

MD NHIDCL calls on Lt Governor

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JAMMU: Chanchal Kumar, the newly appointed Managing Director, National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHID-CL) on Wednesday called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, and discussed with him about the ongoing and upcoming projects of NHIDCL in J&K.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary J&K, was also present during the meeting.

The MD apprised the Lt Governor that NHIDCL is mainly involved in the upgradation of NH-244 which serves as alternative



MD NHIDCL, Chanchal Kumar calling on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

connectivity between Jammu and Srinagar, and 4 laning of Jammu-Akhnour Road.

He informed that NHIDCL has 12 ongoing projects in Jammu region costing around Rs 5200 crore, and

four ongoing projects in Kashmir region worth Rs 10,300 crore. He further informed that important and strategic upcoming projects in J&K including Jammu-Akhnour (Package 1), Jammu-Akhnour (Package-3

B), Sudhmahadev-Dranga Tunnel, and Singhpora-Vailoo Tunnel (under Sinthan Pass) are likely to be taken up.

Appreciating the efforts made by NHIDCL in building National Highways in

J&K, the Lt Governor impressed upon the Managing Director NHIDCL that all the ongoing projects work be monitored closely so that they are completed in time.

During the meeting, the MD also mentioned that UT administration has rendered full assistance in land acquisition cases and various statutory clearances.

While interacting with the team of NHIDCL, the Lt Governor assured all support to the NHIDCL from the UT government for successful implementation of their future projects of strengthening the Highways network in J&K.



Several social activists join BJP in Jammu



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina posing with newly joined members.

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JAMMU: Several social activists from Jammu and Kashmir's border district of Rajouri joined the B-JP at its headquarters here on Wednesday, a party spokesperson said.

The new entrants belonging to Scheduled Caste and Muslim communities were welcomed into the party fold by senior leaders including

J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina, he said.

"Prominent political and social personalities are today joining the party from every community and region," Raina said, expressing confidence that they will strengthen the party in the region.

Separately, Raina chaired a combined core group convention of all organisational districts of the BJP from the

Jammu region.

He asked senior leaders to reach out to the booth-level workers and strengthen the party at the ground level ahead of the assembly elections.

Raina also asked the party leaders to identify the lacunae in the delivery of benefits of government-funded public welfare schemes to the targeted underprivileged population.

Three days Capacity Building Programme of Police with NIA begins



A dignitary presenting memento to ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh.

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JAMMU: Three days capacity building programme for Prosecution Officers and Investigation Officers of Jammu Zone and State Investigation Agency (SIA) in collaboration with National Investigation agency (NIA) started at Police Auditorium Gulshan Ground, here on Wednesday. This training programme is in sequel to training programmes conducted by NIA earlier.

A.K Choudhary, Special DG Crime, J&K was the Chief Guest on the inaugural session.

DIG NIA in his inaugural speech thanked J&K Police for providing NIA with an opportunity to impart training to J&K Police officers/prosecutors.

While welcoming the officers from NIA and investigating officers of Jammu Zone and SIA in the programme, the chief guest appreciated the efforts made for the conduct of such important training module by NIA for J&K police officers and

Prosecutors and said that investigation is the most important part of our job and stressed upon the officers to make optimum use of this opportunity to work on their investigation skills and update them.

The Addl. Director General of Police Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh, while addressing the session, emphasized upon the importance of site inspection/minute details on the place of occurrence and quoted an instance of recovery of tunnels in the border areas of Kathua district where vital details viz; seizure of sand bags carrying detail were not seized/scrutinized leading to missing of vital evidence.

He threw light as to how speedy and result oriented investigation is conducted in a holistic manner.

The ADGP Jammu Zone thanked the officers from NIA who would be imparting the capacity building training to J&K Police IOs being conducted in person.

He stressed upon the officers to make full use of this

opportunity so that the purpose of conducting the programme is achieved.

SP NIA Vishal Garg gave a brief introduction of NIA and it's working and also highlighted some key points which would be focused during the three day programme.

Deputy Legal Advisor, Anand Maan also spoke in the inaugural function and highlighted the need of such programmes.

While giving vote of thanks, AIG (training/policy) PHQ J.S Johar said that the training programme would be a healthy mix of lectures, feedback, revisions and discussions so as to make this programme interesting.

During the three-day programme, the officers would be learning about important provisions of IPC, CrPC, evidence Act and the UA(P) Act.

The participants would also be trained on scene of crime management, Do's and Don'ts while handling evidence. Lectures on Explosive Substances Act, Arms Act and documentation in investigation will also be organised.

They will be trained with examples from important case studies on cases investigated by the NIA.

The programme is being organized by J&K Police and about 141 investigators and Prosecutors including gazetted officers of Jammu Zone Police & SIA are participating in this programme.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Smriti Irani on Wednesday called upon the business community of the country to upgrade and modernise its existing business format under Digital India mission of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to live up to the expectations to meet global challenges.

She was delivering a keynote address to top 150 trade leaders of the Country who gathered at New Delhi for their two days National Traders Conference organised by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT).

Speaking at the Conference, Irani lauded the role of CAIT for consolidating the business community and imparting them awareness to adopt and accept new & innovative ways of conducting business activities.

She said that traders of the country have given sacrifices every time whenever it



National Vice-President CAIT Neeraj Anand and Dinesh Gupta presenting a picture of holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi to Union Minister Smriti Irani.

was needed whether it was freedom struggle movement or socio economic development of the Country or meeting the dire need of providing daily consumables to the people of India during the COVID pandemic in last two years even at the cost of their own sufferings.

"Trade leaders should document the traders who have served the country in various capacities whether eco-

nomie, social, religious, educational or in any other field. The traders of India have a legacy of serving the country", Union Minister said.

On the occasion national

Vice-Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Neeraj Anand and Dinesh Gupta presented a picture of the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi to Union

Minister Smriti Irani.

An app of CAIT was also released during the function which will provide important information to the traders, help them connect with each other and get latest information about economic and other policies of the government.

"The app is very important to achieve the dream of digital India and connect the traders across the country. The app will ensure the flow of more business ideas", said Neeraj Anand.

He also appreciated the trade and economic policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said the business community has benefited from the digital India push of the present government in the country.

Heavy snowfall again hits normal life in valley

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Kashmir valley on Wednesday morning woke up to a heavy blanket of snow, which resulted in snapping of power supply and blockade on roads at large scale. Heavy snowfall disrupted life across Kashmir on Wednesday with flight operations, surface transport and routine activities coming to a grinding halt. Snowfall continued in entire Valley since early morning and over 8 inches of snow accumulated in city. All 41 flights operating from Srinagar International Airport got delayed as visibility dropped to less than 500 meters. Director Srinagar Airport, Kuldeep Singh, while confirming cancellation of all flights, said that affected passengers will be adjusted in forthcoming flights. Moreover, train services from Banihal to Baramulla were also suspended for the day while Srinagar-Jammu national Highway witnessed multiple landslides at different places.

In majority places of Srinagar, especially rural areas, electricity supply

remained affected due to snowfall, although as per authorities, all restoration works are going on at 'war footing'. Helpline numbers were also launched by divisional administration to attend various emergencies across the valley and people were advised to contact administration in any exigency. As per the Weatherman, no major snowfall is expected anywhere in Jammu & Kashmir further but moderate to light snowfall, depending on altitude, is expected at different places.

Meanwhile, six Shikaras got submerged in World famous Dal Lake amid heavy snowfall. Although, no loss of life or injury has been reported in incidents, yet officials are on rescue job, official informed. In view of inclement weather conditions, Kashmir University postponed all UG/PG/professional examinations scheduled to be held on February 24. According to Controller of Examinations Dr Majid Zaman, fresh dates for the postponed exams will be notified separately.

Contrary to expectations, defunct street lights drowned Smart City into dark; courtesy JMC

Three years on, GMC Hospital-Bakshi Nagar Pulli road under darkness

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JAMMU: It is startling that on one side administration has started boasting about turning Jammu into Smart City but on the other there are places which tell sordid state of affairs about civic edifice in the City of Temples.

As far as street lights are concerned, the present condition of roads and lanes is disappointing because main roads and streets are drowned in dark due to non-functional street lights making people to believe that it doesn't form a part of Smart City Model. The lights which used to illuminate streets in Jammu City way back in 1970s and '80s have stopped functioning after about half a century, thanks to ever busy civic body of city, the JMC, which has no time to look into the matter as its staff is busy in issuing Challans and collecting revenue instead of rendering services to people, for which the organization is duty bound.

The half-hearted work by JMC can be well gauged by fact that there is hardly any street light in working condition between stretch starting from the prestigious Government Medical College and Hospital in Bakshi Nagar and Bakshi Nagar Pulli near Pawan Ice Cream Parlour falling under Ward-28. The entire stretch is drowned in darkness thus posing a risk to commuters

especially the children, old and infirm. Besides GMC&H's girls hostel is also situated in vicinity and young medicos have to move around while going to and fro from nearby hospital. Darkness of road is dangerous for them as anti-social elements can take undue advantage of same and misbehave with them.

As this is a long stretch, the common masses are also facing lot of difficulties without proper lighting during evening and night hours. It is strange that Government on one side has sounded Smart City Bugle but on other condition of areas falling in centre of Jammu is dismal with darkness ruling the roost due to lethargy of JMC. The bad part of the whole thing is that condition of street lights is like this for the last more than three years and JMC is phlegmatic over the whole issue as if civic body has nothing to do with this problem of common man.

Talking to STATE TIMES, Gourav Chopra, Councillor Ward No 28 has expressed his helplessness in the matter because despite approaching JMC Commissioner a number of times, nothing has changed on ground. He highlighted the issue of darkness prevailing in vicinity of girls' hostel near GMC. "The matter is of grave concern but JMC is cold towards the issue showing extreme level

of indifference", Chopra alleged, adding that lack of street lights in the vicinity of GMC&H and Super Specialty Hospital Jammu is a big failure of JMC and those who never get tired of self boasting with regard to making Jammu-a Smart City.

The Councillor said that the government has got huge funds under Smart City project to install street lights which are smart having automated switching circuits but despite his requisition to the concerned quarters nothing has been done in this regard.

Ramesh Kumar, a resident of Bakshi Nagar said that JMC should act fast in repairing street lights as the area is vulnerable due to increased commercial activity as GMC&H is nearby and also the outsiders especially, Punjab-based ambulance operators are present in large number. Citing an accident that took place near Gurah Morh due to darkness, on road killing of an Executive Engineer about four months back, Kumar appealed to Jammu Municipal Corporation for showing interest in providing street lights in afore-said stretch and other places as well so that people can take a sigh of relief and untoward incidents which occur due to absence of light in night hours can be stopped once and for all.

Daily-wager employees of Estates Deptt hold protest, seek regularisation

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JAMMU: Government work remain suspended on Wednesday as all daily wagers employees of Estates Department went on strike and held a strong protest demanding their regularization in service. A large number of daily wagers employees assembled in the front of the Office of the Executive Engineer Estates Division Jammu and shouted slogans against the higher authorities for Estates Department for not regularizing the service of daily wagers who have rendered more than 25 years and above service day and night for the welfare of Estates Department.

They are also demanding implementation of Minimum Wage Act and release grade in favour of all helpers working as



Estate Department employees raising slogans during a protest.

announced by the Home Minister of India in his recent visit in Jammu & Kashmir UT.

The other demands which were highlights by the representative the Daily Wagers Union were regularization of service of daily rated workers, implementation of Minimum Wage Act and release grade in favour of all helpers working as

plumbers, pump-operators, electrocutions, carpenters, masons, painters etc.

Yash Paul Sharma Senior leader of Co-ordination Committee of Estates Department Employees Union warned the administration of Estates Department immediately hold talks with the striking daily wagers employees who

are on 72 hours strike as all type of complaints of allottees are not being attended of the daily rated workers of the department and the allottees of Estates Department colonies are facing difficulties due to strike. He also warned the administration of Estates Department if demands of the daily wagers and other are not

concerned well in time, the regular employees of Estates Department have no other option left except to suspend government work in their support as the regular employees of Estates Department are also facing stagnation financial losses for not implementation of the demand for which they are demanding since long times.

Those who addressed the employees include Parshotam Kumar (President), Kuldeep Raj (Sr. Leader), Muktiyar Ahmed (Vice President), Kesh Paul Singh (Chairman), Kewal Krishan (General Secretary), Manish (Speaker), Amit Sharma (Cashier), Ajay, Raju Patti, Bittu, Ashok, Ramesh, Bimla Devi, Ratno Devi, Tara Meri, Rakhi Devi, Vicky Dogra and Suresh.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Tender Notice No:- 770-W/169/WA-1/FZR/135 & 136-2021-22-JAT-DRM-FZR

Sr.DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date: 15.03.2022 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For more information logon to www.ireps.gov.in

Date: 23.02.2022

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System		
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Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time		
22.02.2022	01.03.2022	15.03.2022/ 15:00 Hrs.		
SN.	Tender Number	Details of Tender		
1	135-2021-22-JAT-DRM-FZR	TRR (P) 3.968 KM of various Bridges no 111(DN), 112(DN), 118(UP), 120(UP), 128(UP), 133(UP), 134(UP), 137(DN), 141(DN), 147(DN), 148(DN), 152(DN) of the existing Single rail 52 KG 90 UTS laid on Steel Channel sleepers to 52/60kg 90uts Rail with LWR on BHRL-JAT Section section under ADEN/JAT.		
		Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of offer
		44,13,740.44/-	88,300/-	45 Days
		Period of completion		
		08 Months		
		Similar nature of work - Nil		
1	136-2021-22-JAT-DRM-FZR	Improvement to high embankment and approaches to important bridges in the slope in the jurisdiction on ADEN/JAT		
		Advertised Value	Earnest Money	Validity of offer
		1,75,02,254.44/-	2,37,500/-	45 Days
		Period of completion		
		12 Months		
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