

Dy Mayor chairs 'Housing for All' Standing Committee meeting



Dy Mayor Jammu, B.S Billawaria chairing 'Housing for All' Standing Committee meeting.

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JAMMU: Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria on Friday chaired the 'Housing for All' standing committee meeting in the conference hall of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), here. Billawaria said that the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) has to identify a suitable land parcel for the relocation of Rehri vendors across the city. The site is located in the Jammu City, close to the existing Rehri market and provides an ideal location for vendors to operate their businesses, he said adding that the land has to be allocated in consultation with the JMC and is expected to be ready for occupation in the near future. "We look forward to working together

to ensure a successful relocation of the vendors," Billawaria said and appreciated the JDA for their cooperation and support in this endeavour. Deputy Mayor in order to ban the use of polythene bags, has directed that the Khilafwarzi Wing and the Health Department of the JMC should coordinate with each other. He stressed on the importance of the two departments working together to ensure that the ban on polythene bags is rigidly enforced.

He has urged the citizens of Jammu to cooperate with the departments to ensure that the ban is successful in reducing the pollution caused by plastic bags and evening roster should be made for the ban of polythene bags and a heavy challan to be imposed on the shopkeep-

ers. GR collections should be collected by sanitary supervisor and sanitary inspectors of JMC. Billawaria said that the list of pending cases of housing for all should be provided to the concerned Corporators by the JMC. Deputy Mayor said that the JMC should also ensure that the list is updated regularly and that no new case is added without the approval of the Councillors. The list should also provide an option for the Corporators to mark the cases which are ready for approval or rejection.

The Committee noted that it will continue to take necessary action to ensure that all schemes are successful and to ensure that everyone who is eligible for the scheme is served in an equitable manner.

Court declares petitioners eligible for allotment of shops at Jagti township

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JAMMU Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court in a case of allotment of shops to the petitioners Piyaray Lal Pandita and others have allowed the petition and have directed to the respondents to allot the shops after verifying the requisite formalities within a period of two months.

According to the case the Government had constructed number of shops at Jagti township which were meant for allotment to the eligible registered migrants who were carrying small business. The respondents invited applications from such migrants by giving advertisement after completing some formalities.

Since the number of applications was more than the available number of shops, the petitioners could not get the shops in spite of completing all the formalities. The petitioners therefore filed a petition bearing case No OWP 229/2018.

The respondents constructed the additional number of shops but again the number of applications exceeded the available number of shops.

The respondents held a meeting with regard to the criteria proposed for the allotment of shop which was also examined by the court and concluded that the petitioners participated in the shop allotment process and are found eligible for the same and accordingly directed the respondents to verify the status of such applicants with regard to the criteria and let the process be completed within two months.

Advocate P.N Bhat contested the case on behalf of the petitioners while Dy AG Vishal Bharti pleaded the case on behalf of the respondents.

Self-styled Messiah of Jammu region proved dream-sellers: Bhalla

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JAMMU: Terming BJP leaders as dream-sellers, JKPCC Working President and former Minister Raman Bhalla on Friday launched a scathing attack on the BJP dispensation for pushing Jammu and Kashmir to wall by creating a situation of drift, showing insensitivity towards peoples' aspirations and forcing every section of society to follow path of confrontation, as a result of which J&K is in total chaos. It was observed by former Minister while interacting with aggrieved people of Bahu Constituency at Bahu Fort. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Diwan Chand, Sahil Shavotra, Pintu Sagotra, Ram Lal Sagotra, Dev Khokhar, Kundan Lal, HL Chalotra, Mohan Lal Shavotra, Mangat Ram beside others.

Speaking on the occasion,



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting with people at Jammu.

Bhalla said that bond that Congress share with people of J&K was age old and watered by the mutual trust. "Our party has survived various watershed moments since its inception on account of its deep-seated connection with people of J&K. The party will continue to mirror the aspirations of people. No power on earth can brush-off Congress from the political scene of J&K since we draw our sustenance from people. Time has again proven that Congress is the true representative voice of the people

of J&K and Congress is not just a party, but a movement," said Bhalla. Bhalla said Congress owing to its representative character and deep-rooted bond with people has been in a line of fire from such forces as were inimical towards genuine interests of people of J&K. Bhalla said Congress would continue to work on the 'sacred mission' of restoring what was snatched from people of J&K by BJP Govt.

He also urged the government to come up with a pragmatic mechanism to

Kharge's statement against PM reflects Cong's frustration, malice: Kavinder

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JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Deputy Chief Minister has launched a scathing attack on the Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge for issuing irrelevant statement against the Prime Minister by calling him as 'poisonous snake'.

Responding strongly to Kharge's statement against PM Modi, Kavinder said that it is an irony of this nation and its people despite getting decimated on the Nation's political landscape, Congress and its leaders led by the Party chief Mallikarjun Kharge issue erroneous statements least bothering about the sentiments of the people across the nation.

Kavinder said Kharge's statement was a reflection of what the Gandhi family feels about the PM.

"He (Kharge) gave clarification that he was attacking BJP's ideology. BJP's ideology is 'nation first'. So is he saying he was not attacking PM Modi, rather he was attacking India?" he said.

Kavinder asserted that

Congressmen had never imagined to reach a stage of getting wiped out of the power corridors of the nation. In fact they believed in the firm conviction that they are born to remain in power for ever by befooling the people. Thus unable to find any scope of returning to power, the leaders of this party are passing through the phase of utter chaos and confusion, he added.

Meanwhile, a deputation of VRS employees of SRTC met Kavinder Gupta and put forth their demands.

The demands put forth by the deputation led by Association President, Dev Raj Bali, included releasing of 6th Pay Commission arrears with effect from January 2006 and pending COLA arrears with effect from 1999, DA arrear from April 2012, 2388 retired employees amount of both Jammu and Kashmir Province amounting Rs 211.92 crore, etc.

Giving a patient hearing to the deputation, Kavinder assured that their demands will be highlighted at higher level to fulfill them at the earliest.

NEXA, Jamkash Vehicleleades launches India's much-awaited SUV Fronx

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JAMMU: NEXA Showroom, Jamkash Vehicleleades launched the power packed SUV, Fronx at its Channi Himmat show-room, here on Friday.

Amidst a huge assembly, the Fronx was unveiled by Col. Pritam Chand Sharma (Retd), COO & ED, Jamkash Vehicleleades Pvt Ltd along with the Guests of Honour Sarabjit Singh Sarao, Senior Divisional Manager, DIV No. 1, National Insurance Co. and Shipra Jamwal, the UP HUB Incharge National Insurance Co.

The Fronx is defined by its aerodynamic silhouette and proud stance with upright front and rear fascia, roof rails and a wide bonnet to give it a commanding road presence. SUV design elements bring out the Fronx's sporty nature with chiselled wheel arches, muscular fenders and side body cladding.

The Black and Bordeaux contrasting colour scheme fits into NEXA's brand philosophy seamlessly.

Similarly, to create a strong SUV image, the Fronx gets a special forged metal-like matte finish. The large crowd was seen checking vehicle features and all of them were impressed with the class apart Fronx and the hospitality shown by the NEXA Showroom, Jamkash



Dignitaries launching SUV Fronx at NEXA Showroom, Jamkash Vehicleleades, Jammu.

Vehicleleades Pvt Ltd.

In terms of performance, the Fronx with Turbo Booster jet engine is available with the choice of 5-speed manual transmission and a 6-speed automatic with paddle shifters. Customers can also choose an Advanced 1.2L K-series Dual Jet, Dual VVT engine which offers Idle Start Stop technology and transmission options of 5-speed manual and AGS.

The sporty compact SUV Fronx comes with a wide range of connectivity features such as Head Up Display with turn-by-turn navigation, 360 view camera, wireless charger; 22.86 (9") HD Smart Play Pro+ infotainment system with wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity.

The Infotainment system also boasts premium sound acoustic tuning through 'Surround

Sense' powered by 'ARKAMYS', offering signature ambiances created to suit various moods. It is pretty confident that the Fronx will continue to win more hearts and scale greater heights.

Amidst a huge gathering of prospective buyers, patrons, Esteemed Bankers & staff members, the Fronx was unveiled by NEXA Showroom, Jamkash Vehicleleades Pvt Ltd.

The people were keenly seen liking and booking the Fronx and experienced a mesmerizing test drive in the Demo vehicle available with NEXA Jamkash.

It is pretty clear that the Fronx will enamour customers with its new-age appeal and help Jamkash NEXA to achieve leadership in the SUV segment in Jammu and Kashmir.

Astro India Jammu launches Bolero Maxx Pik-Up



Dignitaries launching Bolero MaXX Pik-up at Astro Mahindra Jammu.

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JAMMU: Astro Mahindra Jammu on Friday launched All- new Bolero MaXX Pik-up in their showroom here.

As per a statement, Managing Directors of Astro India, Vikram Mahajan, Director Satyam Gupta, Sikander Chowdhary (Mahindra Finance), Sourab Sethi (Chola Finance), General Manager Amit Sharma and DGM Puneet Sharma and existing customers of Mahindra & Mahindra were attendees. During the event, DGM

Puneet Sharma briefed attendees on the features of the vehicle and the complete variant lineup, along with the date of booking commencement of the all- new Pik-Up which is exclusively available at Astro India.

Pricing for all the variants were announced at the time of the product debut, with the complete variant line-up aiming to straddle a wide spectrum of buyers, starting at 7.85 Lakh (Ex Showroom).

The all- new Bolero MaXX Pik-Up range has been engineered to offer path- breaking features and performance at unbeatable value, making it an excellent option for anyone in the market for a new vehicle.

Janki Jayanti to be celebrated today: Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU: According to the scriptures, Janaki (Sita) Jayanti is celebrated every year on the Navami Tithi of Shukla month of Vaishakh. Regarding Janaki (Sita) Jayanti, Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailakh jyotish Avem Vedic Sanatan Trust said that according to Panchang, the Navami Tithi of Shukla Paksha of Vaishakh month will begin on Friday, April 28 at 04:02 PM and this year the end of the date will be the next day i.e., April 29, Saturday at 6.23 PM. Suryodaya Vyapini Vaishakh month Shukla's Navami Tithi will be on 29th April Saturday, hence Janaki (Sita Mata) Jayanti will be celebrated on 29th April, he added.

On this day married women keep a fast and worship Janaki (Sita Mata) and Bhagwan Shri Ram, by their grace they are blessed with unbroken good fortune, which leads to the longevity of their husbands. On this day, Mother Sita should offer Suhag items and recite Janaki Stotra, Shriramcharitmanas, Shriramrakshastotra, Shri Hanumanchalisa, recitation of all these will end all the sufferings of life and there will be no shortage of wealth etc.

PHQ bids farewell to ADGP Danesh Rana



DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh presenting memento to Danesh Rana outgoing ADGP Coordination.

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JAMMU: A warm send-off was given to Danesh Rana outgoing ADGP Coordination at a function held in Conference hall , PHQ here on Friday on his transfer. He has been recently posted in CRPF by MHA on deputation for five years as Inspector General of Police.

Dilbag Singh, Director General of Police, J&K, M K Sinha, ADGP Headquarters, PHQ, B S Tuti, IGP Headquarters, PHQ, DIG Administration PHQ Sarah

Rizvi, AIG Personnel PHQ Virinder Singh Manhas, Gulzar Ahmad SP Arms Ammunition, PHQ, Chief Prosecuting Officer PHQ and other Gazetted officers were present on this occasion.

Dilbag Singh appreciated the services of Danesh Rana during his posting in the Police Headquarters. He said that Rana is a dedicated, competent officer and a good companion to work with. "JKP officers wherever they go they carry JKP subculture and I am sure Rana will also do"

DGP said. He wished him good luck for the new assignment.

M K Sinha said that Rana, with cool and calm demeanor, has a balanced approach in his working. He wished him all the best for his new assignment.

ADGP Danesh Rana thanked DGP and all the officers and staff of the PHQ for their support and cooperation.

IGP Headquarters PHQ B S Tuti conducted the farewell proceeding. DGP presented a memento to the outgoing officer on the occasion.

Joint Association of Career Counselors elects 1st general body

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JAMMU: Jammu Kashmir Joint Association of Career Counselors elected their first General Body in the meeting held here.

Kulbir Janwal was elected as President, Rumit Gupta as General Secretary, Dinesh Kala as Vice President and Aman Bhatti as Secretary.

The elected members assured everyone that they will work dedicatedly for the welfare of Career Counselors of Jammu Kashmir.

They said that association will work as a bridge between the students and institutes adding that the association will



Joint Association of Career Counselors Association members posing for a photograph.

also work against the institutes involving unfair and illegal practices in this noble trade.

The association will be soon registered under society's act and will work in collaboration

with the Government of J&K for the betterment of students and career counsellors.

They said the association will organise a series of career counseling sessions for students of far flung areas.

Other present in the meeting were Sanjay Lamba, Suresh Kumar, Sidharth Singh, Sourav Mahajan, Manjit Singh, Aman Sharma, Arvind Upadhyay, Atul Sudan, Diksha and Verinder Singh.