

Reorientation of system at administrative level done successfully: Mayor

Apart from Rs. 211.78 lakh of Smart City funds, JMC spends record Rs. 10740.32 lakh on development works in 2022-23

'Many projects complete; oceanarium at Bagh-e-Bahu, telescope at Mahamaya Mata temple underway'

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JAMMU: The Mayor of Jammu City, Rajinder Sharma has informed that during his short tenure at the Urban Local Body, reorientation of the system at administrative level has been done successfully with intensified activities of development in the city for the benefit and welfare of the people.

Addressing a press conference of selected media houses, the Mayor informed that in the financial year 2022-23, of the available Rs. 261.50 lakh, more than Rs. 211.78 lakh of Smart City Funds were spent on developmental activities in Jammu.

Similarly, As far as CAPEX budget is concerned, of the available Rs. 13609.27 lakh, Rs. 10740.32 lakh were spent of which Rs. 6975.94 lakh was given to JMC as financial assistance, Rs. 330.55 lakh was given to drainage sector; CCDP got Rs. 1756.21 lakh and city grants Rs. 4546.57 lakh.

The Mayor said that in CAPEX 35 lakh were given to each of the 75 Wards of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) while estimates for another Rs. 65 lakh to be given to these Wards was underway and



for macadamization work funds worth Rs. 50 lakh are also being thought to cover the major and other roads in each Ward where ever macadamization is required on road with width more than 5.5 meter while the funds worth Rs. 65 lakh may cover the roads with width less than 5.5 metre in each of the JMC Ward.

"Apart from all this funds worth Rs. 1.5 crore worth more are under plan to augment developmental activities in each JMC Ward," Mayor Sharma told reporters.

It is pertinent to mention here that earlier a meagre amount of Rs. 10 lakh was spent on each Ward for developmental activities.

The Mayor said that among the major projects going on in the City are that of Tawi River Front for beautification of the banks of the

river, Bahu Fort road widening work and construction of footpath from below to the Fort Shrine, construction of improved drainage system there and installation of lights there.

He said that laser show has been started at Bahu Fort while fish aquarium is already existing there along with a Musical Fountain but Open Theatre has now been made there.

"Apart from all this an Oceanarium worth Rs. 19.5 crore is under-construction there and Jammu view is attracting people in large number at Bahu Fort," the Mayor maintained adding: "A big park and gondola already exists there while stairs are being constructed there and work is on for parking place and a park outside Balidan Stambh stands complete and all this is a big network in itself to visit which within a day is now tough thing."

Rajinder Sharma further informed that a telescope shall be fixed at Mahamaya Mata Temple work on which has been started.

"In Tallab Tillo area road widening work is going on with the canal being made of concrete and the tem-

ples which came in place of the project are being shifted and when completed it will be a unique thing in itself. Similarly when developments were started in Gujarat, about 302 religious places were shifted," he continued.

Sharma also said that on Bus Stand Road JMC made speed breakers, footpath and reconstructed a Nallah, installed lights and fixed canopies.

"Panjitrthi parking is now open for public and Bahu Fort parking is also properly functioning and a park is also made at Bahu Fort area. Apart from all this, new footpaths are being constructed in the entire city, Tiranga lights have been installed at Tawi Bridge and other places," the Mayor said. He informed that Maharaja Hari Singh statue has also been redeveloped near Tawi bridge, Integrated Information Command and Control Centre has been made, smart traffic lights and cameras have also been installed in the city and rotaries are being redeveloped and ponds rejuvenated.

He said that at Manda Morning Walkers Track sitting arrangement have been improved and sheds fixed.

AJKSCWA celebrates 132nd Birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar

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JAMMU: All J&K Scheduled Castes Welfare Association (AJKSCWA), on Saturday celebrated 132nd Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratan Baba Saheb Dr. B.R Ambedkar at Dr. B.R Ambedkar Community Hall, Old Janipur, here with fervour and enthusiasm. Dr. DK Manyal, former Minister; J&K graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Mohan Lal Kaithi, SSP Railways was Guest of Honour. The programme started with lighting of traditional lamp and floral tributes to Baba Saheb.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. D.K Manyal advised all the members to come forward for doing Social services to the dalit Samaj selflessly.

Other speakers who spoke on the occasion included Mohan Lal Kaithi, SSP Railways, Capt.Joginder Pal, Dev Raj Kundal, Krishan Gopal and Pyare Lal while vote of thanks was presented by Om Raj Bhall, Ex-President. During the programme, the members paid homage to Baba Saheb and recalled his sacrifices and great



Former Minister, Dr. DK Manyal and M.L Kaithi, SSP Railways at a programme.

Contribution for upliftment of the downtrodden.

The Association also presented a Memorandum of demands before the Chief Guest for consideration and onward necessary action by the J&K Government. The prominent persons who attended this programme included Manohar Lal Bhagat District President, Samba, Krishan Gopal, District President, Jammu (Rural) Jai Pal, District President, Jammu (Urban) Dev Raj Kundal, District President, Udhampur, Fakir Chand, Member, Pyare Lal, Member: Programme was conducted in peaceful manner and concluded with recitation of National Anthem.

Members of the Association were also present on the occasion RL Bharti, IFS (Retd.), Patron, Jagdish Bhagat, President, Om Raj Bhall, Ex President, Gopal Dass, General Secretary, MR Majora, Cashier- cum - Office Secretary Shiv Lal, Member, Rajesh Bajgal, Publicity Secretary, Capt.Joginder Pal, District President, Samba, Krishan Gopal, District President, Jammu (Rural) Jai Pal, District President, Jammu (Urban) Dev Raj Kundal, District President, Udhampur, Fakir Chand, Member, Pyare Lal, Member: Programme was conducted in peaceful manner and concluded with recitation of National Anthem.

Mr & Miss J&K Body Building Championship 2023 today

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir State Amateur Body building Association (JKSABBA) is organizing Mr. & Miss Jammu & Kashmir Body building Championship 2023 on April, 16 2023 at Gulshan Ground Police Auditorium, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. This was stated by Rohit Verma, Secretary General of the association in the press conference, here on Saturday.

"The Championship will be keenly contested attended by hundreds of Body Builders and High dignitaries. Body Builders from all Over J&K are going to participate in this



JKSABBA members addressing a press conference in Jammu on Saturday.

Mega event and contest for the title of as IBBFF '8th Sr. & Jr. Mr. J&K Men's and Classique Physique 3rd Miss Fitness J&K bodybuilding championship 2023" Rohit said.

Associate partner in this event are Shiyva Ayurveda,

Baniya Super Market, J&K Tourism, JKP, Fashion Secret and some of the Association are supporting the event & some of the Multinational Companies Smeer Sports, Alphafuel, GET & MNC are also a part of this event as our Lead Sponsors.

Special Lok Adalat for MACT cases held across J&K

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JAMMU: As a part of the calendar of activities for the year 2023 prepared by J&K Legal Services Authority, a Special Lok Adalat was organized throughout the U.T of J&K, on Saturday under the dynamic leadership of Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh & Patron-in-Chief, J&K Legal Services Authority and under the guidance of Justice Tashi Rabstan, Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority as well as Justice Sindhu Sharma, Chairperson, High Court Legal Services Committee.

The focus for today's Lok Adalat was on amicable settlement of MACT cases pending before various tribunals in the UT of J&K and to finally dispose of the same on the basis of consensus arrived at between the parties to ensure immediate respite not only to the parties but also to their family members from the hassles of litigation leading to disturbance in the family.

As per the information received from various districts of U.T of J&K, a total of 356MACT cases were taken up by 25 Benches in the day long Special Lok Adalat organized at various courts

across the UT of J&K, out of which 79cases were finally settled amicably and an amount of Rs. 6,43,26,000/- was awarded as compensation to the petitioners.

Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Amit Kumar Gupta, while talking to media persons informed that this was the 1stSpecial Lok Adalat of MACT cases and 2nd overall Special Lok Adalat in the current calendar year.

He further informed that as per the schedule of activities prepared for the current calendar year, the next National Lok Adalat which would be the 2nd National Lok Adalat for

the current calendar year shall be conducted on Saturday, May13, 2023, focusing on quick settlement of all sorts of compoundable criminal cases, civil disputes, MACT cases and other cases of various nature spending disposal in different courts of the U.T of J&K. He also exhorted the Advocates in general and litigants in particular to take maximum benefit of the Special Lok Adalats which are being organized by the J&K Legal Services Authority under the aegis of National Legal Services Authority.

Gupta appreciated the efforts of all the Judicial

Officers, Secretaries DLSA's, Advocates, staff of the district and tehsil courts as well as Legal Services Institutions besides litigants for their whole hearted participation in the Special Lok Adalat and playing an important role in settlement of cases.

He also highlighted the role of Para Legal Volunteers and the media, both print and electronic, in creating and spreading awareness amongst the masses regarding the initiatives of Legal Services Authority and about welfare schemes launched by the Govt. and Legal Services Authority.

All India Charak Biradari Mahasabha holds meeting



All India Charak Biradari Mahasabha members after the meeting.

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JAMMU: A meeting of All India Charak Biradari Mahasabha was held at Shiv Charak Bhawan, Lane No 7, Greater Kailash, here under the presidency of Rakesh Singh Charak.

Members present in the meeting include Pradeep Singh Vice President, Sham Singh, Finance Secretary, & acting General Secretary

Darshan Singh, Jaswant Singh, Gar Singh, Mukesh Singh, Balwan Singh, Vishal Singh, Gulshan Singh, Shamsheer Singh, Sarpanch Babliana, Jagdev Singh, Jograj Singh, Ranjit Singh, Padham Singh, Jeet Singh, Karandeve Singh, Subash Singh, Kehar Singh, Gopal Singh, Sarpanch Sarore, Sohan Singh, Balkar Singh, Sarore, Balkar Singh,

Laswara, Raghubir Singh, Surjeet Singh, Ex Sarpanch, Chak Avtara, Abijeet Singh, Padamdev Singh, Sarpanch Laswara, Anghraj Singh, Mohan Singh, Vikash Singh, Jitender Singh, Jasvir Charak, Parshotam Charak, Mitu Charak, Pardeep Singh, Dharvinder Singh, Aman Charak, Pritam Singh, Kabla Singh, Madan Singh, Mohan Singh.

Grand Mela held at Bawa Tallan Dev temple

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JAMMU: A grand annual fair was held at Nagbani Domana, the abode of Nag Devta Bawa Tallan Dev. Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma, Director Agriculture Jammu K K Sharma and other dignitaries paid obeisance on this occasion. Shri Kailakh Jyotish and Vedic Sansthan Trust with help of LG Electronics Pvt Ltd installed a water purifier at the temple besides distributing Bawa Tallan Dev's books and Prasad. The Water purifier was formally inaugurated by Sham Lal Sharma and Director Agriculture Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Sham Lal said that Jammu and Kashmir is a land of Vasuki, Ashtakuli Nag Devtas etc. "There are temples of Nag Devta at many places here. It is clearly known from mythology, proverbs and legends that



Former Minister Sham Lal Sharma inaugurating Water purifier at temple.

snakes are beneficial to mankind in various ways. The place of Bawa Tallan Dev is divine and today, by bowing our heads here, we took blessings of Bawa."

He also appreciated the social works of Mahant Rohit Shastri, Head Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan, trust. Trust member Ajay Sharma said that temple of Nagdevta Bawa Tallan Dev is

at Nagbani, Domana and a grand fair is held annually on next day of Baisakhi.

Others present on the occasion included Uttam Chand Sharma, Rakesh Singh, Kuldeep Sharma, Mandep Singh, Surjit Singh Manhas, Teerth Ram Sharma, Sahil Sharma, Surinder Sharma, Aryan Sharma, Adarsh Sharma, Bablu Sharma and Davinder Sharma.

Numberdars, border-dwellers meet Rana; highlight grievances

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JAMMU: A deputation of the Numberdars and border dwellers of Ramgarh in Samba District on Saturday called on Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana and raised the various issues of public importance.

The deputation led by Numberdars Singh Balbir Singh interallia, sought redressal of the grievances of Numberdars dismissed by the respective District Magistrates, extension of the amnesty granted to domestic power consumers in 2022 to the pump sets for irrigation purposes and marginal shopkeepers, construction of residential dwellings on abadi deh in the peripheries of the bunkers raised in the wake of intermittent ceasefire vio-

lations during the recent years.

The deputationists said that they have been approaching all the concerned departments but no forward movement has taken place in the listed issues by the border villagers of the Ramnagar areas.

Rana assured that their issues will be taken up at appropriate forums for earnest redressal measures.

The delegation included Darshan Singh, Multan Singh, Charan Dass, Babu Ram, Krishan Lal, Bhagwan Dass, Asha Ram, Ram Lal, Ramesh Kumar, Sham Singh, Bishan Dass, Satpal, Trilok Nath, Bahadur Singh, Janak Raj, Tej Ram, Gurdayar Singh, Tej Ram and others.

Three-day 'Baisakhi Mahotsav 2023' concludes with fanfare



Glimpses of closing ceremony of three-day Baisakhi Mahotsav 2023 at Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex.

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JAMMU: Three-day 'Baisakhi Mahotsav 2023' from April 13 to 15, 2023 to celebrate Dogra culture and heritage organized by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu concluded on Saturday at Mubarak Mandi

Heritage Complex with mesmerizing display of Dogra culture by various artists.

During the three-day mela, a grand cultural procession (Shobha Yatra) was organised from Maharjan Hari Singh Park to Mubarak Mandi Complex in Jammu

on April 13, where cultural performances marked the celebrations at Mubarak mandi complex.

However, cultural festivities held daily in the evening at Mubarak Mandi in Jammu. Decorative gates, night illumination of the Mobarak

Mandi Heritage Complex, storytelling sessions on Dogra folklore and legacy, dhol beaters and Dogra band were highlighted of the event.

A replica of a Dogra Village was also displayed at Mubarak Mandi Complex during the festival.

J&K's Yudhvir impresses on IPL debut, grabs two wickets for LSG

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JAMMU: J&K's talented speedster Yudhvir Singh Charak impressed one and all with his pace and swing on his IPL debut while representing Lucknow Supergiants (LSG) against Punjab Kings at Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow, today.

Yudhvir, who bowled consistently over 140 kms per hour took the first wicket on the third ball of his very first over, dismissing Atharva Taide for zero and captured his second wicket in the form of explosive Prabhsimran Singh (4) on the second ball of his second over, uprooting his stumps.

It may be recalled that Yudhvir has served Mumbai



Jammu and Kashmir bowler Yudhvir Singh Charak in jubilant mood after grabbing two wickets for LSG against PSB in IPL 2-23 debut at Lucknow.

Indians as net bowler and squad member earlier and was bought by Lucknow

Supergiants for this season. Yudhvir is representing Jammu and Kashmir in the

Ranji Trophy from last two seasons and has the honour of representing Hyderabad for a season or two earlier.

The Sub Committee Members of Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) including Brig Anil Gupta, Member-Administration; Mithun Manhas, Member Cricket Operations and Development and Sunil Sethi, Member Legal Affairs JKCA has congratulated Yudhvir for this brilliant display with the ball.

It is pertinent to mention here that the match was on and Yudhvir had one more over to bowl.

PBKs were 75/4 in 11 overs while chasing 160 set by Lucknow Supergiants.

LG Mishra visits statue of Mulbekh Chamba, seeks blessing

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LEE: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier (Dr) B.D Mishra (Retd) and First Lady Neelam Mishra visited the monastery at Mulbekh village famous for the statue of Chamba (Maitreya Buddha) on the first day of his tour to Kargil district.

LG sought blessings and paid obeisance to the statue of Maitreya Buddha.

A delegation from villagers of Panchayat Halga Karamba in Kargil district led by its Naib Sarpanch, Shri Tsering Stanzin, met HLG and raised several issues related to his constituency. Shri Stanzin apprised

HLG of the water issue faced by around 300 households in Fookar, Khatse and Karamba villages. He requested HLG for sanctioning a water-lift irrigation project from Fookar Rong-Kachok La. LG assured to look into the matter.

Another delegation from Lotusm village led by its

Nambardar, Shri Ali Jaffar, met HLG and requested for his intervention in the repair along with blacktopping of the internal and link roads of Lotsum village.

He also informed about the need to extend the road up to Thongos. LG assured to look into the matter.