

Jammu City Beautification, Street Dev plan discussed with civil society

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and Additional Director General of Police Jammu, Mukesh Singh on Monday held a meeting with Raghnath Bazaar Association and other stakeholder departments to review the implementation of Street Development Project of Jammu Smart City Limited. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Director Tourism, Vivekanand Rai; CEO Jammu Smart City Limited, Rahul Yadav; VC JDA, SSP Traffic and other concerned officers besides President Raghnath Bazaar Association, Sanjay Gupta alongwith office bearers of Association and prominent



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting.

citizens.

The CEO JSCL gave a powerpoint presentation and apprised the Div Com and Association about the overview of the street development project. He informed that under the project the market would be developed as the pedestrian friendly heritage corridor, which shall add immensely to the shopping experience and

increased commerce in the area.

Various other development works will be part of project including upgradation of public spaces, provision of state of the art roadside amenities like Ornamental street lights, installation of dustbins, benches, water ATMs, underground service corridor for communication utilities, provision of cobble

stoned junctions and Red sandstone footpaths to enhance the aesthetic and the longevity of the heritage corridor.

The proposal also includes up-gradation of road, entry gate at Bharat Mata chowk, directions, information signage and display boards etc.

The Divisional Commissioner, while speaking on the occasion, informed

that provision for pick and drop off locations and loading and unloading shall be allowed on specific timing. The project proposal has been conceived considering that the stretch shall be made either a no traffic zone or only one way traffic street.

The Div com observed that after completion of the project the tourist footfall to heritage Raghnath market will increase which will also increase the economy of the market.

The Members of market association gave their valuable suggestions for effective implementation of the Smart City Project. They also suggested necessary changes in the proposals.

The Div assured them that all their concerns would be considered while executing the project.



JKBOSE concludes maiden online affiliation, upgradation of schools

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JAMMU: With an objective to make the delivery of public services more effective and efficient across its various domains with the active mediation of Information Technology, J&K Board of School Education has successfully added one more online service online affiliation of schools for its stakeholders.

The maiden endeavour of online affiliation and upgradation of schools concluded after the issuance of online affiliation/upgradation orders to more than 150 such schools across the UT of J&K that had applied for such services to JKBOSE. Earlier the affiliation/upgradation process of JKBOSE was done in an offline mode. All the stakeholders expressed their satisfaction over this initiative which has been very facilitating to all of them.

Chairman JKBOSE Prof. Parikshat Singh Manhas congratulated Joint Secretaries of General Sections JD/KD & IT wings of JKBOSE, and National Informatics Centre for their consistent and persistent efforts, despite odds, to get fruitful results.

"It is a matter of great satisfaction that we could successfully execute this

initiative. The school owners of far-flung areas cannot afford to visit our office time and again. This service has highly facilitated them. We are in the process of offering many more IT-mediated student services to realise the vision of Digital India Initiative launched by our Hon'ble Prime Minister with an aim to make the services available to citizens electronically by online infrastructure improvement. Student centricity, service convenience and transparency are the mainstay of our endeavours which have got an enormous boost with the Digital India initiative. Our such digital initiatives shall keep growing to simplify our processes," he added. JKBOSE has already implemented the relevant pillars of Digital India programme viz. e-Governance & e-Kranti. It has already been offering many online services which include online applications for photostat copy of answer sheets, re-evaluation, registration, examination forms, results, eligibility, migration etc. The result and registration record is also being digitised to ensure its safety and security. Digital empowerment of the students has recently been ensured to provide the students access to their

authentic documents through Digilocker services.

The next phase of online affiliation/upgradation of 325 schools has also reached its zenith with the meeting of UT level Affiliation Committee which was held recently on 18th of this month. After the completion of procedural proceedings, necessary online orders will be issued. This shall finalise all the pending eligible cases till date.

The fresh schedule of online applications for affiliation/upgradation from the eligible schools has also been issued recently wherein the schools interested in fresh affiliation/recognition, extension of affiliation and upgradation of classes can apply alongwith necessary documents, and those who are found eligible shall be allowed to deposit the requisite fee. The entire exercise is to further streamline the affiliation processes and make it time-efficient so that the schools and students do not have to suffer any delays. The online portal facilitates both the affiliation and recognition of the schools. The schools should meet the timelines so that the affiliation process 2023-24 is finalised without any delay.

Political leaders in J&K must welcome G20 delegates wholeheartedly: Raina

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JAMMU: The BJP on Monday said all political leaders in Jammu and Kashmir must welcome the G20 delegates wholeheartedly. The third G20 Tourism Working Group meeting began in summer capital Srinagar on Monday. It is aimed to give a boost to tourism in the Union Territory.

"I request that all big leaders of political parties wholeheartedly welcome the G20 team members," J&K BJP chief Ravinder Raina told reporters here. "Atithi Devo Bhava, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam has been our tradition. Big leaders like Farooq Abdullah who have worked in constitutional positions, sometimes as chief ministers and sometimes as Union ministers, were always welcomed in different countries during their foreign visits," he said.

Now that the guests have come to our home,



J&K BJP Chief Ravinder Raina talking to reporters.

we must welcome them with love and an open heart, he added.

About 60 foreign delegates arrived in Srinagar on Monday for the third tourism working group meeting of the G20 countries. This is the first international meeting being held in Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the erstwhile state into Union Territories - Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh - in August 2019.

Raina thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for giving respect to

Jammu and Kashmir by holding the event in Srinagar.

"The people of J-K are highly grateful to Modi for giving an opportunity to the people to welcome the representatives of the mighty G20 group. It is for the first time that such a big event is being held in J-K. We are grateful to the nations who are taking part in the event," he said.

"Conspiracies were going on at the international level and thus the event being held in Kashmir has a great meaning," the BJP leader said.

JU is only university from UT J&K to find place in ranking JU attains 8th rank in Hansa Ranking: VC expresses gratitude to stakeholders for success

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JAMMU: The University of Jammu has been ranked one of the best universities in the country as per the latest university rankings released by 'The Week' News Magazine.

The survey for 2023 was conducted by Hansa Research Agency, which is one of India's largest consumer insight survey companies. A primary survey was conducted with 302 academic experts spread across selected cities.

The respondents were asked to nominate and rank the top 20 universities in India.

The composite score was derived by combining the perceptual score with an interpolated factual score based on their position in the perceptual score list. Jammu University has secured the 8th rank in the North Zone in multidisciplinary universities, the 12th rank in state multidisciplinary universities, and the 20th rank in India's best multidisciplinary universities by the Week-Hansa Research Survey 2023.

The JU ranking has shown a significant improvement from 25th position in 2022 to 20th position in 2023 in India's best multidisciplinary universities, from 9th to 8th spot in the North Zone multidisciplinary universities, and from 12th to 12th in state multidisciplinary universities, which was 16th last year by the Week-Hansa Research Survey 2023. While expressing his gratitude to Chancellor and Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, for his continuing support and guidance to the JU, Prof Umesh Rai, Vice-Chancellor; JU further said "The university will maintain and improve its standards of academics, research, outreach, infrastructure, and student support". Giving credit to all the stakeholders, he added, "The level of efforts of the faculty, officers, staff, scholars, and students can be gauged from the fact that the university is consistently performing well in accreditations and rankings by different agencies." "Jammu University was the only university from UT J&K to find a place in the ranking," he added.

ACB books Asstt Dir FCS&CA Ghar Singh, TSO

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JAMMU: Anticorruption Bureau (ACB) Jammu registered a case against TSO namely Ab. Majid Wani and Assistant Director FCS&CA Department Kishtwar Ghar Singh for misappropriation of the carriage charges of the Ration items.

According to the ACB that a verification was conducted by the bureau on the basis of a complaint lodged by Manzoor Ahmad against TSO Marwah namely Ab. Majid Wani and others alleging therein that then officers /officials of CA&PD Department of Marwah in

District Kishtwar misappropriated the carriage charges of ration quota/drawn excess payment for carriage of food grains from Food store Guzar to Food store Inshan as well as Food store Choidraman during the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 etc.

The verification conducted revealed as: Food store Guzar to Food store Inshan: The distance from food store Guzar to Food store Inshan is 1.800 Kms by road & 0.350 Km by head load, total 150 Kms but the concerned department charged carriage charges either @ Rs. 65/-

for average distance of 3.6 Kms or @ 90/- for average distance of 5 Kms in respect of two Food stores. Guzar Inshan to Food store Choidraman: The distance from food store Guzar Inshan to food store Choidraman is 6.00 Km, but the department concerned has charged carriage charges Rs.216 for the distance of 12 Km, ie excess by 6 kms, the rate fixed was @ Rs. 18/ per quintal per km during the year 2014-16. In this manner, the concerned TSO namely Ab. Majid Wani in criminal conspiracy with the then Bureau, Assistant

Director FCS&CA Department Kishtwar Ghar Singh, by abuse of their official positions and deliberately dishonestly charged the 4,61,468, excess charges for carriage of food grains from Food store Guzar to Food store Inshan as well as Food store 2014- Guzar Inshan to Food store Choidraman by charging excess by restoring to falsification of record, thus misappropriated the amount to the tune of Rs. 15,33,475/-in respect of excess carriage charges, as such conferred undue benefits upon themselves with correspondence

lost to government exchequer. The aforementioned facts constitutes commission of offences punishable u/s 5 (1) (c) (d) r/w 5 (2) J&K P.C Act Svt. 2006 and sections 120-B, 467, 468, 471 RPC against then TSO namely Ab. Majid Wani S/O Fatha Mohd Wani R/O village Ashar Tehsil Banihal District Ramban (now retired) and Assistant Director FCS&CA Department Kishtwar Ghar Singh S/O Saroop Singh R/O Patoli Brahmana Akhnoor Road Jammu near SDPO office Patoli Jammu (now retired) and others. Consequently, a case is registered in P/S ACB Doda.

CS launches revamped UT portal about J&K

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, on Monday launched the revamped UT portal, a single window platform for integrated delivery of information and services by various Government Departments with latest features in presence of Commissioner Secretary, IT, Prerna Puri.

Dr Mehta praised the IT Department and the NIC for creating this inclusive platform offering both the services and information as well. He said that the portal would act as one stop solution for all the people availing services or seeking information about different aspects of the UT.

On the occasion, the Chief Secretary also enquired about the response of public over the online services. He also took note of the feedback from the applicants over RAS portal and the status of integration of services with the Auto-appeal system for timely delivery of services to the public.

During the launch it was given out that the goal of this portal is to provide the holistic information about J&K to the citizens of the country.



Chief Secretary, Dr A.K Mehta launching the revamped UT portal.

The core functionalities provided by the portal relate to Government structure in the UT, budget, key notifications, government schemes, key functionaries, important institutions, news feed, social media and emergency contacts etc. It also provides transactional government services for citizens, business establishments and overseas people. The various sections/features of the portal include profile of the UT and is available in three languages viz; English, Urdu and Hindi. There is a separate section providing information about the Government and its officials. It also contains the links to departments and all districts of Jammu and Kashmir. Important links to some

important websites like LG Office, GAD, J&K Police, Fire & Emergency Services, Traffic Police, SKIMS, EDI, JKPS, JKSSB, e-Unnat, e-Gov Initiatives, Mobile Apps, Educational Institutions, Citizen Services, Tenders & Advertisement are available on the portal.

Significantly the portal also gives insights about latest news & happenings related to Jammu & Kashmir thereby giving authentic information to the people. The Explore J&K section contains the beauty of Jammu and Kashmir and the site can be explored for Handicrafts, Tourism, Arts & Culture, Horticulture, Shri Anarnath Ji Shrine, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine etc.

It was also revealed that the Portal has been made 100% complaint with National e-Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) Guidelines of DARPG and includes list of Districts with contact details of District Magistrates and senior officials besides facility to log 'Grievances/ Complaints' on the Portal.

During this event the CS also launched on boarding of 16 schemes of Agriculture Production Department (10), Social Welfare Department (4) and Mission Youth (2) on the 'myScheme' portal, an exclusive web portal for all the beneficiary oriented schemes and welfare programmes offered by the government.

Some of these schemes includes Integrated Sheep Development Scheme, Kisan Credit Card, RKVY, PM KISAN, National Agriculture Market, Submission on Agriculture Mechanization, Residential School for Blinds, Nari Niketans, Bal Ashrams, Finance Assistance to Child Victims of violence, Rise Together, and Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative etc.

IIT-J hosts Indo-Taiwan Bilateral Workshop on cyber security



IIT Jammu faculty posing for a photograph with dignitaries at Jammu on Monday.

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JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu, in collaboration with India Taipei Association, Taipei, and Taipei Economic and Culture Centre, New Delhi, on Monday organized the Indo-Taiwan Bilateral Workshop at IIT's Jagti campus. The event aimed to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to safeguard their organizations' digital assets in the face of evolving cybersecurity threats.

The workshop focused on raising awareness about the latest cybersecurity threats and challenges, emphasizing the role of AI in cyber threat mitigation. It also aimed to strengthen the collaborative research relationship between India and Taiwan, educate participants about best practices and preventive measures in cyber security, and enhance their understanding about

cybersecurity technologies and techniques. Diverse participants, including IT professionals, cybersecurity practitioners, and students, attended the workshop, which featured a series of informative sessions and interactive discussions on key cybersecurity topics. Prof. Manoj S Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu, discussed the information security awareness program supported by Govt. of India. Furthermore, renowned cyber security experts from several institutes, including IISc Bangalore, IIT Bombay, IIIT Delhi, CDAC, National Chung Cheng University, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, and National Cheng Kung University, delivered insightful thoughts on cyber-security issues and challenges. The experts discussed several topics such as AI for Cyber security, Threat

Similarly, the power supply to Latti, Dudu, Dhuna, Sudhmahadev and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 23 from 9 am to 4 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Lamberi, Bagnoti, Narian, Chwki-Jangher, Qila, Darhal, Lam, laro-ka, Dabbar, Dharat, Gagrote, Nowshera town and adjoining areas shall remain affected on May 24 from 6 am to 10 am.

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Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to ADC Quarters Backside, Mud Mohalla, Billawar Town, C-Coti, Kishanpur and PHE shall remain affected on May 25 from 8 am to 11 am. Similarly, the power supply to Keso Manhasa and Kamore shall remain affected on May 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Subj: Final Location Survey (FLS) for New Line between Baramulla to Uri (50 Km).
Ref: 1. E-Tender Notice No. DCE/C-II/BAHL/W-1/New Line Baramulla to Uri 50 km, Dated: 13.05.2023; 2. 1st Corrigendum No. DCE/C-II/BAHL/W-1/New Line Baramulla to Uri 50 km, Dated: 15.05.2023;
The 2nd corrigendum for the above referred e-tender notice and to tender documents issued on administrative ground is as follows:

S.No.	Description	Original	Corrigendum
1.	E-Tender Notice No. DCE/C-II/BAHL/W-1/New Line Baramulla to Uri 50 km, Dated: 13.05.2023 and 1st Corrigendum No. DCE/C-II/BAHL/W-1/New Line Baramulla to Uri 50 km, Dated: 15.05.2023;	E-Tender notice/ Tender document will be visible from 24.05.2023 on www.reps.gov.in	E-Tender notice published on 13.05.2023 and 1st corrigendum of dated 15.05.2023 to be treated as cancelled.

The E-Tender Notice/Tender document will be visible on www.reps.gov.in
No.: DCE/C-II/BAHL/W-1/New Line Baramulla to Uri 50 km. Dated: 22.05.2023
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