

Mayor distributes regularisation orders among SKCs

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JAMMU: Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta alongwith Raj Kumar Chairman Public Health & Sanitation Committee JMC, Pankaj Gupta Joint Commissioner (A), Dr. Vinod Sharma Health Officer JMC on Friday distributed regularization orders to seven Safai Karamcharies also known as Safai Sathis who are working determinedly in different wards of the city & has completed seven years of satisfactory services as SKCs.

Addressing a press conference here today, Mayor told that the Safai Sathis are the backbone of JMC and plays an important role in keeping the Jammu City neat, clean & green city.

He further said that JMC is also committed to provide best possible facilities for these Safai Sathis by way of providing separate uniforms for winter as well as summer seasons, granting 2 ½ days salary for working during holidays, their timely regularization as well as other



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta distributing regularization orders among Safai Karamcharies.

allied activities in order to raise their boost & morale so that they can perform their duty with more zeal & zest.

Mayor also extended much gratitude to Manoj Sinha Lieutenant Governor of UT of J&K for granting administrative approval to the much awaited proposal of reorganization of Jammu Municipal Corporation which will help a lot to make JMC more effective, efficient & result oriented as the area of JMC limit has already increased from 32 sq kms to 190 sq kms and due to large number posts of

different cadres lying vacant due to continuous retirement of the employees of JMC, the routine working of the Deptt. is badly suffering and now after its reorganization all the councillors in coordination with officers/officials of JMC will be in a position to work with more effective manner & up to the expectations of the citizens of Jammu.

He also told that after the establishment of integrated solid Waste Management Plant at Municipal land at Bandhu-Rakh Jammu which

will be commissioned on PPD mode, the much needed work of disposal of municipal solid waste in a scientific manner will be done and it will help 100% Household door to door garbage collection, 100% solid waste segregation in all the wards of Gandhi Nagar area which will also fulfill the guidelines of National Green Tribunal. He further told that all the men & machinery which will got spared from Gandhi Nagar zone will be utilized for remaining two zones i.e. zone I & Zone II.

Corporator Gopal starts construction work of retaining wall near Jama Masjid

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide better development & civic amenities to the people of Ward No 5, Gopal Gupta Corporator of Ward No 5 alongwith Advocate Deputy Mayor Jammu Municipal Corporation, Purnima Sharma today kick started construction work of retaining wall near Jama Masjid Talab Khatika in Ward No 5. The works will be done under the supervision of JMC with an estimated cost of Rs 4.70 lakh. People present hailed the developmental measures taken by the Corporator to redress public grievances.

Corporator Gopal Gupta said that it was a long pending demand of the residents so it was necessary to take up the developmental work.

He said that he is duty bound to serve the people of Ward 5 and his doors are always open for the general public. He said that several



Corporator Ward No 5, Gopal Gupta alongwith Dy Mayor Purnima Sharma after starting development work.

development works are in the pipeline and will be taken up in a phased manner.

He said BJP believes in the principle of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas and also appealed to the people of the area to strengthen the hands of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi who is working day and night to take the country to the new height.

He assured the people that all pending works of the Ward No 5 will be carried out

on priority.

On the occasion, Masjid Committee members namely Zahoor, Aashiq Hussian, Mubariz Khan, Farooq Salaria, Beigh besides Ward Karyakartas, booth members, District Vice President Rajesh Gupta, OBC Morcha General Secretary Madan Gopal, Ward President Chaman Lal, Ward incharge Rajesh Nischal, Booth President Anil Dutta, Jia Lal, Naveen Anand and other were present.

BJYM stages protest against AAP, Punjab Govt

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) on Friday staged a protest against the Aam Adami Party (AAP) and the Punjab Government for illegal and unconstitutional arrest of Yuva Morcha's National Secretary Tajinder Pal Bagga from his New Delhi residence.

Led by state president of BJYM Arun Prabhat, large contingent of Morcha activists raising slogans and holding placards staged protest against the AAP and its National Convenor/Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal for resorting to vendetta politics by arrest-



BJYM activists raising slogans during a protest.

ing Tajinder Pal Bagga in a most unconstitutional and unlawful manner.

The agitated BJYM activists also burnt the effigy of Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab government to register their protest against the

move of Bhagwant Mann. Addressing the protestors, BJYM state president Arun Prabhat said the Punjab Police, which has been working at the diktats of Arvind Kejriwal, has made great provocation by arresting Morcha's national secretary Tajinder Pal Bagga in a 'fabricated case'.

"It is highly unfortunate that the AAP governments at the Punjab and in New Delhi are hell bent to create anarchy in the country. The

illegal abduction of Tajinder Pal Bagga is totally unconstitutional and the BJYM activists will not tolerate this rouse behaviour and vendetta politics being pursued by the AAP," Prabhat said.

The BJYM leader said the Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal has resorted to dirty politics to avenge Bagga's criticism as he had totally exposed Kejriwal for mocking at displaced Kashmiri Pandits following the release of "The Kashmir Files" movie.

The BJYM leader said that this country is run by the Constitution and not at the whims and fancies of the Delhi chief minister.

The protestors warned that they would intensify their agitation if the Delhi Chief minister and AAP don't mend their ways and stop from pursuing vendetta politics.

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JAMMU: Under directions from Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma, Principal & Dean Govt Medical College and Associated Hospitals Jammu for starting of non COVID OPD, IPD, Operations etc from March 2022, first major case of Gynecology was operated on Friday in Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar on a 60 year old patient, residence of Ramban with H/o Dermoid cyst was operated for Hysterectomy with Laprotomy.

The case was done by Department of Gyane & Obst. SMGSH Jammu under guidance of Dr. Anita Gupta HOD; Dr. Reeta Thakur Associate Professor operated the case along with Dr. Aditi Shaney Consultant, Dr. Kartik PG. From Department of Anesthesia Dr. Robina Nazir Associate Professor, Dr. Shipra Consultant, Dr. Gorav



Doctors performing surgery at Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar.

Sharma PG; Along with Staff of Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar, including Mamta Sharma (SSN) I/C OT, Reetika (SSN), Nancy Verma (JSN), Tamana (JSN), Nadeem & Anil (MTS) & Shagun Thapa.

Blood was arranged in Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar (Health) with coordination of Incharge Blood Bank Gurdeep Singh & Dr Narinder Butiyal Medical Superintendent Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar

Jammu (Health) other logistics and support provided by Dr Arun Sharma Medical Superintendent Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar. Since March 2022 the hospital has been divided into COVID as well as Non COVID, with proper segregation of routes and separate OT's, Labor rooms, ICU's & wards etc for both, just in case there is any resurgence

in COVID Cases.

Gynecology & Obstetrics OPD & Dispensary was initiated in March 2022 at Maternity Hospital Gandhinagar GMC Jammu and also indoor admission & Caesarian or normal deliveries or procedures for Non COVID cases started, by Dr Sashi Sudhan Sharma in presence of Dr Amita Gupta HOD Dept of Gynae & Obstetrics, Dr Ghanshyam Saini HOD Dept of Paediatrics & Dr Arun Sharma Medical Superintendent Maternity Hospital Gandhi Nagar.

Since May 2020 Maternity hospital was started as a dedicated level 3 COVID care facility which catered 626 patients during the 1st wave of COVID (No Death, No Covid positive surgery, No Critical Patients kept).

AICC leaders Ranjan, Yagnik take stock of membership drive



JKPCC President G A Mir speaking in a meeting.

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JAMMU: AICC PRO for J & K Ranjeet Ranjan, APROs Amee Yagnik Member Rajya Sabha and Sukhwant Singh Brar on Friday reviewed the party's membership in a meeting of AICC appointed District Returning Officers and block level returning Officers of Jammu province at Jammu.

The meeting was attended by PCC president G A Mir and Other senior functionaries and District Presidents. Prominent those present include R?man Bhalla, Mula Ram, Ravinder Sharma, Rajnish Sharma, Shabir Ahmed Khan, Th Hari Singh Chib, Krishan Bhagat, Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Indu Pawar, Ashok Dogra, Pankaj Dogra, Rajesh Sadotra, Gurdarshan Singh, Gajan

Singh, Karan Bhagat, Pranab Shagotra, Nadeem Niazi, Ritu Chaudhary, Sanjeev Panda, Sahil Sharma and others.

Ranjan appreciated the efforts of Congress workers for their hard work in Jammu and kashmir, who are working hard to strengthen the party despite several odds. They carried membership from person to person in far flung and remote areas.

She briefed the DROs and BROs about the process of constitution of organisational committees through the system of internal elections, after completing all the basic requirements. She said deserving workers should be given their due place in the different levels of organisational structure, as per procedure of the party. Later she along with two APROs left for Srinagar.

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JAMMU: PoJK 1947 Sharnarathi Intellectual Forum, led by its President Adv Amrik Singh and Surjit Singh Secretary took out a grand rally at Gole Gujral, which was attended by a number of members. During the rally, the members informed people regarding details of Shardhanji Samaroh, to be held on May 8, 2022 at Govt College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. "After a gap



PoJK 1947 Sharnarathi Intellectual Forum members during a rally.

of 75-yrs, J&K People Forum has taken initiative in this regard and a grand Sammelan is going to be held

time in the history during which martyrs of 1947 would be remembered," they added. Surjit Singh Secretary and

Manmohan Singh also spoke on the occasion and asked people to attend the event in large numbers.

ISHA appreciates initiative of Rotary Club of Jammu

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JAMMU: Indian Speech language and Hearing Association (ISHA) lauded and appreciated the efforts of Rotary Club of Jammu in Gift of Hearing project in Jammu. In a communication to Rtn Sunil Kumar Sawhney Zonal Chairman JK and Ladakh Zone Rotary International District 3070, Suman Kumar General Secretary of the Association wrote like " Thank you very much for apprising us about the initiative taken by Rotary Club of Jammu.

It is a novel inventiveness for screening, identification, diagnosis and management of hidden disabilities i.e., hearing



Rtn. Dr. Navneet Gupta and Rtn. Sunil Kumar Sawhney.

disability. Such initiative is required considering the low public awareness on the available habilitation/rehabilitation measures.

Such projects and such kind of initiatives are required in our country for the management of communication disorders.

ISHA lauds the effort and initia-

tive of Dr. Navneet Gupta, Project Director of Gift of Hearing."

Rtn Dr Navneet Gupta and Rtn S K Sawhney said that they are committed to eradicate speech and hearing problem of the children and cornea blindness respectively in Jammu, however the percentage of disease is very less but increasing day by day due to non screening at proper time .

They also appealed to the public to intimate us in case of any such neonatal cases and cornea blind cases they came to know for further treatment

They further said that Rotary Club of Jammu is also in a process to establish full fledged Eye Hospital.

JKATA welcomes Atal Dulloo as new Financial Commissioner Agriculture

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JAMMU: A meeting of working committee of Jammu & Kashmir Agriculture Technocrat Association (JKATA) was held on Thursday under the chairmanship of Gurmeet Singh in Jammu, wherein the participants led by President Vinod Sharma welcomed Atul Dulloo on his transfer as new Financial Commissioner Agriculture Department.

The members also thanked outgoing Commissioner Naveen Choudhary for his hard effort for streamline the department and hoped that the process would continue under new regime. The participants also expressed gratitude

towards Naveen Choudhary and Director K K Sharma for bringing back Agriculture Extension Assistants to their native districts after a long tenure of seven years.

The JKATA working committee also urged new Financial Secretary AP& FW Department and Director Agriculture Jammu to initiate measures for resolving pending issues of the fraternity like merger/ reorganisation of AEAS & JAEOS etc. Prominent among others present included Harmeet Singh, R D Bali, Dr Raj Banral, Satvinder Singh, Amit Gupta, Sabdesh Khajuria, Sanjay Razdan and Iftakar Manha.

ACB books KAS officer in DA case

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JAMMU: The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a FIR against KAS officer in Disproportionate Assets case.

According to FIR, on basis of a complaint, verification was conducted to look into allegations that accused officer namely Gul Hussain Kraipak, the then ACD Ramban and now Deputy Director Information, Jammu, has acquired huge assets which are disproportionate to his known sources of income. Consequently, it was surfaced during probe that accused has accumulated huge assets in the shape of immovable/moveable properties in his own name, in name of his wife and other family members, viz (1) Single-Storey House located at Umar Colony Malik market Bathindi Jammu worth Rs 43,10,382; bank balance Rs 60,50,349 as on 04-05-2022 besides possessing luxurious household items, costly electronic gadgets, etc.

ADGP Jammu Zone releases second edition of Hindi Magazine 'Tavisha' of RPO

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JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh on Friday released the second edition of annual Hindi magazine 'Tavisha' of Regional Passport Office (RPO), Jammu.

While informing, Regional Passport Officer (RPO), N.K Shil told that officials of the office toiled hard and made valuable contributions in compiling and accomplishing the current edition of the Hindi magazine themselves.

He praised the efforts and cumbersome exercise undertaken especially by co-ordinators viz Mamta, Ginzasang and Divakar for the successful compilation and accomplishment of the publishing job.

Shil said that he would keep his effort to continue this special supplement in future in order to enrich staff aesthetic value.

While releasing the magazine, Mukesh Singh acclaimed the efforts of passport officials for their artistic work and valuable passport mak-



ADGP Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh and RPO, N.K Shil releasing Hindi magazine 'Tavisha'.

ing messages depicted in the magazine. Among the others, staff of PO Jammu and O/o IGP Jammu were present on the auspicious inaugural ceremony observing corona protocol.

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NEW DELHI: Addressing online the UN Meet of the 7th Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, today, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh reiterated India's commitment of Vaccine for all and also to ensure accessibility and affordability of the Vaccines.

Addressing the Seventh Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals of UN, Dr Jitendra said, India has been strongly advocating for the principle of equity in the WHO and has also

proposed, along with South Africa, a TRIPS waiver at the WTO for COVID vaccines, diagnostics, and medicines.

He said, India is working actively with the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI), World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator to realise this goal.

Dr Jitendra Singh told the delegates that the enormous power of digital and information technology has been a key component of global response to Covid.

He added, utilising India's strength in the digital space, New Delhi decided to share with the world, India-developed

Co-WIN App, to provide digital support to better organise vaccination drives.

The Minister said, India has long been fostering Science Technology and Innovation and nurturing an enabling ecosystem to incubate and scale revolutionary ideas, help improve the quality of lives of people and provide solutions to global problems. This has become even more crucial in the current scenario, he added.

Referring to the global effort to overcome the challenges caused by the pandemic in the last two years, Dr Jitendra said, India has emerged as a member of leading international scientific coalitions in vaccine research. Our scientific com-

munity, along with the support of a robust pharmaceutical industry, have been successful in developing and producing safe, effective, and affordable vaccines, including the world's first DNA based vaccine, the Minister asserted.

Indian Minister cautioned the members that the current data on COVID-19 cases demonstrates that we are still far from a post-pandemic world and called for meaningful partnership by pooling resources and sharing knowledge.

He said, Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation with a spirit of collaboration is a key to accelerate our collective response to COVID-19 and also towards sustainable devel-

opment.

He reiterated that STI should become an inclusive and equitable tool for SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) delivery based on affordable, accessible and available technological innovation.

In his concluding remarks, Dr Jitendra said, in the spirit of South-South Cooperation, India is collaborating with the Technology Facilitation Mechanism and UN's Interagency Task Team (IATT) in supporting pilot countries from Africa and other developing world in formulating and implementing their Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development Goals Roadmaps.