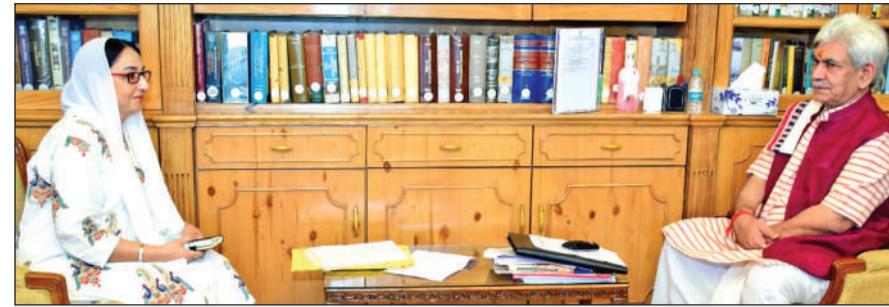


Chairperson J&K Waqf Board calls on LG

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SRINAGAR: Chairperson J&K Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhavan on Tuesday.

Dr Andrabi apprised the Lt Governor about the initiatives taken by Waqf Board for streamlining the Waqf Management System in J&K. She further presented her roadmap of transformation within Waqf Board throughout J&K.



Chairperson J&K Waqf Board, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan.

The Lt Governor appreciated the decision of Waqf Board

to establish a Cancer Hospital in J&K and expressed hope

that many such public welfare initiatives will be undertaken

by Waqf in future.

Dr Andrabi also presented a proposal for formation of a Tribunal as per Central Waqf Act to address to the legal matters related to Waqf in J&K.

She also sought the intervention of the Lt Governor for resolution of various public issues.

The Lt Governor assured redressal of genuine issues. He further urged Dr Andrabi to continue her endeavours of public service.

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JAMMU: Expressing grave concern over the perpetual power and drinking water crisis in Jammu, especially during the summer months, Former Minister and Senior National Conference Leader Ajay Kumar Sadhota on Tuesday called for devising a holistic approach and management plan to meet the crisis like situations that keep disrupting normal life time and again, while interacting with youth at Lakad Mandi Janipur Jammu.

National Conference Leader alleged that BJP Government has utterly failed to provide drinking water and power to Jammu Kashmir especially in Jammu Municipal Corporation areas like Lakad Mandi, Janipur, Roop Nagar, Paloura, Muthi, Bantalab, Chinore, Barnai, Patoli. The people are getting drinking water after four five days and also facing unprecedent and unscheduled power cuts in this scorching heat. It is unfortunate people are facing hardships and there is no body who listen to them.

Sadhota said that short-term and adhoc strategies were not enough to overcome the problem and the government must come up with a pragmatic plan for tackling the issues,



Senior NC leader Ajay Kumar Sadhota along with locals.

put this in public domain, seek suggestions of stakeholders and implement it on war footing basis, as these basic utility services were of paramount importance for the people. In fact, he said, the power and drinking water schemes should have formed the core of the much hyped Smart City project which was launched with eloquent fanfare amid BJP painting a rosy picture about everything in the city getting smarter. How the most visited city can pretend to be smarter when plunging in darkness during nights and citizens being forced to sweat in scorching summer days due to frequent and long spell power cuts and curtailments besides drinking water scarcity looming large, he asked. The Former Minister said that the power and drinking water irritants are more

pronounced and frequent in the semi urban and rural areas of the Jammu region, which has not been addressed thus far. He hoped that these basic utility services will get priority attention of the government for earnest redressal.

Referring to the Smart City Project, Sadhota criticised the government for its lackadaisical approach in its implementation, saying that Jammu can be anything but a Smart City. The ground situation betrays the tall claims of the administration as the lack of vision and will has taken toll of the project, rendering it complete failure. Given its slow pace, the project appears to end up as a dream for the people of Jammu, he

added. "Delay in the execution of the project is yet another indicator and glaring example of the so-called good governance of the past eight years", Mr Sadhota said, adding that the BJP can fool the people once or twice but not all the time. He said administrative inertia and lack of accountability has been the hallmark of the good governance mantra of the BJP. Sadhota urged the administration to take effective measures and to strengthen the monitoring mechanism for time bound completion of the project, not only to prevent the cost overruns but also to ensure timely percolation of the benefits of various schemes to the targeted segments of people. He also called for close synergy and cooperation between the line departments so that the people are put to minimum conveniences while executing various works. Expressing concern over poor civic amenities, the former minister said the Jammu Municipal Corporation has a bounden duty of maintaining health and hygiene as the temple city is thronged by thousands of pilgrims

24X7X365 to pay obeisance at the holy shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi. The city cannot afford garbage dens which serve as breeding ground for stray cattle and the various health hazards. Sadhota feared the situation getting further worsened in the upcoming monsoon and sought an advance action plan by the government based on the experiences of the previous years. He said the concerned agencies should be geared up for meeting the situation that may arise due to water logging, choked drains and construct works under Smart City Project in various parts of Jammu. The former minister also stressed the need for putting in place area wise grievance redressal mechanisms in various service-providing departments locally for people to register their problems for early redressal.

Others who spoke on the occasion are Raghbir Singh District President, Ghar Singh Corporation, CharanDass Bhagat, Guram Singh, Vicki Singh, Jamwal, Tanvir Singh, Dr. Vikas Sharma, Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Ankush Abrol.

Congress always fought steadfastly against those challenging India's pluralistic principles: Bhalla

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KATHUA: JKPC in third layer of 'Nav Sankalp Chintan Shivir' Tuesday organized 'Nav Sankalp Chintan Shivir' at Kathua organised by Pankaj Dogra District President



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla lighting ceremonial lamp.

Congress Committee in which JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla was Chief Guest and Ex. MLA Balbir Thakur and Ch. Hussain Ali Waffa Vice Chairman ST Cell were special guests. All the District Congress Committee office bearers and senior leaders were present. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Nirdosh Sharma, Kulbir Pathania, Pawan Sharma, Rabinder Paul Singh, Rakesh Sharma, Kajal Rajput, Yog Raj, Pushpa Devi, Sanjay Razdan, Adv. Rakesh Sharma, Karan Singh, Rashid Poswal, Vishu Andotra, Sat Paul Bhandari, Ashok Kumar Lal, Jyoti Verma, Sohan Lal, Jyoti Gurudev Singh, Vikas Sharma, Arun Mehta, Narinder Khajuria, Besides Panches and Sarpanches, Ward members were also present.

Organizational affairs, membership drive and organizational elections and issues of women and youth, social justice, public welfare and other matters of public importance were also discussed in detail.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said that the focus of the deliberations was on the current political, social and economic situation as also the challenges they pose to our society and the nation. Issues relating to the welfare and well-being and the trampling upon of the rights of the Schedule Castes, Schedule Tribes, Backward Classes, Minorities, Kisans and Khet Mazdoors, religious and linguistic minorities, women, social justice and empowerment, empowerment of the young deliberated by the Nav

Sankalp Shivir. In addition, matters relating to organizational restructuring and strengthening were also deliberated. Between June 11 to 14, district-level workshops were also conducted to discuss and plan the execution of the Udaipur Nav Sankalp Declaration at the district and lower levels. Bhalla further said that Nav Sankalp Chintan Shivir aims to be battle-ready for the next round of assembly polls and the 2024 Lok Sabha election by adopting three broad themes - connect with the people; agitate on the streets, and usher in organisational reforms.

Bhalla traced the pivotal role played by the party during India's freedom struggle and in the events that unfolded following independence.

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