, a video of miffed growers castigating the officials was circulated online. Additionally, the farmers pointed out to the absence of saffron in saffron fields despite the ongoing festival celebrations, with allegations of misappropriation of

Meanwhile, Director Agriculture said on the occasion that the programme is aimed at facilitating interactions between buyers and sellers, hold symposiums and engage young farmers, with the goal of empowering the younger generation, providing employment opportunities, ensuring agriculture sustainability and increasing

Regarding the issue of incomplete bore well in saffron fields, he said that out of 121 bore wells, 72 have been handed over to the farmers. Some farmers, however, have damaged or diverted pipes for other purpose. An FIR has been lodged for investigation and the findings will determine the appropriate course of action.