

# Jammu Mayor reviews Amarnath Yatra arrangements

## Instructs departments for proper facilities to pilgrims

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Rolling up its sleeves for the upcoming annual Amarnath pilgrimage, the Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma on Wednesday reviewed the arrangements for the revered religious event starting on July 1 this year during a meeting with senior officers of different departments.

Issues of sanitation, boarding and lodging of visiting pilgrims, water and power supply, transportation, law and order situation along with wide range of other things were discussed in the meeting.

This time the Mayor has roped in the Tourism Department and the Department of Art, Culture and Languages which has been asked to organize programmes at different locations associated with the stay of pilgrims and Yatra.

The Mayor instructed SRTC to collaborate with Tourism Department to deploy buses at different tourist spots of Jammu like newly built Bala Ji Temple, Bagh-e-Bahu, laser show, musical fountain, Fort Shrine of Bawe Wali Matya, aquarium, Har Ki Pouri, Balidan Stambh, Suchetgarh Border Parade, Gharana

Wetland, Surinsar and Mansar Lakes, Gondola, Mahamaya Mandir and park there, Jia Pota, Raghunath Ji temple, Mubarak Mandi complex and museum etc.

He said that fare will be charged from the visiting tourists for visiting these places.

"All the Sabhas and Societies will accommodate the visiting pilgrims in their community halls while at the main base camp of the Yatra at Bhagwati Nagar, big display will show details of tourism places of Jammu along with packages for visiting these places," the Mayor maintained.

He said that small packages will be made in this regard and this is being done to boost the economic vibrancy of Jammu city and this is



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma chairing meeting to review arrangements for religious events.

a right step in right direction demand for this was raised many times by the Standing Committees and also by some organizations of Jammu city.

The Mayor said that surprise checks by him along with the entire JMC team will ensure that the pilgrims face no problem during their stay in Jammu.

"The checks might be at late night hours to ensure all the required facilities to the visiting pilgrims and ensure that they face no problem as they will be our esteemed guests," he said.

Sharma ensured that no stone will be left unturned to ensure facilities like proper bathrooms, toilets and other facilities at the Community Halls where the visiting pilgrims will stay in Jammu.

He said that JMC will

repairing about 500 toilets at places associated with the Yatra and will place dustbins at required places associated with the holy pilgrimage.

"JMC will make 256 temporary prefab toilets, 69 bathrooms and 80 urinals to facilitate the pilgrims. For places where there is no place for prefab toilets, JMC will place about 50 mobile toilets. Some 400 extra Safai Karamcharis will be deputed for facilitating Yatra," the Mayor said.

He also said that big boards will be placed outside the Community Halls and at other places where the Yatrins will stay during their visit instructing them to avoid using plastic and polythene materials.

The Mayor said that the pilgrims may feel at home in Jammu due to the Dogra hos-

pitality and asked Langarwalas to avoid single use plastic in their works during the pilgrimage period.

The meeting was attended by Rahul Yadav, Commissioner JMC; Pardeep Kumar, Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums Jammu; Umesh Shan, Deputy Director, Tourism, Jammu; Kulbir Handa, Superintendent of Police (City), Jammu; Charanjeet Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic), Jammu; Amit, Executive Engineer, Mubarak Mandi Jammu Heritage Society; Tejinder Singh, Traffic Manager, JKRTC, Jammu; Shah Nawaz, Cultural Office, Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Jammu; Kulbushan Khajuria, Joint Commissioner (H&S), JMC; Raj Kumar Raina, Deputy Director, Fire & Emergency Services, Jammu; Saleem Sabh, Superintending Engineer, R&B (PWD), Jammu; Rajinder Gupta, Superintending Engineer, JPDCL, Jammu; Sandeep Dogra, Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti Department, Jammu; Shiv Kumar Gupta, Executive Engineer, UEED, Jammu and Vinod Sharma, Health Officer, JMC.

# Commissioner Secretary I&C approves 13 CII claims, 117 applications under New Central Sector Scheme



Commissioner Secretary I&C Department, Vikramjit Singh chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Commissioner Secretary Industries and Commerce Department, Vikramjit Singh, on Wednesday chaired two separate meetings of Secretary Level Committee to approve applications for grant of registration and sanctioning of Capital Investment Incentive (CII) claims under New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of Jammu and Kashmir.

Director General, Industries and Commerce, Jammu and Director, Industries & Commerce, Kashmir, Mehmoed Ahmed Shah deliberated upon incentive claims

and registration cases.

During the meeting, the Committee sanctioned 13 cases of CII claims amounting Rs 2242.44 lakh, of which, 09 CII claims amounting Rs 2188 lakh pertained to Jammu division and 04 CII claims amounting Rs. 54.44 lakh pertained to Kashmir division.

The Secretary Level committee approved total 117 applications (90 applications of Jammu division and 27 of Kashmir) for registration under New Central Sector Scheme. The total financial outlay of the approved units for registration involved is Rs 2967.27 crore (approximately).

Commissioner Secretary stressed upon grounding of new investments and directed all the concerned officers and General Managers to expedite the process of registration and incentive claims under NCSS.

Director General, Industries & Commerce, Jammu and Director, Industries & Commerce, Kashmir along with senior officers of both the Directorates of I&C including Director Finance, Joint Director of Directorate I&C, Jammu, concerned General Managers, DIC's of both the divisions and General Manager, JKDFC, Gowhar Arif attended the meeting.

# People well convinced of concern of BJP and Modi government for J&K: Raina



J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina along with Vice Presidents Sham Lal Sharma and Surjit Singh Salathia chairing a meeting of senior leaders.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir BJP President Ravinder Raina, along with Vice Presidents Sham Lal Sharma and Surjit Singh Salathia chaired a meeting of senior leaders at party headquarters to discuss the preparation for the successful conduct of the scheduled June 23 rally of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to be held at Jammu.

"The people of J&K are well convinced that it is the BJP and Narendra Modi government that have been concerned for the peace, development and prosperity

of J&K and there is no doubt that people will come to listen to the Union Home Minister, but still the party leaders have to approach them as a courtesy", said Raina.

Raina further said that Amit Shah has contributed a lot to abrogate Article 370 and to ensure the full integration of J&K with the Indian Union and the people of J&K are thankful to him and the Modi government.

Ravinder Raina, while discussing the required preparations for the upcoming rally, asked the senior party leaders to meticulously

divide the work among themselves regarding various requirements for the conduct of rally. He also asked them to share the details of blue print in the next meeting.

Senior leaders including Yudhvir Sethi, Harinder Gupta, Sukhmandan Kumar, Prof. Gharu Ram, Vikram Randhawa, Rajeev Sharma, Dr. Krishan Lal Bhagat, Vikas Choudhary, Kashmiria Singh, Inderjeet Sharma, Pramod Kapahi, Rekha Mahajan, Ved Sharma, Puneet Mahajan, Surinder Choudhary, Hari Om Sharma, Ajay Sharma and others attended the meeting.

# Congress & its allies in J&K destroyed future of youth, Modi gave them a secured future: Ashok Koul

## Political Myopia handicaps opposition from being able to see contribution of BJP Govt: Dr Andrabi

### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: As a part of the ongoing celebrations of the completion of nine years of BJP Government in power under Prime Minister's leadership, the party on Wednesday organised a huge public rally at Baramulla which was attended by a massive gathering of people from the area.

BJP General Secretary Organisation Ashok Koul in his address presented a detailed report card of the BJP Government's Public Welfare Programmes.

"Congress & its allies in J&K destroyed the future of the youth, Modi gave them a secured future," he said adding that those who used the youth as a canon for their vote bank are now shouting that rights of J&K have been snatched while as the truth stands endorsed by the people that Modi has taken revolutionary steps for the empowerment of the



Ashok Koul, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, G A Khatana addressing BJP public rally.

youth of the UT."

He thanked the people for their ever growing support for BJP.

Minister of State and Chairperson J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi said that it was an irony to see those ex-rulers questioning the performance of Modi Government.

"Political Myopia handicaps opposition from being able to see the contribution of BJP Govt. Modi has transformed J&K into a paradise. Those who gifted us drug graveyards and allowed the drug menace to spread its

network for more than three decades in J&K are now complaining that BJP has not done anything substantial. Statistics prove that during the past three years the drive against drugs and separatist networks have been crushed to a great level. Terror networks have been destroyed by very strong decisions of the government and the operations on drugs are on," said Dr Andrabi.

She said that the whole of the UT is seeing unprecedented development in every sector, but our myopic opposition leaders are not able to

see anything.

"This negativity is their fate now. People of J&K have resolved that they are going to stay with Modi's vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas & Sabka Vishwas. We cannot afford to rely on these dynasts anymore. People of J&K are enjoying the peaceful days and are building their future with development & progress at a great speed", said Dr Darakhshan.

Member of Parliament Ghulam Ali Khatana in his address said that people of all sects and communities

are with the all encompassing programmes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Senior leader & EX Minister Sunil Sharma also addressed the rally and thanked the people of North Kashmir for their support to BJP.

Replying to the questions of the media persons, Dr Andrabi said that it was surprising to see the ex-Chief Ministers of J&K saying that all was in shambles in the UT.

"Undoubtedly these advocates of violence and separatism are in shambles after being out of relevance in J&K for all times to come, but the people of J&K have seen the good results of their ouster from the political scene. They can exist in some media factions by such comic dialogue but there are no buyers now for their sentimental rhetoric which destroyed the lives of thousands of families for decades", said BJP National Executive Member.

# Power shutdown

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Nanga, Dadyal, Nathal, Chak Paras and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 15, 17 and 19 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Ramgarh Town, Trindyan Ridhma and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 18 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Nai Mohalla, Bhagat Mohalla, Tali Mohalla and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 15 and 16 from 6 am to 10 am.



Similarly, the power supply to Industries under feeder 2nd and 4th shall remain affected on June 15 and 16 from 5am to 9.30 am. Likewise, the power supply to Industries feeder 2nd and 4th and Rakh PHE shall remain affected on June 17 from 5am to 9.30 am.

# Div Com reviews progress on Jammu City beautification works

## Asks stakeholder departments to expedite major projects

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar chaired a meeting on Wednesday in his office chamber to discuss and review the execution of Jammu City beautification Plan. One of the major focuses of the meeting was the completion of mural painting, particularly along the Jammu Airport road. The Divisional Commissioner emphasised the need to expedite the wall painting art work to create an appealing visual experience for the residents and visitors alike.

The other prominent topic of the discussion was the identifi-



Divisional Commissioner, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting on Wednesday.

cation of suitable garbage dumping sites within the city. The Divisional Commissioner stressed on the importance of maintaining cleanliness and ensuring timely lifting of waste to enhance the overall aesthetics of Jammu city. Recognising

the significance of certain landmarks in Jammu city, the Div Com instructed the concerned authorities to focus on the beautification of the road leading to Jammu University and Bagh-e-Bahu temple.

The cleaning of roads, fly-

overs and clearing of side drains also received attention during the meeting. The Divisional Commissioner underlined the importance of maintaining the infrastructure and ensuring that the city's thoroughfares are free from

obstructions. Additionally, he highlighted the necessity of proper pruning of trees along the roads, followed by their immediate disposal, to prevent traffic congestion.

The Divisional Commissioner directed the officers from the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited to expedite their ongoing projects. He stressed the need to ensure that the road infrastructure is in optimal condition to accommodate the increased influx of pilgrims.

Furthermore, the Divisional Commissioner called for immediate removal of construction waste that accumulates on the roads during and after the execution of infrastructure projects. The directive aimed to prevent any pub-

lic inconvenience or obstructions caused by the debris and maintain the cleanliness of the city. Calling for smooth movement of traffic, the Div Com instructed the responsible officers to address any infrastructure and maintenance-related issues pertaining to the fourth Jammu Tawi bridge. Among other instructions, the Divisional Commissioner emphasized the importance of maintaining rotaries, footpaths, and other pedestrian-friendly infrastructure within the city.

The meeting was attended by DC Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Director Tourism, Vivekanand Rai; Commissioner JMC, Rahul Yadav; VC JDA, Chief Engineers of PWD, Irrigation besides senior officers of concerned departments.

# Stray dog population above 1.20 Lakh in City; only Sterilization Centre is not sufficient

### MASROOR AHMAD

BUDGAM: Last week a big and unforgettable tragedy has struck a Batamalo family after a 12-year-old boy succumbed to his injuries at Children's Hospital, Bemina days after falling into a drain while being chased by stray dogs.

According to his father, stray dogs chased Ahmad Bin Javeed, a 6th standard student from Baraan Pathar area of Batamalo Srinagar along with other kids when he fell into a drain and was admitted to hospital on May 28.

Though he was rescued from the drain, but he lost his battle of life after two weeks.

Veterinary and animal care takers and experts said, delay in completion of much awaited Animal Birth Control (ABC) centres in Srinagar



city is basic cause of these incidents.

Lok Sabha Member from Sultanpur UP and renowned animal rights activist Maneka Gandhi recently visited Srinagar and assured to the common people that now you

will witness a disciplined dog sterilization programme and within one year positive results will be seen on grounds.

Officials of the Animal Birth Control centre Shuhama Srinagar

provided a tentative data to the State Times that, 10 to 12 dogs are being sterilized in a day.

"While number of dogs in Srinagar is over 1.20 lakh and it is not easy job to mass sterilization when we have only one centre. It should be around 100 sterilisations a day while on ground the operations happen in just hardly two digit at a single centre in Shuhama," he said.

So far, only one centre operated by Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) is functional in Srinagar's Shuhama. The second centre in the Valley at Tengpora with capacity of 60 sterilisations a day, should have been completed by 2020 but has been registering inordinate delays.

Kashmir Valley recorded 6,800 animal bite cases, over 5,700 (80%) stray dog bite cases, from April 1 last

year to March 31, highest in the past three years. In the past six years, the Kashmir valley has witnessed 37,467 animal bite cases, 72% or 26,742 of them in Srinagar alone.

Health experts said, there have been regular complaints of dog bites particularly targeting young children, the valley was shocked after pictures of an 8-year-old boy from south Kashmir's Avantipora with dog bites and stitches all over his body and injuries even in his lungs became viral on social media. What could be more horrendous and a human rights violation when a pack of 20 dogs tried to attack a young boy in Avantipora.

"The menace of dog bites is a universal phenomenon. We also want mass sterilisation but that can happen after work on other centres is completed," he said.

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