

Stop harassing people in name of encroachments: JKPYC



President JKPYC, Uday Bhanu Chib talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress (JKPYC) has accused the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Administration of harassing common people of Jammu in the name of encroachments.

Addressing media persons here today, Uday Bhanu Chib, President J&K Pradesh Youth Congress while raising serious concern over the demolition drive being conducted by JMC in Jammu stated that the action of the JMC is highly arbitrary and deserves condemnation in the strongest words. He said it is really an irony of Jammu and its people that JMC first demolishes a commercial complex saying it is either encroachment or con-

structed in violation of building rules thus inflicting heavy loss on the owner; but on finding it caught in the wrong steps it quite conveniently terms it as a case of mistaken identity.

The Youth Congress leader questioned the government on alleged harassment to common people who are tax payers and contributing their lot in the nation building. He said that why has not the residential complex of BJP leader and former Dy CM, Dr Nirmal Singh been demolished till date despite JDA having declared as "Major Violation" of law. Isn't it shameful for the administration for not taking any action on major violation committed by the BJP's senior leader by raising residential complex near army establish-

ment, he questioned.

Uday Bhanu Chib asserted that Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) in itself is a den of corruption and common people are struggling because of this. He said that for the common man it is quite tedious job to get a birth or death certificate even after duly filing application and complying requisite formalities because of rampant corruption in the Corporation. Moreover sanitation continues to be a major issue in every area with JMC miserably failing to collect garbage on daily basis despite people paying user charges. He urged the JMC authorities to adhere to their basic functioning especially pertaining to sanitation rather than harassing the common people in the name of encroachments.

Prominent among those who were present include Ricky Dalotra Vice President JKPYC, Rishabh Bali Spokesperson IYC, Sahil Singh Langeh General Secretary JKPYC, Latish Sharma and Divyansh Jamwal Secretary JKPYC and Deepanshu Bhatt Spokesperson JKPYC.

Mayor reviews issues of migrant camp Purkhoo residents

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JAMMU: Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta on Tuesday conducted a tour of Migrant Camp Purkhoo and took stock of the issues being faced by the inhabitants of the area.

Mayor was accompanied by Davinder Singh Bhau Deputy Commissioner

cerned supervisory staff of Public Works Deptt concerned Assistant Executive Engineer along with Junior Engineer of JPDCL (PDD).

Mayor went round the whole complex and interacted with the residents of the Purkhoo Migrant Camp wherein they projected charter of demands before the



Purkhoo migrant camp residents presenting charter of demands to Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta.

(migrant Relief) along with his staff members, Chand ji Bhat President Displaced persons Distt Jammu & other prominent inhabitants of migrant Camp Purkhoo, Brahm Joti Sharma Executive Engineer (Rural), Assistant Executive Engineer along with concerned supervisory staff of Jal Shakti Deptt Rajesh Bhagat Executive Engineer, Assistant Executive Engineer along with con-

Mayor.

Mayor listened to all the issues with patience and directed the officers accompanied with him to resolve all the genuine problems in a time bound manner and assured that he will also take up their remaining issues with the Govt. for their early redressal.

He also appealed to the migrant families of Purkhoo Camp to cooperate with the concerned departments.

ASSOCHAM organises interaction with Prpl Secy Industries to mark second anniversary of J&K Chapter



ASSOCHAM members posing with R.P Thakur, Principal Secretary I&C, J&K.

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JAMMU: The J&K council ASSOCHAM organized interaction with Principal Secretary Industries and Commerce to mark its second anniversary in Jammu and Kashmir.

Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary Industries and Commerce, J&K was chief Guest and Anoo Malhotra, Director Industries Jammu was special Guest on the occasion.

Manik Batra, Chairman, ASSOCHAM J&K Council brief the officials about the work done by ASSOCHAM in last two years in Jammu and Kashmir, which was highly appreciated by all the members and dignitaries present on the occasion.

"ASSOCHAM is doing a commendable job in Jammu and Kashmir; such associa-

tions strengthen the department to work more productively for the betterment of the industries," said Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary Industries, J&K. Thakur also informed the members that government has lot of plans for the industries and commerce in the pipeline and Jammu and Kashmir is moving fast towards the Industrial revolution.

Principal Secretary while interacting with the members also answered many queries of the members and assured them that 'Government is committed to provide Ease of Doing Business in J&K.'

Anoo Malhotra also congratulated ASSOCHAM on its second anniversary in Jammu and Kashmir and assured that her department is always there to help all the members at any point of time.

ASSOCHAM also presented momentos to Principal Secretary Industries and Director Industries on this occasion.

Manik Batra, Chairman, ASSOCHAM J&K Council while thanking the dignitaries and members for joining the event said, "It was a commendable journey and we are looking forwards to work for the holistic growth of Jammu and Kashmir with more energy and dedication."

"With the support of our members and government officials, ASSOCHAM is working as equal partner with J&K government to bring more investment and more job opportunities in J&K," he added.

The event was organized at Hotel Radisson Blu Jammu in partnership with Batra Group.

Sangarsh alleges discrepancies in appointment of teachers, urges LG to intervene

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JAMMU: Lambasting move of Jammu University regarding recruitment for various teaching positions in an arbitrary and non-transparent manner, Sangarsh Organisation has urged LG to intervene into the matter for removal of all discrepancies in the concerned advertisement notice at the earliest.

While addressing a press conference in Jammu on Tuesday, a number of activists from Sangarsh Organisation alleged that the move for recruitment of teaching faculty is in violation of Constitution. Advocate Sanjeev Sharma, a noted Pahari activist and Spokesperson of organisation pointed that exercise for recruitment for various teaching positions in University of Jammu has been undertaken in an arbitrary and non-trans-



Advocate Sanjeev Sharma addressing a press conference.

parent manner with scant regard for rules and directions issued by UGC from time to time. He specifically highlighted advertisement No. Adm/TW/C&R/19/482-530 dated July 27, 2019 through which applications were invited for various teaching positions in University of Jammu by invoking Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Ordinance, 2019 (now 'Act') for reserva-

tion of posts in appointments by direct recruitment of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Schedules Tribes, socially and educationally backward and economically weaker sections. "We are unable to understand that since University of Jammu is a State University established under Jammu & Kashmir Universities Act, 1969 and has even been designated as such by List of State Universities

available at UGC website, why State reservation rules were not given prominence when making such appointments," he asked.

Another activist Mahesh Bakshi alleged that even requirement as to display the reservation roster on university website as per instructions issued by the Govt. of India, Department of Personnel & Training has not been complied with thereby putting transparency at back-burner of the recruitment process. The activists sought immediate intervention of Lieutenant Governor, who happens to be Chancellor of the Institution to direct University administration for rectifying alleged discrepancies in the concerned advertisement before it gets too late and defeats principle of fair opportunity to intended beneficiaries.

Jammu Cloth traders oppose move to hike GST on textile



Jammu-based Wholesale Cloth Merchants Association members during a meeting at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Jammu based Wholesale Cloth Merchants Association expressed resentment against the hike in rate of GST from 5 to 12 per cent on cloth by the Central Government GST Council, terming it as a big "blow and blunder" to the textile industries.

In this regard, a working committee meeting of Wholesale Cloth Merchants Association was held here

today in K C Residency under the presidentship of Raghbir Gupta.

Several important issues were discussed threadbare in the meeting especially the issue to increase rate of GST from 5% to 12% on cloth by the GST Council. The members presented in the meeting unanimously and with one voice condemned the increase of GST rate, Raghbir Gupta said time and again, respective governments were pressing the trade and

industry by imposing taxes in one form or the other.

GST on garment, textiles and footwear was increased earlier from 0 per cent to 5 per cent and now, from January 1, it was going to be increased to 12 per cent, which will ruin the businesses, he said, adding that the corporate houses were promoted to finish the small industries.

Gupta said the textile and handloom sectors were providing highest employment in the country after the agriculture sector.

Instead of extending incentives and required support to these sectors, the government was adamant to finish them, he said.

Gupta asserted that the traders and manufacturers were not happy when 5 per cent GST was imposed, now, further 7 per cent increase would cripple the industry.

The Association members appealed to the Union Finance Minister to repeal the order to relive the trading fraternity and it has also extra load to public which is already facing many hardship due to high inflation.

ADGP Armed J&K conducts Darbar of IRP-21st Bn



ADGP Armed J&K, S.J.M Gillani addressing Darbar of IRP-21st Bn at Parihaspora, Pattan in Baramulla.

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SRINAGAR: ADGP Armed J&K, S.J.M Gillani conducted darbar of IRP-21st Bn. at Parihaspora Pattan Baramulla. The darbar was aimed to take the stock of the functioning and welfare of Jawans of the Unit.

On his arrival at Bn. Hqr. Parihaspora Pattan Baramulla, Gillani was accorded a warm welcome by the Unit administration headed by its Commandant Shabir Nawab SSP. Baqar Samoon SSP Commandant IRP-20th Bn., Ab. Qayoom SSP Commandant IRP-9th

Bn. and Ab. Hakeem Munshi SSP Commandant IRP-3rd Bn. were also present on the occasion.

While addressing the officers and jawans on the occasion, the ADGP advised the supervisory officers at all level to patiently listen to the grievances of the subordinates who so ever approaches them for redressal of their grievances and take appropriate action on their grievances on priority.

He advised them to work with dedication and sincerity and always come up to the expectations of the peo-

ple whom they serve in any manner. The ADGP asked the Jawans to do their respective duties happily as this is the part of service.

On the occasion, the ADGP asked the Commandants and Coy Commanders to pay special emphasis on the physical and mental health of the Jawan saying that they should be provided hygienic food and follow the COVID appropriate behaviour by all means.

The ADGP very patiently listened to their grievances and assured them that their problems shall be redressed on merit. Grievances of some of the police personnel were redressed on-spot by the ADGP.

Before his visit to APC Parihaspora, Gillani visited Ajas Bandipora to take the stock of the ongoing construction work for the Unit Headquarters of IRP-21st Bn.

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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer O&M Circle Jammu, JPDCL on Tuesday informed that the power supply to Bank Colony, Govind Nagar, Nandani, Om Nagar, Near Shop Factory, New Tara Vihar, Thater Mohalla, Gujral Mohalla, Vijay Nagar, Ajit Colony, Subash Nagar, Toph, Shiv Mandir, Patoli, Bharat Nagar, Education Board, Janipur, Daily Excelsior, Lakarmandi, Indira Colony, Naseeb Nagar, Vikas Nagar, Patoli Chowk, Sarwal, Laxmi Nagar, Paloura, Radha Vihar, Gujjar Basti, Trikuta Nagar, Kailash Nagar, Sangrampur, Gajey Singhpura, Patniyal, Udaywala, Patyali Chak, Shajadpur and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 29 and 31 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Lower Shiv Nagar, Rajpura, Shakti Nagar, Gurha Bakshi Nagar, Jamwal House, Krishna Mandir, Police Chowki, Parshuram Temple,

Gujjar Basti, Domana Police Station, Purkhoo Camp, Baaizigar Basti, Domana Raipur, Valley Colony, Near Sub Station, Halkuan, Garhi, Flaura and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 30, January 02 and 04 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Gajansoo Market, Galwade, Pratap Morh, Lahori Chak, Chibey Chak and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 31 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Nagbani, Domana Machine, Raipur Domana and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 30, January 02 and 04 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Swaran Vihar, Rajinder Nagar, Pattian, Laxmipuram, Keeran and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on December

31 and January 02 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Patta Bahouri Chowk, Surya Vihar and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 30 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Company Bagh, Science College, Jewel Chowk, Shakuntla, Rehari Chungi and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 29 and 31 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Dogra Mohalla, Government Girls High School and their adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 30 and January 02 from 10 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Gangwal, Ashok Nagar, Transport Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 29 and 31 and January 02 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to

Bahu Fort and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 29 and 31 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Boria and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 29 from 10 am to 3 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Channi Himmat and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 29 and 30 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Company Bagh and its adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 01 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Barwal, Kumari, Kathera, Uttri and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 29 and 30 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Meanwhile, Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Lalyana, Salehar, Gadigarh, Dhrap, Indira Nagar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 29 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Laxmi Puram, Chinore, Exchange, Bantalab, Radio Station, Keran Rajinder Nagar, Ayush Hospital and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 29 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Gandhi Nagar shall remain affected on December 29 from 7 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Sanjay Nagar, Nanak Nagar shall remain affected on December 29 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Providing better health facilities, infrastructure to peoples our top priority: Baru



Councillor, Sanjay Kumar Baru distributing Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance Golden Cards among applicants.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and JMC Councillor, Sanjay Kumar Baru along with BJP ward President Ashok Wazir, local leader Surinder Kour distributed Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance Golden Cards (SEHAT) by "door to door" at Bank Colony Anand Nagar in his ward 41.

While distributing the cards, Baru said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Union Government is committed with principles of good governance, overall development

and benefiting all poor and needy by implementing people friendly schemes at grass-roots level. Baru said commitment of B-J-P is to provide better and inclusive health facilities and infrastructure first. Shakti Kendra Parmukh Rakesh Sharma, Bubesh Thappa, Booth President Jangjeet Singh, Jatinder Khajuria, Atul Chopra, Gresh Sharma, Daleep Mithas, Sanjay Sharma, Naseeb Kumar, BJP workers and local were also present.