

Jammu Mayor voices for Animal Crematorium; comes heavy on bungling in revenue of hoardings, working of NBCC

JMC to constitute Central Purchase Committee

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JAMMU: The two-day executive committee meeting of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) chaired by Mayor, Rajinder Sharma concluded on Wednesday and unlike earlier brief meetings, discussions in the meeting today went for eight long hours.

In an unprecedented development the Mayor voiced for respectful disposal of mortal remains of the deceased animals and said that soon the Urban Local Body shall establish an animal crematorium which is very rare in the country.

"We adore animals like cow, snakes, crows etc and their last rites were neglected for the years together and today we shall make a start in this regard and soon a crematorium shall be there for these creatures of God," Sharma said.

There were deliberations on almost all the vital issues in meeting and consensus was reached on Central Purchase Committee (CPC) in the



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma chairing Executive Committee Meeting at JMC on Wednesday.

JMC for procuring things.

"Earlier the individual department used to purchase things of need on their own and moved the particular concerned files but now whatever is to be purchased by any department of JMC shall be routed through the CPC which shall buy the same thereby putting an end to the authority of individual departments to procure things involving funds worth crores of rupees involving nepotism and commission culture," Mayor said.

He also said that the CPC shall have four members including the one heading it and the head

shall not be the JMC Commissioner.

Mayor Rajinder Sharma also said that now accountability shall be fixed in purchases for the JMC.

"The Commissioner shall only release funds required for making purchases by the CPC," he continued.

The Mayor further said though JMC removed 6000 hoardings from poles across the city for which

Rs. 5 per sq. ft. was charged as rent per day.

"If a hoarding was just of 2ft by 3 ft then it would have fetched Rs. 30 as revenue for a day and in this way revenue for 6000 hoarding for 365 days which ran in Rs 6 crores and Rs 57 lakh was swindled," Sharma said.

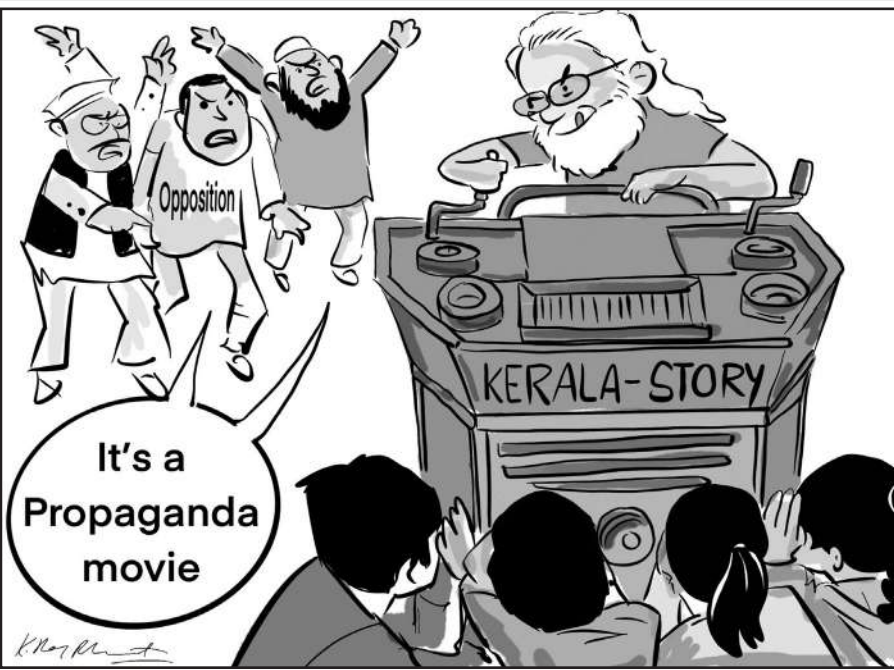
Coming heavy on the issue he said that where this whooping amount has gone for all the years.

"What the Commissioner was doing on this and why it was not so far found that who was taking all this money," the Mayor continued adding that the delinquents involved in this shall be exposed without any delay.

He lauded the role of Enforcement and Revenue Joint Commissioners and Deputy Commissioner North.

He said that though shall hoardings have been removed now, the JMC shall focus on main big hoardings to increase its revenue.

He also said that NBCC has so far worked in irresponsible manner and this issue shall be taken up with Commissioner Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for action against the delinquent officials.



'Blue Economy' to be major contributor to India's overall economy: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing the high-level Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee meeting of "Deep Ocean Mission" at Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi on Wednesday.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh said here on Wednesday that in the years to come, "Blue Economy" will be major contributor to India's overall economy and the Deep Ocean Mission announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the core component of it.

The Minister was chairing the first-ever high-level Steering Committee Meeting of Deep Ocean Mission today at Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi. The Committee consists of Union Ministers of State of Environment, External Affairs, Defence and Finance in addition to Vice Chairman Niti Aayog.

Dr Jitendra said that the Deep Ocean Mission is part of Government of India's Blue Economy initiative. The mission, said the Minister, heralds India's ushering into an era of "Blue Economy" which is going

to play a major part in building India's overall economy during the years to come.

Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Pankaj Chaudhary, Minister of State, Ministry of Finance, V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State, Ministry of External Affairs, Ajay Bhatt, Minister of State, Ministry of Defense, Suman K Bery, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, Dr M Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences and other senior officers of various ministries attended the meeting.

The Mission Steering Committee (MSC) is the highest Policy making body constituted under the Deep Ocean Mission (DOM). The MSC will provide broad policy direction

to the mission and exercise the main programme and governance for the deep ocean sector and advise the other committee in policy and implementation strategies.

The MSC chaired by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today reviewed the progress of DOM of various components.

Dr Jitendra further said that the technologies developed under the mission would help in exploration of the oceans and possible harnessing of non-living resources like energy, fresh water and strategic minerals. The design and development of subsystems of the manned submersible to carry three humans has been completed and integration is in progress.

The Minister further mentioned that the design of the mining machine is ready and a demonstration trial of mining crawler on sea bed has been completed in stage 1. It is planned to undertake pumping of nodules to the mother ship during 2026 for which testing of various components is in progress.

Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Dr M Ravichandran thanked the various ministries for working together to realise the goals of Deep Ocean Mission.

The Deep Ocean Mission was sanctioned in September 2021. The estimated cost of the Mission is Rs. 4047 Cr for 5 years with two phases: Phase I - Rs. 2823.40 Cr - three years, Phase-II - Rs. 1223.60 Cr - after successful review of Phase -I.

Congress to observe Rajiv Gandhi's death anniversary on grand scale: Bhalla

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JAMMU: J&K Congress is set to observe former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's death anniversary on a grand scale and programmes will be held across J&K.

In this regard JKPC Working President, Raman Bhalla on Friday called a meeting of PCC Office bearers, Ex MPs, Ex MLAs/Ex MLCs, DCC President, Heads of Frontal Organizations, Contesting Candidates, Corporators of JMC and Block Presidents, at his residence to discuss and task the leaders with the responsibility to prepare

reach out to the public on the death anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi and also directed the party functionaries to observe the day at district and block levels with the involvement of the general public at large.

He has also instructed the leaders that apart from the prayer meetings and floral tributes, social programmes such as blood donation camps, plantation of saplings, seminars, conferences should be held.

Congress is planning to send this message to the grassroots of the society to remind the public about the former Prime

Vice President of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission visits Jammu Ashram



Swami Gautamanand Ji Maharaj, Vice President of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission speaking in Jammu on Wednesday.

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JAMMU: Shrinat Swami Gautamanand Ji Maharaj, Vice President of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission visited Jammu based Ramakrishna Mission, here on Wednesday.

On his arrival, the Swami was received by Swami Yagya d h a r a n a n d a , Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Jammu.

During his visit, the

Swamiji was shown the Ashram premises and was briefed by Secretary Swami Yagyadharananda about the activities undertaken by Jammu Ashram for the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

In a special event, Swamiji addressed the youth at Vivekananda Auditorium, Ramakrishna Mission Jammu. He urged the youth to follow the ideals of Ramakrishna Vivekananda.

He said that every youth should first of all work for the betterment of his country, society and especially the poor.

More than 300 youth were present in the programme, in which 120 students were from Sarvodaya Public School.

Swami Gopalananda, Suresh Sharma and other dignitaries were also present in the programme.

Fake Gondola tickets sale embarrassing tourists

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: According to various media reports, during last year cyber police Kashmir has registered 53 cases, redressed 590 financial transactions and solved 180 social media cases. Moreover, a sum of Rs 1.30 crore has been saved from fraudsters. It has been observed that cases of cyber crime and online fraud have been surging with great intensity, causing distress to not only individuals but also organisations and

sectors. In a shocking incident, on April 28, approximately 11 tourists from Gujarat were apprehended in Gulmarg at globally acclaimed Ski resort located in North Kashmir, as they attempted to sneak through World's largest cableway Gondola using fake tickets. Earlier on April 15, authorities got stunned when they caught 28 tourists from Mumbai in possession of bogus Gondola tickets in Gulmarg. It was later

revealed that these tourists were made fool with fake tickets by their tour operators in Mumbai.

The problem of fake Gondola tickets is affecting reputation of Gulmarg as a tourist site and livelihoods of those involved in tourism industry. Many locals want offline ticketing system to limit illegal sales. Officials said that an FIR has been lodged and Manager of Veers

World Mumbai, Mark and Anand from Badlapur, Mumbai have been arrested. The president of the guide Association Gulmarg stated that online ticketing has affected 80 per cent livelihood of tourist guides in Gulmarg.

Many tourist guides and ticket counter employees, who previously relied on offline ticketing, are now facing difficulties due to

online system, he added. Although offline ticketing is still operational, but it is limited to just 400 reservations. Some guides were compelled to engage in black-marketing of tickets, despite fact that they do not support such acts. Guides claimed that the issue has been discussed with the higher authorities but no action has been taken yet in this regard.



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla chairing a meeting.

for the aforesaid programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla asked leaders to

Minister's contribution to change the perception of the masses about the party, said Bhalla.

Apni Party committed for women empowerment: Bukhari

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JAMMU: Apni Party President Syed Mohammed Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday said his party is committed to the social, educational and political empowerment of women in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Women empowerment is our top priority. They are a major section of the society that remained neglected for decades. Apni Party has provided ample space and representation to the women to highlight their issues and get them redressed from the platform of this party," said Altaf Bukhari here at Apni Party Jammu Headquarters.

On this occasion, dozens of women from Samba district joined the Apni Party in presence of Bukhari.

While welcoming the new entrants into the party fold, he expressed hope that their joining would strengthen the party at the grass root level.

He congratulated the women wing of Jammu province for their team work and asked them to



Apni Party President S.M.A Bukhari with newly joined women workers at Jammu.

work at the ground level among the women in every nook and corner of Jammu province to address the issues being confronted by the women.

He said that "The women have played a very important role in every field. However, we think that they need social, educational, and political empowerment in J&K and their empowerment will help them to upgrade their living standard."

He said that "The Apni Party believes in equality in society. Therefore, we have decided to enhance

the marriage assistance of the poor girls at the time of their marriage up to Rs 1 lakh, and this amount would be released within 1 month of their marriage."

He said that the widow pension scheme/old age pension/handicapped would be increased up to Rs 5000 per month from Rs 1000, four free cooking gas cylinders per year to the poor families if the Apni Party forms the next Govt.

He also highlighted various other social security schemes which would be

launched by the Apni Party if it forms the Govt in J&K.

"The women equally shouldered responsibility with the men and they deserved to be provided all the benefits from the Govt so that they get free of cost education and health care facility from their childhood," he said.

Meanwhile, he announced the district team of women wing for Samba district. The newly nominated members include Prinyanka Mangotra as District President Samba, Kamlesh Kumar and Parmjeet Kour as District Vice Presidents of Samba District.

Provincial Vice President, Jammu, Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, District President, Samba, Raman Thappa, Provincial Secretary/Urban Jammu District President, Dr Rohit Gupta, J&K Apni Trade Union, President, Ajaz Kazmi, District President Legal Cell, Samba, Adv Sahil Bharti, Adv Lovely Mangol, Provincial President Women Wing, Jammu, Pavneet Kour and others were present.

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The borrowers, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of gold ornaments / security pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted. The auction is of the gold ornaments / security of borrowers who have defaulted to pay, as per the terms of Loan Agreement signed & accepted by them, despite notices by HDFC Bank Limited (the "Bank") to clear the loan dues. The Bank had also issued a notice to the borrowers whereby, 7 days' time was given to repay the entire outstanding dues in the below accounts, failing which Bank would be at liberty to auction the entire pledged gold security without issuing further notice. The borrowers have neglected and failed to make payment, therefore, Bank in exercise of its rights under the loan agreement as a pledgee has decided to enforce the pledge over gold security by selling the entire gold ornaments / security by way of auction and recover the dues owed by the borrowers to the Bank.

The auction will be conducted at below mentioned branch/s on 19th May 2023 from 9:30 am onwards.

Loan No./Reference No	Borrower's Name	Date of Loan	Overdue as on 31-05-2023	BRANCH
73466637	SAKSHI SHARMA	3/29/2022	50520	0241-JAMMU-JAMMU AND KASHMIR-PRI
73685459	ANGREJ KUMAR	8/31/2022	57300	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
73422645	ARUN KUMAR	2/19/2022	62200	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
73405167	POONAM KUMARI	2/3/2022	56100	1356-TALAB TILLON-JAMMU-PRIME
73411696	VISHAL MANSOTRA	2/9/2022	180620	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
73419203	ANISH KAJURIA	2/16/2022	149200	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
73911873	SAHIL SHARMA	1/4/2023	68670	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
73411407	SHABIR AHMED	2/9/2022	53200	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
73429413	VISHAL MANSOTRA	2/24/2022	50900	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
73652637	BHARAT BHUSHAN	8/10/2022	11650	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
73221552	SUNEEL KUMAR	9/9/2021	560700	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73223386	SUNEEL KUMAR	9/10/2021	400270	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73782655	BABLU KUMAR	10/31/2022	57200	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73649342	MOHD RAFIQ	8/8/2022	42100	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73174529	NITIN KAKURAM	8/11/2021	33900	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73923902	ASHIQ ALI	1/10/2023	98650	6538-SHAHTRI NAGAR JAMMU-PRIME
73350159	SUNIL SEHGAL	12/16/2021	63550	6538-SHAHTRI NAGAR JAMMU-PRIME

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