# Jammu Mayor urges tall leaders of Jammu to support pro-environment move

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JAMMU: Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma on Thursday took the anti-polythene and anti-plastic campaign to Government B.Ed College Canal Road and Diwan Badri Nath School Canal Road.

The helmsman of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) was given a warm welcome at these educational institutions and the students along with the staff members there enthusiastically joined the anti-polythene move started by

Speaking on the occasion, the Mayor informed that while looking for bags made of some biodegradable materials he reached DRDO and met the scientists there who told him about carry bags made of cellulose and starch as the same technology was used in taking materials in missiles to get decomposed later on.

He said that soon these bags shall be launched in Jammu and the authorized dealers and manufacturers shall be declared by JMC so



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma speaking during anti-polythene and anti-plastic campaign at Jammu on Thursday.

that duplicity to earn illegal profits may not prevail. In a startling disclosure Sharma said that some vested interests are trying to sabotage his pro-environment movement but we have to keep focus on motive of human welfare of the campaign so that such wrong elements may get defeated.

He appealed to the tall leaders in Jammu that they had traveled many milestones in their political careers but the ongoing campaign is an initiative by a common citizen in the service of Jammuites only to safeguard the nature so that people may get clean water to drink, clean air to breathe, clean earth etc and to make Jammu city polythene free.

The Mayor asked the big leaders of Jammu to support the move for the welfare of mankind.

It is pertinent to mention here that this is the longest ever held

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campaign with about 1000 students joining it daily.

So far 12000 people have down-Certificate of  $_{
m the}$ Commitment to join the move and there is an overwhelming response to join the much awaited walk on July 26 in this regard.

On this occasion a symposium on 'Hazards of Using Polythene and Plastic Materials' was held at Govt College of Education and Dewan Badrinath Vidya Mandir Amarvilla. At Govt College of Education, Prof. Aekta Gupta, Principal and Shubhra Jamwal, NSS Programme Officer also addressed the students. In symposium 1st prize was won by Mansi Bandral; 2nd by Anu Bagal while the 3rd prize was won by Rashmi Singh.

At Dewan Badrinath Vidya Mandir Amarvilla Principal, Ranju Malhotra addressed the students and in symposium 1st prize was won by Ashwika Kerni of Class XII; second by Sukriti of Class XII; third by Palak Rometra of Class XII and fourth by Brahmleen of Class XI.

> PIL regarding creation of Artificial Lake in River Tawi, Gandola Project

### DB directs to file status report failing which Rs 10,000 costs will be imposed **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Inderjeet Khajuria President All Jammu Hotels and Lodges Association Jammu supporting public causes including creation of Artificial Lake in River Tawi and Gandola Project from Mubarak Mandi to Bahu Fort, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice N. Kotishwar Singh and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi after hearing Adv Meenakshi Salathia for the PIL, directed to file latest/updated status with regard to the completion of the project of Artificial Lake in river Tawi; laying down of the Gandola project from Mubarak Mandi to Bahu Fort; and beautification of

DB further ordered that if the said latest/updated status report is not filed within a period of two weeks, a cost of Rs 10,000 will be imposed on the concerned officer/official and the same will be recovered from the salary of



Siddaramaiah CM, Shivakumar solo Dy CM

JAMMU: Former Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar on Thursday appealed to the officers of the Irrigation department to get the canals in Bishnah area cleaned at an earliest so that the agriculture sector does not get affected anymore due to the water shortage

During his visit to the villages in Bishnah area along with the local Sarpanchs and Panchs today, the senior BJP leader Sukhnandan Kumar conducted extensive tour of each village in this belt and interacted with the farmers.

While apprising the former minister, the local farmers of Bishnah belt complained that they were not even receiving twenty per cent of water promised by the government from

if the government will release water into the canals without adequate cleaning or repair due to which water has spilled over in many places, causing damage to crops, informed the locals to Sukhnandan Kumar.

And, the government also doesn't compensate farmers for the damage. On top of it, across the border area, many drains and tributaries have dried up as for the several years, there has been no water in them, the locals alleged.

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Former Minister and senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar inspecting canal in Bishnah area.

Appealing to the J&K UT government, Sukhnandan Kumar said the farmers in the villages depend on canals and water pumps to irrigate their fields but since the last few vears the water flow to the canals has stopped. Instead of water, canals/waterways are filled with filth, weed, wild grass and plastic water bottles covering its entire stretch till the end of the villages in Bishnah area.

"At many places the canals have dried up because the Irrigation and Flood Control department has not properly de-silted the canals. This apathetic attitude of Irrigation department as well as the local administration is the reason behind the sufferings of the villagers, " Sukhnandan said, directing the concerned Executive Engineer Bishnah belt and Chief Engineer also to get the work

We will again visit this area and all the canals in this area mustcleaned and Sukhnandan warned the concerned officers. Those who accompanied the former minister

done in shortest possible time.

Sukhnandan Kumar include Sarpanch Jatinder Singh, Singh, Sarpanch Surject Sarpanch Kamal Singh. Sarpanch Singh, Sarpanch Pritam Sarpanch Joginder Singh. Sarpanch Vijay Saini. Sarpanch Kailash Chander Sharma, Ex-Sarpanch Surjit Singh, Ex-Sarpanch Sushil Kumar, Ex-Sarpanch Padam Singh, Mohinder Singh, Sarpanch Baghwan Dass, Ex-Sarpanch Janak Raj, Ex-Sarpanch Kuldeep Raj, BDC Chairman Surjeet Kumar and

## meeting for joint research, StartUps JAMMU: Union Minister atmosphere of ambient inte-

Dr Jitendra chairs inter-institutional

Dr Jitendra Singh on Thursday chaired the firstever high-level inter-institutional meeting of all the Vice Chancellors, Directors and heads of different Universities and scientific as well as academic institutions, under one roof, to pave the way for joint research, StartUps and teaching through a collaborative action plan, based on greater integration instead of working in silos. Minister

Jammu, being the hub of education in India with the prestigious institutions in an area of only a few kilometres from each other, like IIT, IIM, IIMC, AIIMS, CSIR-IIIM GMC, SKUAST, CU, JU etc. has been chosen for this maiden inter-institutional connect to try to develop a model of extended integration which could then be replicated in other places as well.of the institutions.

Dr. Jitendra said, as these prestigious institutions are only situated in an area of few kilometres, their interinstitutional connect can set



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairing the first-ever joint high-level inter-institutional meeting of all the Vice Chancellors. Directors and heads of different Universities and scientific as well as academic institutions at Convention Centre, Jammu on Thursday.

President CCI, Arun Gupta addressing a press conference at Chamber House, Jammu on Thursday.

event.

tions throughout the country and the sharing and exchange of resources, joint programs between these institutions will create new opportunities and new avenues.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jitendra said, India is leading the world's StartUp ecosystem. This inter-institutional connect and integration in Jammu region can help StartUp aspirants in Jammu & Kashmir to lead from the front.

As CSIR-IIIM is taking a lead towards creating a start-up culture (Agri-tech start-ups)under Aroma Mission in Jammu &

will help other institutions to create Start-ups according to their resources, Dr. Singh added

Dr. Jitendra maintained, working in silos is no longer an option in India especially under the present government which stresses on sive brainstorming for greater results. This interinstitutional connect today will present a roadmap for the other institutions in the country towards sharing of resources, greater interconnectedness etc., Dr. Singh added.

The collaborative models may be suggested by institutions in any field so that

Guest Countries are also

likely to participate in the

"This event will have last-

ing impact on Trade.

Commerce, Industry and

Tourism Sector of UT of

Jammu & Kashmir as well as

across the country," Arun

He added, "This summit

eventually result in

For example, IIM could also create a model regarding personnel management in hospitals for intern doctors, Dr. Jitendra suggest-Principal Besides

gration, said Dr. Jitendra

Scientific Advisor, Government of India, Ajay Kumar Sood and Director General CSIR & Secretary DSIR, Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, the meeting was attended by Jammu, Dr. Zabeer Ahmad, Director AIIMS Jammu, Dr. Shakti Gupta, Vice Chancellor JammuUniversity, Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor Cluster University Jammu, Prof. Chancellor SKUAST Jammu, Prof. Nazir Ahmad Ganie , Vice Chancellor BGBSU, Prof. Akbar Masood, Vice Chancellor SMVDU, Prof. R K Sinha, Vice Chancellor CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Director IIM Jammu, Prof. B S Sahai, Director HT Jammu, Dr. Manoj Kumar Gaur and Principal GMC Jammu, Ms.

# Arrange visit of G-20 delegates to Jammu: CCI urges Centre

Vaishnodevi in Katra.

Jammu," he added.

"The visit of the delegates

to Jammu areas will prove as

a milestone for improving

the tourism sector of

Among others present in

the press conference include

Anil Gupta, Sr. Vic President

CCI, Rajeev Gupta, Jr. Vice

President CCI, Manish

Gupta, Secretary General

Secretary CCI and Rajesh

Rajesh

Gupta, Treasurer CCI.

Gupta,

Kashmir students appearing in the Central University Entrance Test (CUET) about their the Union Government that Centres being located outside the Union Territory Senior B.IP leader Devender Singh should arrange the visit of Rana on Thursday sought the intervention of the delegates attending the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for setting up summit, to Jammu areas of the centres within J&K. In a statement, also so that they can visit the Devender Rana said the Lieutenant Governor world famous places like has been kind enough to assure that the issue will Patnitop, Sudhmahadev, be taken up at an appropriate forum for redress-Mantalai and the lakes of ing the genuine grievances of the aspirants from Surinsar, Mansar and the Jammu and Kashmir. holy shrine of Mata

National Testing Agency for allocating the J&K

Rana takes up with LG issue for conduct of CUET within J&K students centres outside the UT and not having JAMMU: Sharing the concern of Jammu and made any arrangements for conducting tests locally at District or Tehsil levels. The move will discourage students belonging to financially disadvantaged families to undertake journeys outside the UT for appearing in the test. This is illog ical and the decision needs to be reversed in the large interest of the candidates, he said, adding that the candidates had not preferred centres outside Jammu and Kashmir while exercising their options. He expressed solidarity with the protesting students and hoped that the concerned agency will take a considerate view over the issue and have an adequate number of centres set up in Jammu and Kashmir for the convenience of the

# Rana expressed surprise over the decision of the LG Admin must instate Director, Health Services, important administrative posts lying vacant: Sham



public issues at party headquarter, Jammu on Thursday.

Jammu and Kashmir Ravinder Raina on Thursday sought criminal proceedings against Shubam Singh, resident of Bhagwa, district Doda, presently residing at Panjtirthi Jammu, for an act of misrepresentation

In his letter to SSP Jammu, Raina said that Shubam Singh came to his office with representation from the parents of a Police SPO, Daljeet Singh whom he claimed as his cousin brother and requested to help in his transfer from Jammu to Kishtwar on humanitarian grounds. As per the statea request to the senior officers to look into the matter on humanitarian grounds. Later he came to know that it was a concocted story and misrepresentation  $_{\mathrm{made}}$ Shubam Singh with a malafied intention to harass the said SPO as he is nowhere in any kind of family relationship with

BJP J&K President requested the SSP to initiate criminal proceedings against Shubam Singh under law.

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JAMMU: LG administration must instate Director, Health Services and other important administrative posts lying vacant to ensure the quality deliverance of health services. stated Sham Lal Sharma, J&K BJP Vice-President & former Minister.

"Absence of prominent position like 'Director Health Services Jammu' severely paralyses the delivery of qualitv service to the patients at the Central as well as peripheral level. It also adversely affects the functioning of the Department, both at the administrative level as well as on the delivery front. The LG administration must take cognizance of the matter and appoint full time Director on the post and also at the same time fill other vacant administrative posts of the department

to deliver quality service to the society", said Sham Lal Sharma. Sharma took serious note of the request raised by a deputation comprising prominent citizens mostly from Kandi areas of Khour and other areas. The deputation apprised the senior BJP leaders that the important post of 'Director Health Services Jammu' is lying vacant since years raising serious implications regarding provision of adequate health services to the people. They said that it is just not palatable that such an important position is being run on temporary provisions thereby seriously jeopardizing the fundamental service to the society. Individuals and Deputations of people from various areas of Jammu & Kashmir had reached Trikuta Nagar office to meet these leaders with their grievances.

Baba Kailakh Nath devotees reached party office with demand to depict the Shrine on tourist map of Jammu & Kashmir. Another deputation from Karnah Tehsil Khour requested for a Degree College, which was immediately taken up with the concerned department by former Minister. Another deputation requested for construction of road from Thangar to Balli via Kharah and Kharah to Chinota vil Kallah under PMGSY. Sham Lal Sharma, accompanied by BJP Library Incharge Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan Incharge Er Dil Bahadur Jamwal and BJYM Vice-President Danish Mishra listened to the grievances of people at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. BJP leaders gave patient hearings to the problems presented by the people, and tried for their early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer.

They narrated their woes and

sought kind intervention of the

party leaders to get their prob-

lems solved like improper and

delayed repair of streetlights.

repair of drinking water supply

pipes, old age pension, revenue

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and many others.

### summit. Aside from G-20 showcase the reality to the increasing the tourist flow, world that normalcy has Members the delegates from Bukhari asks party cadres to gear

returned in the Union

Territory of Jammu &

Kashmir but will also paved

way for India to counter the

Pakistan fake claims of

human rights violations,"

Arun Gupta said in a press

Over 100 Non-Ministerial

Members representing G-20

nations are excepted to par-

ticipate in the aforesaid

conference

up for upcoming elections **STATE TIMES NEWS** 

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Summit at SKICC Srinagar

from May 22 to 24, 2023 is a

great pride for us," said

Arun Gupta, President

Chamber of Commerce and

"This high profile summit

will not only provide an

opportunity for India to

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Industries.

Thursday.

"The G-20

SRINAGAR: April Party on Thursday demanded the holding of upcoming Panchayat and ULB polls on party-bases.

The demand came to the fore after the party passed a resolution seeking party-based election for the proposed Panchayat and ULB polls. The resolution, presented by the party's State

Secretary Muntazir Mohiuddin and supported by Provincial President Mohammad Ashraf Mir, received unanimous approval.

Besides senior leaders, the meeting held at the party headquarters in Srinagar, was attended by all the zonal leaders and senior workers from the Srinagar district, a press

On this occasion, the party president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari asked the party leaders and grassroots cadres to prepare themselves for the forthcoming Urban Local Bodies (ULB) and Panchayat polls and assured them that with the significant public

support received by the Apni Party, it will emerge as the primary victor in the electoral contest

Bukhari, while addressing the meeting, said that, unlike the traditional political parties, Apni Party would refrain from engaging in political gimmicks and the politics of false promises, instead it would

promise to implement its robust developmental agenda.

"Their misleading political narratives and emotional slogans have landed thousands of youths either in jails or in graveyards, especially during the past three decades. Therefore, it becomes our responsibility to remind people of the false promises made by these parties. The hollow rhetoric and deceptive promises such as guaranteeing a "plebiscite," "autonomy," "self-rule," and other similar pledges have resulted in the incarceration or loss of thousands of young lives during all these years," he added.

# J&K BJP President seeks criminal proceedings against Shubam Singh

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Gupta said that LG Manoj

Sinha is taking keen interest

to make this event a great

success which will open new

Vistas and opportunities for

the stakeholders to get max-

imum benefit out of this

Further, Arun requested

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JAMMU: BJP President and falsehood.

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parents of the SPO are bed ridden and they urgently need medical treatment, he being their only son to take care of

Accordingly Raina made