

LG reviews progress of restoration, renovation works of Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday chaired the meeting of Governing Body of the Mubarak Mandi Jammu Heritage Society and reviewed the to-date progress of restoration and renovation works of the Mubarak Mandi Complex, here at the Raj Bhavan.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor who is the Chairman of the Mubarak Mandi Jammu Heritage Society took a comprehensive review of different works under execution for transforming the Mubarak Mandi Complex as a major tourist attraction in Jammu.

The Lt Governor was briefed about the completion stages of restoration works of different buildings of the complex, financial progress achieved under



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha reviewing progress of renovation works of Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex.

different schemes and measures to improve connectivity and access to Mubarak Mandi Complex.

The Lt Governor also issued direc-

tions to expedite the restoration and conservation works for early completion of the projects for restoring the Dogra heritage palaces as per the

desire of the people.

While enquiring about the tourist footfall in the heritage complex, the Lt Governor observed that the renovated Mubarak Mandi complex will boost the tourism sector in Jammu.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Sarnad Hafeez, Administrative Secretary, Tourism Department; Achal Sethi, Law Secretary, J&K; Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Rahul Pandey, Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums; Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism, Jammu; Deepika K Sharma, Executive Director, Mubarak Mandi Jammu Heritage Society; besides other concerned officers were present on the occasion.



AAP will make Punjab a liquor baron: Chugh

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JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh said here today that AAP, by announcing its chief minister face, has openly declared that it was going to make Punjab a liquor state.

In a statement, Chugh said AAP had already made Delhi a liquor state by opening liquor shops in every nook and corner and now by announcing Bhagwant Mann as its chief minister candidate the party has made clear that it would continue the mafia culture in Punjab.

Chugh recalled how Bhagwant Mann was castigated in the Lok Sabha for his inebriated behaviour and how some of the Lok Sabha members had complained against him.

"But AAP does not care for it all and by engineering so-called people's vote through social media has paved the way for a tar-



nished leader to become the chief minister face", Chugh said adding that it has sent serious signals to Punjab as to how AAP would be governing if at all it comes to power.

Chugh said it is time that the people of Punjab can see through the designs of AAP which has been covertly supporting subversive activities in the state.

He said people in Punjab should also wake up to the minister who have a "dear friend" in Imran Khan because of the kinds of tiffin bombs and explosive material that has been smuggled into Punjab by ISI-sponsored drones is a matter of serious concern for every Punjabi.

Chugh said it is a trying time for Punjab to reject all anti-national and anti-social political forces and give Prime Minister Narendra Modi a chance in Punjab.

BJP synonymous with hoodwink masses, doing nothing substantial on ground: Bhalla

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JAMMU: JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla on Tuesday calling upon the people to throw the BJP out of power and bring the issues of price rise, unemployment, agricultural distress and crony capitalism to the centre-stage for their resolution.

He alleged that the BJP was taking the country on the path of destruction.

This was stated by former Minister while interacting with people from different parts of Jammu city.

Prominent among those present on the occasion



JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting with people at Jammu on Tuesday.

include Vijay Sharma Babbi Congress Sewa Dal Chief, Dara Singh, Inder Parihar, Diwan Chand, Bunt Pardhan, Madam Santoshi, Madam Praveen, Jyoti Madam, Radha

Madam, Raj and Sanjay. Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said all countries had given benefits to common people during the pandemic, but the big companies in India were allowed

to earn profit and ordinary people had died walking on roads to their native places.

He said all sectors were being handed over gradually to the corporates, while the farmers and small shopkeepers who generated employment were being finished.

He said it was the people's responsibility to make the government accountable and pose questions to it.

"Whenever the elections come, the BJP leaders mislead the people by talking about China or other countries and raise communal and casteist issues. What has the Modi government

done in seven years of its rule?" he asked.

He targeted the BJP government and took a jibe at LG Administration claimed that the ruling party only knew 'lip service'. He added that the so called Vision of BJP had caused huge disappointment not only amongst the common masses but had also democratized the die-hard supporters of the BJP regime.

He said that people have understood the game plan of the BJP which is only to hoodwink the masses and doing nothing substantial on ground.

CJM rejects bail plea in Rs 1.3 crore fraud case

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JAMMU: Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Jammu, Amarjeet Singh Langeh on Tuesday rejected bail application of one Fiyaz Ahmed Rather, who duped complainant of Rs 1.30 crore for arranging admission of his son in MD course at ASCOMS Sidhra.

According to Crime Branch, petitioner assured complainant for arranging admission of his son in MD course at ASCOMS Sidhra for sessions 2016, for which he

demand an amount of Rs 1,30,00,000; that complainant paid said amount to petitioner; that petitioner failed to fulfill his promise and thereby cheated complainant with dishonest, malafide and fraudulent intention; that petitioner resultantly, is involved in FIR No. 10 of 2021 for offences under sections 420/120-B of RPC; that offences committed by petitioner are anti-social, heinous and non-bailable in nature; that petitioner is also involved in another FIR

No. 18 of 2020 for offence under section 420 of IPC registered with Police Station Kothi Bagh, Srinagar. "As investigation of the case is at preliminary stage and release of petitioner on bail at this stage would impede the same, grant of bail to petitioner will encourage him to re-indulge in similar activities etc. Ultimately, rejection of this application has been solicited," the Court observed.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu

Amarjeet Singh Langeh after hearing APP Kuldeep Bhat for Crime Branch, while rejecting bail application observed that the nature of accusation against petitioner, character of evidence collected by investigating agency thus far, gravity and enormity of seriousness of offences involved in the case, initial stage of investigation and impact of grant of bail on public at large, no case for grant of bail is made out by petitioner at this stage.

While rejecting the bail

application, CJM Jammu further observed that it is also needs to be pointed out that revelations in the investigation only underline that investigating agency sets its energy more stringently on expediting the investigation by focusing on such vital aspects which have till date been glaringly left un-adhered and directed that copy of this order shall go to SSP Crime Branch, Jammu for information and necessary action in light of observations made above.

JMC carries out anti-encroachment drive

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JAMMU: Under the instructions of Commissioner JMC, Avny Lavasa, while further continuing and intensifying the anti-encroachments drive to clear the footpath/pavements/road side, the Enforcement/Revenue staff led by Assistant Commissioner Revenue on Tuesday conducted an anti-encroachment drive near Chest & Disease Hospital and Govt. Medical College Jammu and demolished 10 illegal structures raised on foot path.



JMC staff removing encroachments near Chest & Disease Hospital Jammu.

Further, JMC commissioner appealed to all its citizens particularly not to encroach upon footpaths / pavement as the same

cause inconvenience to the pedestrians and also create obstruction in the free movement of vehicular traffic.

Install full body scanners to check narco-terrorism in J&K: Zorawar

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Unity Foundation and Team Jammu has raised the pitch for installation of Full Body scanners at vital points on Jammu-Srinagar National highway and Jammu-Poonch Highway to put a strong check on the narco-terrorism activities aided and abetted by Pakistan.

The startling data of 6,00,000 (Six lakh) drug abuse victims in Jammu and Kashmir and seizure of 100s of crores of worth drugs substance in the recent past necessitated the demand for stringent measures against narco-terrorism promoted from across the measures.

In a webinar organized here today by JK Unity Foundation (Association SEED) on the topic Drug menace in Jammu and Kashmir; Role and

Responsibility of Civil Society, Team Jammu Chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal said that narco-terrorism is a major cause of concern not only for the Government but the common citizens of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that Six Lakh drug abuse victims comprise almost 4 percent of the population and the more disturbing is that almostall the victims are in the age group of 20 to 35 years.

Zorawar Jamwal said that Team Jammu has been raising the awareness about drug abuse since last 7 years effectively and various rallies, seminars and involving local administration, stakeholders and civil society has brought positive results but still lot needs to be done. He informed that Govt has set up Anti-

Narcotics Task Force but rehabilitation centres at district level are the need of the need of the hour.

Ajaat Jamwal, President JK unity Foundation said that Pakistan has been pumping in drugs and weapons in Jammu and Kashmir to fuel terrorism and unrest and target youth of JKUT to involve them in anti-national activities.

He said that children as young as 10 years old are victims of drug abuse. He said that Govt should immediately formulate a policy to fight the spread of drug abuse in J&K.

Both Chairman Team Jammu Zorawar Singh Jamwal and President JKUF Ajaat Jamwal stressed that rehabilitation Centers at district level should be built immediately as the spread of drug abuse is spreading in rural areas too.

J&K Police issues public advisory for attending R-Day Function

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JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police, Security Jammu on Tuesday issued a public advisory for attending the Republic Day Function.

A public notice issued by the Security Department stated that a large number of people are expected to attend the Republic Day function on 26th January, 2022 and to facilitate their entry into the MA Stadium, Jammu and to ensure security of the general public, Security Jammu seeks the cooperation of the people.

It has urged the public not to carry Cell Phone Cameras, Arms/ammunition, sharp edged weapons, hand bags, polythene bags, transistor, Toys, Tools,

stop watch, any kind of powder, inflammable material like cigarettes, match boxes, lighter, cameras and the like objectionable items.

The Department has further appealed to the people to extend full cooperation to the frisking/checking teams deployed at different gates, which is in fact meant for the safety of the people and peaceful culmination of the Republic Day function.

It has further urged to maintain queue while entering the gates through Door Frame Metal Detector Installed at the gates and avoid unnecessary altercation with security personnel; Ensure your presence well in time so that you could enter inside and be seated comfortably without Inconvenience; Do not hesitate to disclose your identity in case you are requested for the same by security personnel or the uniformed police personnel; Proper parking slots have been earmarked for all categories/types of vehicles and seek help from traffic police personnel and park your vehicles at the appropriate Places; Immediately inform police personnel on duty in case any suspicious person/item is noticed and don't try to touch any suspicious object.

"Security Jammu is committed to your safety, security and look forward for your full cooperation & participation in ensuring the peaceful culmination of Republic Day-2022" it added.

Delimitation Commission can't take demands outside its mandate: Task with DC is unique & challenging

➤ DC has to Delimit 90 Assembly Segments & mark Segments reserved for SC/ST as per Act 34 of 2019

➤ Modi lead NDA-III Govt. has cleared way to secure legitimate voice for common masses in legislature

Pakistani invaders had openly attacked on 22nd October 1947 the then Princely state of J&K (which had not by then acceded to India Dominion) from Kashmir valley side (Muzaffarabad district side) mistakenly thinking that it would be a very easy-go to take control of the Valley first & even of the ruler since the region then had more than 95 % population as Muslim with difficult surface transport connectivity from Jammu side and the then Maharaja of J&K had extremely depleted defence forces. But instead the invasion was totally opposed & invaders were rejected by the local population in Kashmir valley. And it was on 26th October that the Maharaja of J&K ultimately did sign the instrument of accession and the Indian forces could land in Kashmir valley on 27th October to take over the operations against Pakistani designs.

Encouraged with the appreciations the Kashmir Valley "masses" received from the Indian leaderships & Mahatma Gandhi ji in particular, for their having

outrightly opposed the two nation theory it was in late 1950s that some Kashmir Valley based frontline leaders became 'extra' ambitious and ventured in to weaving a "web" for keeping a Valley centric grip on the future Elected Governments even with the wrongs like retaining the distribution of single member segments in Legislative Assembly (MLAs) somewhat similar to the adhoc delimitation that was done in 1951 for the Constituent Assembly of J&K inspite of the fact that by then the J&K Representation of the People Act 1957 had been enacted laying down very elaborate method with deciding parameters for distribution of single member segments of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) over different areas of J&K state (keeping in view the geographical compactness, the terrain, the means of communication , population and like factors / parameters) as also the Constituent Assembly having kept in the J&K Constitution under Section- 50 more elected members permanently on regional basis for the areas outside

Kashmir valley (Jammu region 14 elected MLCs, Kashmir Valley 12 elected MLCs and Ladakh region 2 elected MLCs).

Not only denying due representation in the legislative assembly to people of distant and backward areas that lied mostly outside Kashmir valley it may not be out of place to mention here that inspite of the fact that there existed political reservation in the legislative assemblies of other Indian states as also in Indian Lok Sabha for the Schedule Tribe but in J&K reservation for ST was neither kept constitutionally in 1956 nor did the 'leadership' get that incorporated after 1957 which could be well alleged for the reasons of there being a large segment of ST population belonging to the areas outside Kashmir Valley which too had almost all the SC population.

Ofcourse some leadership from areas outside Kashmir valley too provided 'yarn' for the Kashmir centric 'web'.



A Look through the Mist

And hence the work of the Delimitation committees/ Commissions after 1957 was successfully got manipulated all these years defying the guidelines of J&K Representation of the People Act 1957 which could be well read even from the April 1995 order of the Delimitation Commission (rather the only regular delimitation commission appointed after 1957) that distributed 46 MLAs over the areas in Kashmir Valley that had constitutionally only 12 elected MLCs as per Section- 50 of J&K Constitution and only 37 MLAs over the areas outside Kashmir valley (excluding Ladakh region) that had 14 elected MLCs as per Section-50 of J&K Constitution as well as had 66% more area, on the overall much bad/ difficult terrain, much scarce surface transport/ communication links and relatively lesser administrative conveniences in comparison to Kashmir valley.

The J&K leadership that held the reins of governance through the 29th

amendment to constitution of J&K even amended the constitution in 2002 so as to block the way for any new Delimitation of Assembly Segments before 2031 which was surely out of the fears of growing awareness about constitutional rights amongst the people outside Kashmir valley.

Nearly after more than six decades the present Narendra Modi lead NDA-III government has in 2019 through The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act N0 34 of 2019 cleared the way for applying the corrections so as to secure the due democratic voice in the legislature to the people of distantly and badly placed areas of erstwhile state of J&K which now are part of UT of Jammu and Kashmir by opening the channels for delimitation of segments of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and creating a provision for reservation of seats for Schedule Tribe in the Legislative Assembly. In a way the number of seats to be reserved for ST and SC are already decided by the Act 34 of 2019

in relation to the population proportions of 2011 Census and the Delimitation commission has to only calculate the number on the basis of population of SC/ST and nominate the individual segments to be reserved as per the method laid in law. i.e preferably the segments that have high SC/ ST population %. Commission cannot create any category of reserved seats on it's own like reservations for 1947 POJK DPs by defreezing some seats even out existing 24 seats kept for areas occupied by Pakistan (Gilgit, Baltistan, Mirpur, Muzaffarabad etc.) what to talk of creating altogether new seat as floating constituency for 'Kashmiri migrants' which even if agreed upon can be done by Parliament only. Commission should also not leave even half reportings undismissed for such like proposals being there under consideration (of the commission).

To be continued
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