Dy Mayor chairs 'Housing for All' **Standing Committee meeting**



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

STATE TIMES NEWS Deputy Mayor Baldev Billawaria on Friday chaired the 'Housing for All' standing committee meeting in the conhall 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 Rehris vendors across the city. The site is located in the Jammu City, close to there bags is rigidly enforced. the existing Rehris market and provides an ideal location for vendors to operate their businesses, he said adding that the land has to be allocated in con-

er 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 poly-

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.

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

JAMMU: Kavinder Gupta, senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Deputy former 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 PMKavinder 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

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 bothJammu and Kashmir Province amounting Rs211.92crore, etc.

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

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

JAMMU: NEXA Showroom. Jamkash Vehicleades launched the power packed SUV, Fronx at its Channi Himmat showroom, here on Friday.

Amidst a huge assembly, the Fronx was unveiled by Col. Pritam Chand Sharma (Retd), COO & ED, Jamkash Vehicleades 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

The Fronx is defined by its aerodynamic silhouette and proud stance with upright front and rear facia, 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 Vehicleades, Jammu.

Vehicleades Pvt Ltd.

In terms of performance, the Fronx with Turbo Booster iet. 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 turnbyturn 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 'ARKAMYS', offering signature ambiences 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 Vehicleades Pvt Ltd.

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

Court declares petitioners eligible for allotment of shops at Jagti township

sultation with the JMC and is

expected to be ready for occupa-

tion in the near future. "We

look forward to working togeth-

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

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

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.

PoJK DPs' Front highlights pending demands

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JAMMU: A large number of members of PoJK DPs' Front gathered at Maharaja Hari Singh Park under the chairmanship of its President, Captain (Retd) Yudhvir Singh Chib, assisted by General Secretary J P Sharma and Secretary K S Chib of the front. The DPs expressed gratitude to LG Manoj Sinha and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for taking bold steps against influential personalities of J&K who have illegally occupied/encroached Govt as well as forest lands. This process must be continued till all encroachers are totally retrieved from the said illegal possession completely, the members demanded. Moreover, the evacuee property landing as well as housing is lying with the state in respect of Muslims those migrated to Pakistan during 1947 partition. "Moreover we have also left our housing as well as landing property in PoJK during 1971 conflicts which is



PoJK DPs raising slogans during a protest at Jammu.

presently under the occupation of Pakistan. As such landing property presently lying with custodian department may be allotted to POJK DPs, Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi sanctioned 26 thousand Crores with in (Pardhan Mantri Package) for disbursement to PoJK DPs.

The members also highlighted their problems which are pending for the long time. Majority of tDPS were carrying play cards, banners and flags in their hands and tried to move towards Secretariat but foiled by the Police Contingent under the leadership of Captain Yudvir Singh Chib. The demanded high-

address these important

matters in tandem with the

lighted on the occasion included Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, Amit Shah to consider our demands for which we have been deprived for the last 75 years by the previous Govt. on false promises and running from pillar to post Disbursement of Rs. 5.5 Lakh in favour of 20% left out persons for which they are running post to pillar. (non-camp) minimum 10 Marias so that they may settle down properly, granting ST status to all the refugees migrated from PoJK as done recently in the cases of other communities in Jammu which was announced by the Home Minister Amit Shah. Then they will be able to get

benefits of ST quota likewise in education, service and other professional courses. "There are refugees presently living in Pargwal sector and by their best efforts they made river Chenab beds for cultivation purpose but Govt allotted them in Roshni Act on payment of minimum charges but they have now been expelled from the that land due to Court order for eviction of land allotted under Roshni, he added. Jai Pal Sharma (General Secretary) and Kuldeep Singh (Secretary) also explained to all the refugees that the Govt of J&K have retrieved large chunk of agricultural land from the illegal possession of grabbers.

Others present on the occasion included Kulbir Singh Chib (PRO), Sakandya Devi (Incharge Mahila Wing), Kamal Sharma, Kehar Singh Chib, Raghunath Singh. Sham Singh Chib, Hoshnaki Ram, Thuru Ram Chib, Ranjit Singh Chib, Bablu and

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 Pikup in their showroom here. As per a statement, Managing Directors of India, Vikram AstroMahajan, Director Satvam Gupta, Sikander Chowdhary (Mahindra Finance), Sourab 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.

Prices 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.

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 ofBahu 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 Shavotra, Mangat Ram beside others.

Speaking on the occasion,



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla interacting with people at Jammu.

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 brush-off can 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

Bhalla said that bond that 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 'sacred mission' of what restoring snatched from people of J&K by BJP Govt.

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

sentiments and emotions of the people of J&K. "Confusing signals are coming from BJP leaders on these issues of vital importance from time to time, which instead of easing tensions and instilling a sense of confidence, create more doubts among the highly apprehensive and worried people," Bhalla said. He said that elections are a part of democracy and every political party is supposed to be ready for such an exercise and process. Jammu and Kashmir is passing through a difficult phase and there is need first to reach out to the peo-

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

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 assign-

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 offi-

Joint Association of Career Counselors elects 1st general body

Florence Hospital Srinagar in association IAGES organises fellowship course in laparoscopy

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SRINAGAR: Florence Hospital Srinagar in association with Indian Association

Gastrointestinal Surgeons (IAGES) has organised three days fellowship course in laparoscopy. This course will immensely benefit young surgeons of Jammu and Kashmir.

Imminent faculty of IAGES have come together to train J&K Surgeons

in laparoscopic procedures this will help local surgeons to treat Kashmiri patients in the Valley itself. IAGES is largest surgical community in the

procedures. Fellowship

will be conferred by

IAGES to all successful

(FIAGES) Live workshops will Easwaramoorthy. give local surgeons practical knowledge, tips and tricks of safely performing advance laparoscopic

candidates after appearing in Assessment protocol. IAGES intends to conduct more such programs in the valley as told by the President $\mathrm{Dr}.$

Dr Imran Muzaffar, Senior Laparoscopic & Bariatric Surgeon (MD of Florence Hospital) said that this programme is really beneficial to the local surgeons.

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ple win their hearts and

minds and assuage their

aspirations. This can there-

after be supplemented by a

genuinely democratic politi-

cal process, he added.

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

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, Mahajan, Manjit Sourav Singh, Aman Sharma, Arvind Upadhyay, Atul Sudan. Diksha and Verinder Singh

Janki Jayanti to be celebrated today: Rohit Shastri

STATE TIMES NEWS 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 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.

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