

Jammu Mayor meets CS

System to stop extortion by Enforcement officers, audit of dev works by third-party among various issues discussed

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JAMMU: The City Mayor of Jammu, Rajinder Sharma on Thursday met Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Mehta and had detailed discussions on various issues of public importance.

The Mayor said synchronisation of thoughts between bureaucrats, elected representatives and constitutional heads is resulting in all round development and achieving the objective of public welfare.

He discussed the concept of Construction Surveillance System for the Jammu City under which construction works can be monitored from the concerned office to stop the 'ongoing extortion' by Enforcement Officers.

Another issue discussed was preventing Nallahs from falling into river Tawi so that the upcoming artificial lake in Tawi may remain clean and hygienic.

How to compound the buildings made without Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) permission along with introducing the Building Bylaws to give relief to the people and streamlining of the existing bylaws was also discussed so that anyone can read these laws and get own site plan approved.

The Mayor also took the concept of e-offices to avoid people



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma during meeting with Chief Secretary Dr. Arun Mehta.

falling victim to the 'notorious clerical biasedness' and to have the work done on first come first serve basis.

The burning issue of polythene ban and narcotic addiction also came under discussion and Mayor Sharma stated that polythene use has created a lot of problems for modern urbanisation and resulted in shrinking and pollution of water bodies.

He proposed that carry bags made of cellulose and starch should be put to public use as these can get easily decomposed in soil in a short time.

After discussions, Sharma chalked out a plan on how to make Jammu a drug addiction

free region and suggested that de-addiction should be done for those who have fallen prey to the menace of drug addiction while the drug smugglers and traders should be put behind the bars and stringent Public Safety Act should be slapped on the big gangsters running this inhuman trade.

The helmsman of Urban Local Body demanded approval for Rs. 84 crore under different heads so that the Nallahs in the City can be improved, constructed and reconstructed using this amount which is already lying with JMC head.

Rajinder Sharma also

demanding drawing and disbursement powers to Executive Engineers of JMC as JMC Commissioner being over occupied and has no time for such tasks.

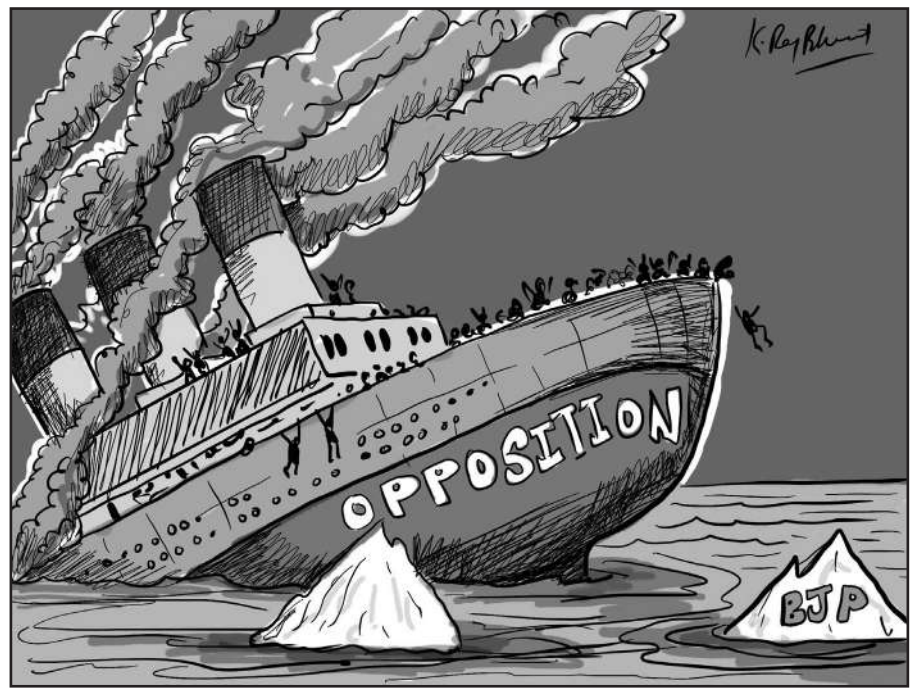
Speeding up of work on Tawi Lake ensuring quality work was also discussed and a third party audit was demanded to avoid any misappropriation of funds in developmental work and to ensure transparency.

Sharma said that the allotment of parking slots along road sides shall be preferably audited and the audit report

containing irregularity, if any, shall be reported to the Chief Secretary for action so that no employee in the local body may get involved in corruption.

He proposed that level of the park at Gole Market in Gandhi Nagar shall be brought down to the road level and Tricolour shall be hoisted in the middle of it after removing the rotary.

Decongesting of old Jammu city was also discussed by the Mayor with the CS and he proposed that a parking place shall be constructed at Bhagwati Nagar under Tawi bridge.



Heavy and continuous rains expose poor drainage system in Valley

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SRINAGAR: Continuous heavy rains from last few days have exposed poor drainage system in Kashmir especially in Srinagar, as water-logging in several areas of summer capital has disrupted normal life. In Srinagar city, places like Lal Chowk, Residency Road, Hari Singh High Street, TRC, Baba Dem, Mehjoor Nagar, Sanat Nagar, Khanyar, Hawal, Baag Ali Mardan Khan, Lal Bazar and other adjacent areas are witnessing huge water-log-

ging. Apart from this, link roads in these areas are also under water. Similarly, civil line areas including Jawahar Nagar, Rajbagh and uptown areas including Hyderpora, Rawalpora too were water-logged due to which movement in many colonies got restricted.

Locals from different parts of city complained that inundated streets had restricted their movement and many among them are even unable to take out their vehicles. "People preferred to stay indoors because of water-

logged roads. In many areas, the streets are filled with knee-deep water due to defunct drainage system," said a resident, adding that due to water-logged roads, severe traffic jams were witnessed on major routes of city.

"It took about one and a half hour to travel from Alamgari Bazar to Lal Bazar Umer Colony as there was heavy traffic jam from Zadibal Boys Higher Secondary School to BotaKadal Lal Bazar, where road was filled with water,"

said a pedestrian.

Shah Jahan, Superintendent Engineer (Hydraulic), who is also holding the additional charge of SE Drainage told that department is fully equipped to handle the issue of water-logging in the city. "We have managed the issues of water-logging well. Our men and machinery were on the ground. Infact, I myself visited areas like Parraypora and others parts of downtown Srinagar. There is a traffic mess and huge Eid rush of people in different

parts. Our machinery can't reach some areas due to traffic jam," he said. As per the officials, SMC department received at least dozens of water-logging complaints from the different localities of Srinagar in a single day. Meanwhile, the Irrigation and Flood Control Department made it clear that there is no flood-like situation in Valley and people need not to panic. As per the department, the water level at Sangam is well below danger mark and same condition is in Ram Munshi Bagh.

Sukhnandan demands clearance of RDD vendors' pending payments; seeks LG's intervention



Senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar with delegation members at Jammu.

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JAMMU: Demanding clearance of payments of Rural Development Department's vendors cum supplies who supplied sand, cement and other construction related materials in the past few years, senior BJP leader and former Minister Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar sought government's immediate attention towards the genuine demand of the local traders.

A delegation consisting of Raj Kumar Babbi, Narinder Singh, Sham Lal, Harjeet Singh, Ashok Kumar, Raj Kumar, Mahesh Bhardwaj and others, all vendors cum suppliers to RDD met the former minister today at his residence in Marh.

Stating that their pay-

ments are pending for the last over three years as they have supplied sand, cement, bricks and other construction related material to the department of rural development to carry out various works started under different schemes of UT government and central government.

Here it is relevant to mention that already a delegation led by former minister Sukhnandan Kumar had met the LG Manoj Sinha and apprised him about the issues being faced by the suppliers and vendors of the UT.

The former minister and senior BJP leader reminded that the Sinha had assured to get the issue resolved.

Today while addressing the group of vendors, Ch Sukhnandan said that it is

a long pending issue and I am sure that it will be resolved at an earliest.

On the demand of vendors, who visited his house today at Marh, Sukhnandan assured them to take up their issue once again at the Raj Bhawan so that their livelihood is not affected as most of the small vendors are suffering a lot in absence of no payments to them in the past few years..

Under the guidance of Modi government, the government of UT of J&K has initiated many works especially in rural areas besides the Srinagar and Jammu Smart Cities project, Sukhnandan said, adding and assuring the vendors that the payments pending with the government shall be released at an earliest.

Laghu Udyog Bharati to organise Investors Meet on April 23

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JAMMU: Laghu Udyog Bharati is going to organize MSME North Zone Conclave-2023 and Investors Meet in Jammu on April 23, 2023 at KC Regalia Banquet Hall, here.

This was stated by J&K President Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) Parveen Gupta in a press conference, here on Thursday.

Parveen was accompanied by Seh-Prabhari Rajinder Gupta, Vice President Advocate Ishant Gupta, Vice President Mukul Mahajan, Secretary Aagam Jain, and Treasurer CA Pranav Gupta.

Parveen said that the programme is going to be start at 9:30 AM covering the First Session upto 11:40 AM in which Union Minister of State for Culture, GoI Arjun Ram Meghwal will be the special guest accompanying by Member Parliament Jammu-Poonch Jugal Kishore Sharma, and BJP J&K President Ravinder Raina.

Second Session to start at 11:40 AM upto 3:00 PM in which officials from Ministry of Defence and



J&K Laghu Udyog Bharati members talking to reporters.

Railways will be going to address, he added.

Gupta further added that third Session named as "Investors Meet" starts at 3:00 PM upto 05:30 PM in which Lieutenant Governor, UT J&K Manoj Sinha will be the Chief Guest, Seh Sarkaryavah, RSS Dr. Krishan Gopal will be the main speaker, Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, GoI Narayan Rane will be Guest of Honor. They all will be accompanied by Laghu Udyog Bharati National and 25th President, Baldevbhai Prajapati.

He said delegates around 300 across the country will go to attend the mega event and around 200 delegates are from J&K.

On 24 April, 2023 there will be an internal organisation meeting "National

Executive" will be held this time in Jammu at Hotel KC Residency in which 165 office bearers and executive members will going to participate. Under the supervision and guidance of Seh Sarkaryavah, RSS Dr. Krishan Gopal, the national executive meeting will be held to discuss about future programme and strategies to strengthen the organisation and how to work for the welfare of MSMEs.

Tulip Garden to be closed from today

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SRINAGAR: As the Tulip Bloom is almost over, the Director Floriculture Kashmir issued a notification stating that the Tulip Garden, Srinagar shall remain closed for general public from April 21, 2023.

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For more details, please refer to the Notification No. 81 to 85/2020-Central Tax & Circular No. 143/13/2020-GST all dated 10.11.2020

Last date to opt for QRMP Scheme from Q1 of F.Y. 2023-24 is 30th April, 2023

Eligible registered person can opt in for any quarter from first day of second month of preceding quarter to the last day of the first month of the quarter

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