

Jammu Mayor encourages students to be part of historic move to improve environment

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JAMMU: The Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma on Tuesday took the ongoing anti-polythene and anti-plastic campaign to GGM Science College and Govt MAM College and encouraged the students to be part of the historic move aimed at improving the environment of Jammu.

He educated the students on hazards of using polythene and plastic made materials in daily life and talked about alternatives like bags made of paper, cloth and cellulose-starch which are developed by DRDO.

"You are the future of this great nation and it is very important for you to be well versed with the challenges confronting our country," the Mayor said adding, "Polythene has emerged among the big challenges of urbanised lifestyle and we should jointly overcome it. So please stop using things of polythene and single use



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma speaking at the anti-polythene and anti-plastic campaign.

plastic in your lives, encourage others also to do the same and take to alternates for having healthy environment around us."

The students and staff of these Colleges pledged their full support for the success of the move with the College authorities of these institutes expressing willingness to be the part of the walk scheduled for May 26 to aware masses to stop using polythene and plastic made materials.

On this occasion many students and staff members

filled the Commitment Certificate using the app to join the campaign.

Students and the staff of these Colleges said that they shall now use carry bags made of biodegradable materials to lower the hazards to environment.

The Mayor expressed confidence that with enthusiasm among the youth for supporting the campaign, Jammu will be free from polythene and plastic made things within a month.

Prof. Rajesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of GGM Science

College; Dr. Anil Kumar Verma, Vice Principal; Nodal Officer, Dr. Deepali Mahajan; NSS Programme Officer, Convenor, Prof. Preeti Dogra and those from the Eco Club also spoke on the topic.

The students of MAM College presented a Skit on the harms of using polythene and plastic in daily lives and also showed their talent in the form of a 'rap' while the students of GGM Science College presented a Skit.

At GGM Science College the Mayor said that he also

got his higher education from this College and was a part of NCC and had participated in 1991 March Past at Raj Path in New Delhi and saluted to the then President of India. Rajinder Sharma also planted a sapling in the College.

A debate on 'Harmful Effects of using Polythene and Plastic Materials' was also organised on this occasion and the winners were awarded.

In the debate competition at GGM Science College first position was won by Anil Kumar; second by Damandeep Singh; third place was shared by Ananya Gupta and Aakriti Sharma.

At Govt MAM College Principal, Prof. Dr. G.S Rakwal and Program Officer NSS-SFU, Dr. Vishal Sharma also addressed the students.

Winners in the debate competition in MAM College were Aarushi, won 1st prize; Deepika, 2nd prize while Abrar and Palak jointly won 3rd prize.

Shiv Sharma appoints Shashi Syal as Vice President J&K INTUC BJP govt finishing off labour movement with employer-specific laws: Bhalla



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla congratulating Shashi Syal as VPJ&K INTUC.

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JAMMU: Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) Jammu & Kashmir President Shiv Kumar Sharma on Tuesday appointed Shashi Syal as Vice President J&K INTUC in presence of JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Block President Suriender Singh Dutt, Satpal Sapolia, Mohd Ashraf , Ghulam Hassan, Sunil Kumar; Yashpal, Bana Ram, Vishal Singh, Sunil Sehgal, Kamla Devi, Bebo and Anwar Chowdhary.

Congratulating Shashi Syal on being appointed as Vice President J&K INTUC, Bhalla said INTUC office bearers to help unorganised workers in achieving decent employment and fair pay for a perfect purchasing power for the rural, agricultural and gig workers. He said INTUC should labour relations that focus on employment guarantee by making the worker a shareholder; and improved social security net.

BJP government has been enacting laws to benefit employers and ending the existence of the

labour movement, Bhalla said. Bhalla further said that India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru took several welfare steps after Independence and the Congress made the country powerful with the help of workers, whereas BJP led Union government was working to finish off these gains. Shiv Kumar Sharma claimed that laws that gave various rights and privileges to workers have been changed by bringing in legislations that serve the interest of employers and enslaves workers. Sharma said workers are facing widespread economic hardship as a result of job losses, plummeting incomes, skyrocketing food and fuel prices, and chronic unemployment, all of which only aggravated under BJP rule. There is intense discontent against the Modi government. With food, gas and fuel prices so high, it is hard for an ordinary family to live, but this government ignores the working class totally.

Sharma demanded universal social security coverage, a higher minimum wage, a halt to the sale of state assets, and no more privatisation of public sector banks.

Dr Rohit Gupta calls on District Ayush Officer Jammu Discusses health related issues, implementation of Aysuh scheme



Apni Party Provincial Secretary/District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta presenting bouquet to District Ayush Officer, Dr Vandana Dogra.

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JAMMU: Apni Party Provincial Secretary/District President Jammu Urban, Dr Rohit Gupta on Tuesday

called on District Ayush Officer, Dr Vandana Dogra and discussed various health related issues.

As per a press release, Dr

Rohit Gupta greeted Dr Vandana Dogra and discussed various issues related to the Ayush.

He highlighted issues of Ayush medicine besides holding of medical camps in regular intervals providing special Ayush treatment like Panchkarma in the peripheral intuitions.

He also demanded that awareness campaigns be organized in various areas with regard to the benefit of the Ayush.

On hearing him patiently, the District Ayush Officer assured that she will look into the demands and accordingly, appropriate decisions would be taken in public welfare with regard to the implementation of Ayush scheme.

Union Minister launches Sanchar Saathi Portal

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JAMMU: Safety and security of the users is an integral part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Digital India. Towards fulfilling this vision, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Communications, Railways, Electronics & IT, launched the Sanchar Saathi portal on Tuesday.

While speaking at the launch, Vaishnaw said that the three reforms are being introduced today towards furthering PM's vision: CEIR (Central Equipment Identity Register) - for blocking stolen/lost mobiles, Know your mobile connections - to know mobile connections registered in your name, ASSTR (Artificial Intelligence and Facial

Recognition powered Solution for Telecom SIM Subscriber Verification) - to identify fraudulent subscribers.

Vaishnaw said that various frauds such as identity theft, forged KYC, banking frauds can take place by misusing mobile phones and this portal has been developed to prevent such frauds. He said user safety is also an important part of the draft Telecom bill.

By using Sanchar Saathi portal, more than 40 Lakh fraudulent connections have been identified and more than 36 Lakh such connections have been disconnected so far, he said and urged the users to visit the portal and avail the services. Link of the portal is (https://sancharsaathi.gov.in).



Those opposing G20 event are enemies of nation, people of J&K: Rana

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday described the hosting of G20 event in the Valley later this month as a unique opportunity to put Jammu and Kashmir on the global tourism landscape that will eventually lead to economic fillip given huge potential of nature, adventure and pilgrim tourism in the Union Territory.

"Those opposing such an event in Kashmir and parroting Pakistan are actually the enemies of the nation and welfare of the people of J&K across the country ", Rana said while addressing the Conveners and Co-Conveners of the BJP's Trade, Industries, Transport , Cooperative and Tourism Cells at the party headquarters here this afternoon.

He said Jammu and Kashmir's larger role in the country's growth story is rattling some feudal entities, who



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana interacting with party workers.

do not want the people to prosper and progress. They actually want the UT to remain in the cocoon of misery and tragedy to run their political enterprise and thrust themselves on the people. Track record of these political leaders stands testimony to under development of the then state despite flow of whopping funds from the Centre. Nepotism, corruption and mis-governance took toll on J & K's development. Now that the UT is treading on the path of peace, progress and

prosperity, they find their political space shrinking and hence indulge in rhetoric, he added.

Referring to the slated G20 conclave at Srinagar, Devender Rana highlighted its importance by saying that the participating member countries represent 85 per cent of global GDP, over 75 per cent of the global trade which in itself speaks of the high stakes involved in the meeting. Assembling the representatives of two-thirds of the world population in the

picturesque Valley is a matter of pride for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Those raising questions over hosting of such an event in the Valley are not only suffering from the negativity syndrome but also insult Kashmir's hospitality which is known the world over.

He reiterated that such international events are destined to lay a very positive and healthy impact on trade and economy in this part of the country.

He said the outcome of the conclave will have lasting impact on the trade, commerce and industry across the country in general and Jammu and Kashmir in particular, which is the centre of attention and attraction for global investment due to initiatives taken post August 5, 2019 political developments. Already some corporate houses of international repute have started their ventures and these will expand across

the Union Territory within stipulated time-frame.

The meeting discussed issues confronted by the trade and industry, tourism, transport and cooperative sector in detail and suggested measures for addressing some critical points raised by the stakeholders from time to time.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Convener Trade Cell, Sham Lal Langar along with co convener Parshotam Kumar Sharma, Vikas Jandyal, Vishal Gupta, Jai Inder Jain; Convener Industries Cell Neeraj Anand, Co conveners Kulwant Singh Bhatti, Chmail Singh; Convener Cooperative Cell Sanjeev Gupta along with Co convener Ashok Singh, Convener Transport Cell Ashutosh Gupta along with Co convener Roshan Lal Sharma, Ajeet Jogi, Convener Tourism Cell Ravi Bakshi along with Co convener Parvesh Bali.

Apni Party will continue to raise public grievances: Bukhari

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SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Tuesday said that people in most areas of the city are grappling with pressing issues caused by inadequate infrastructure and bureaucratic inefficiency. He vowed that Apni Party will continue its efforts to ensure the swift resolution of the urgent public issues in Srinagar.

Bukhari made these remarks during a meeting with selected members of the District Development Council (DDC) representing Srinagar. A group of Srinagar DDC members led by its Vice Chairman Bilal Ahmad called on Apni Party President today to discuss certain public issues related to the city, a press release issued here said. Besides, Bilal Ahmad the delegation members included



Apni Party President S.M.A Bukhari with DCC members.

Khwaja Mohammad Shaban and Ali Mohammad.

Bukhari gave a patient hearing to the DDC members and assured them that he will pick up these public issues and grievances with the relevant officials in the administration and would ensure the

swift resolution of the matters.

"I assure you I will personally take up the matters you highlighted with the concerned officials and will ensure that these issues are promptly addressed," he told the visiting DDC members.

JSCL approves Data Center, Airport Road Beautification Project

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Jammu Smart City Limited, Ramesh Kumar, along with Additional Director General of Police Mukesh Singh on Tuesday chaired the 15th board meeting of the JSCL here,

At the start of the meeting, Commissioner JMC & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL), Rahul Yadav, gave a detailed presentation on the project and listed agenda points for discussion.

He apprised the Board that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India has approved extension of Smart Cities Mission for the period up to June 2024. He also informed the chair that the majority of the projects will be completed by December this year, while the few will be completed before the fiscal year ending March 2024.

The Board of Directors also accorded sanction to process for floating tender with participation limited to PSUs for the establishment of a Data Center for the Integrated Control Command Centre (ICCC) under Smart City Mission.



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing 15th board meeting of the JSCL.

It was also decided in the meeting to reconsider the project of setting up Smart Toilets in prominent locations in the city for the convenience of the people.

Apart from this, the Board of Directors also directed the CEO to conceptualize the project for the beautification of Airport Road, Jammu.

The Divisional Commissioner expressed satisfaction over the pace of project execution by JSCL and directed the stakeholders to maintain synergy to complete projects within the stipulated time frame.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Vice Chairman, Jammu Development

Authority (JDA) Shiv Kumar Gupta; ACEO, JSCL Rakesh Gupta. DD, CPWD, Nominee Director, MoUHA Hemraj Anand and Director Archives, Archaeology and Museum, J&K, Pradeep Kumar; joined the meeting online.

Chief Engineer, I&FC, Manoj Gupta; Chief Engineer, Ravi-Tawi Irrigation Deptt., Sunil Bhasin; Manager IT, JSCL, J P Singh; Assistant Director Archives & Archaeology Dr Sangeeta Gupta; Director Projects, JSCL Sunil Thusur; Director Technical, JSCL SL Kapoor; GM Finance, JSCL Ashish Anand; GM IT, JSCL, Manoj K Joshi; DGM-A, JSCL Gurmeet Singh; were also present in the meeting.

Facilitating customer, J&K Bank ties-up with top builders in Mohali

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SRINAGAR: With a view to facilitate its customers hassle free home purchase in the upcoming housing projects at Kharar near Mohali, J&K Bank on Tuesday entered into tie-ups with three top rated builders of Tricity area of Chandigarh UT, Punjab and Haryana.

The MoUs were inked with the builder companies M/S East Avenue Infracon for their Nirwana Heights Project, M/S Omni Pacific Colonizers Pvt Ltd for their Amayra Luxury One Project and M/S Ubber Realty for their Ubber Mew Gates Project.

Zonal Head Kathua, Sanjeev Kumar signed the MoUs on behalf of the Bank at a simple but impressive function held at the Bank's Mohali Cluster Office. He also exchanged the



Mohali builders and J&K Bank official after signing MoU.

copies of these agreements with the representatives of the builder companies in presence of Cluster Head (Mohali) Iftikhar Abdullah, Branch Managers of Tricity Area, official of marketing team and functionaries of builder companies.

While impressing upon the representatives of builder companies to extend every possible concession to the customers of

the Bank as most preferred clients, Zonal Head reiterated the Bank's commitment to explore means and take measures to bring value to its customers across its area of operations.

He instructed the marketing team on the occasion to reach out to maximum number of customers for availing benefits accruing out of such tie ups and explore more such avenues

for customer convenience.

Stressing upon the significance of such tie-ups, Cluster Head (Mohali) urged the companies to give wide publicity to the arrangement and ensure preferential treatment to the customers of the Bank with special offers and hassle-free delivery.

The representatives of the builder companies echoed the confidence of participants that the objectives of the tie-ups will be achieved because of the win-win proposition for customers, bankers and builders.

Pertinently, through these tie-ups, Bank will facilitate its customers especially from J&K and Ladakh hassle-free loans, assured delivery at preferred rates and waiver in many charges pertaining to such purchases if they plan to own a flat near Chandigarh and Mohali.