

## JMC earns whopping 1.44 crore revenue by 'single master stroke'

# Inspirations from working style of PM behind changes, public may enjoy all facilities of developed city soon: Mayor

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JAMMU: Elated with his innovative and revolutionary measures bearing fruits, Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma has informed that Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has earned a whopping 1.44 crore revenue by a "single master stroke".

Addressing a jam packed press conference at his office on Friday, the Mayor said that about 5000 hoardings, of dimensions varying from 2 by 3 to 2 by 4, hanging from electric poles in the city were removed by JMC authorities after which the 170 sites of 20 by 10, and 7 Variable Message Display (VMD) sites of JMC started earning revenue.

"From this, on an average, we used to get Rs. 12 lakh revenue a month earlier but our present action hiked and doubled this amount making it Rs. 24 lakh making its per month taking the annual figures to Rs. 1.44 crore," Mayor Sharma told reporters.



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma talking to reporters on Friday.

"Surprisingly the CAPEX expenditure for all the 75 Wards in the year 2018 used to be Rs. 1.43 crore and our just a single stroke has increased our revenue to more than that," he maintained adding that this money shall now be used for public welfare while earlier it used to go to the pockets of officers.

The Mayor reiterated that when he joined as the helmsman of the Urban Local Body (ULB) it was his commitment to remain answerable to every penny of the public and to look for ways to increase revenue of JMC.

"With this changed work culture, transparency and accountability in the ULB is increasing day-by-day and public confidence is also increasing on the system which is a good sign of healthy democracy," the Mayor continued.

He also said that with the inspirations from the working style of PM Modi, more changes in the ULB shall be there in very near future so that public may enjoy all the facilities of a developed city.



## 9 years of administrative reforms aim at socio-economic transformation: Dr Jitendra



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after launching two booklets and one flyer to mark 9 Years of Administrative Reforms at ARPG headquarters, Sardar Patel Bhavan, New Delhi on Friday.

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh on Friday said, nine years of administrative reforms under Prime Minister Narendra Modi are, in the long run, aimed at socio-economic transformation.

Delivering the inaugural address at a webinar on Administrative Reforms (2014-2023) in New Delhi, Dr. Jitendra said, large scale use of technology and integration approach are the twin pillars of the revolutionary Governance Reforms carried out in the last nine years.

On the occasion, he also released two booklets and one flyer and its e-Version on 9

Years of Administrative Reforms (2014-2023) to mark the completion of 9 years of government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi,

Dwelling on Administrative Reforms, Dr. Jitendra said, ever since Narendra Modi came to power in 2014, the Prime Minister gave us the mantra 'Minimum Government - Maximum Governance', which means a government to act as a facilitator, not an intimidator. When we talk of a government like this it means increased transparency, increased accountability and most of all increased citizen participation.

Speaking about the transparency and accountability in

the governance, Singh said that the benchmark for clean and effective government is the robust grievance redressal mechanism.

A 10 step CPGRAMS reforms process has been adopted for improving of disposal and reducing the time lines which has resulted weekly disposal rate upto 95 to 100%. Average disposal time of Central Ministries/Departments has improved from 32 days in 2021 to 27 days in 2022 to 17 days in April, 2023. The progress for April, 2023 indicates 1,06,847 grievances redressed by Central Ministries/ Departments with pendency level of 67,932 cases.

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JAMMU: A three day Awareness Workshop on Homestay Capacity Building of interested Homestay Proprietors and individual homestay owners was on Friday inaugurated here in TRC Jammu.

The workshop organised by Directorate of Tourism Jammu is being conducted under the overall supervision of Secretary to the Government, Tourism Department J&K - Syed Abid Rasheed Shah.

The three day workshop was inaugurated by Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai IRS along with Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu. The three days extensive Capacity Building Workshop was attended by about 80 interested Homestay stakeholders from District Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar, Jammu, Rajouri and Reasi. The Homestay Business Workshop shall set the stage for the growth of rural tourism in Jammu region, intending to empower local entrepreneurs to offer unique and authentic experiences to travelers while fostering economic development in the region.

In the welcome address, Vivekanand Rai emphasized the potential of homestays and rural tourism in Jammu region. He highlighted the financial empowerment of women through Homestay Businesses, drawing a correlation with the ancient principle of "Atithi Devo Bhava," which signifies



Tourism Department officers posing with others at a workshop.

the importance of treating guests as God. He highlighted the role of tourism in fostering cultural exchange and building bridges between communities in the modern-day context.

Dr. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, delivered the keynote speech, focusing on the integration of technology in tourism and the pivotal role of young entrepreneurs in driving the tourism industry in Jammu & Kashmir.

The Joint Director Tourism Jammu, Sunaina Sharma said that the Homestay Business Workshop aims at empowering entrepreneurs from different parts of Jammu to enhance their skills and knowledge in running successful homestay businesses. She elaborated that the workshop shall enrich the interested Homestay Proprietors in properly channelizing all marketing strategies and the required formal skills

for functional operation of Homestays and thereby enriching the local stakeholders with better opportunities for livelihood and promotion of rural tourism in all tourist areas of Jammu Division especially offbeat tourist destinations.

The workshop, hosted at the JKTDC Conference Hall, will take place from June 2nd to June 4th, 2023. Other dignitaries present at the inauguration ceremony included Sh. Manish Ahluwalia Director of LEAD, CA Sat Sharma Board Member & Secretary LEAD, CA Rajeev Gupta Board Member & Secretary LEAD, Dr. Anil Gupta Associate Professor Jammu University and professional team from MakeMyTrip who conducted various training sessions to equip the participants with the essential tools for establishing and operating homestay businesses effectively. Among others, the

inaugural ceremony was also attended by Dr. Umesh Shan, Deputy Director Tourism Jammu, Abdul Jabbar Deputy Director Tourism (Publicity) Jammu, Ambika Bali, Assistant Director Tourism Katra and other officials of the Tourism Department.

Homestays offer enriching and immersive experiences to travelers. Each homestay brings alive the local culture and heritage of the destination through a plethora of immersive and authentic experiences such as regional cuisine specialties, local cultural cum folk indulgences.

Prof. Anil Gupta from the Department of Tourism, Jammu University, discussed the potential of rural tourism in the region, emphasizing the need for capacity building among youth to promote tourism effectively.

Experts from the team of MakeMyTrip conducted sessions on various aspects of homestay training, covering topics such as landscaping, social media promotion, and essential communication skills. The sessions aimed to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to enhance the overall guest experience and effectively market their homestays. It was highlighted that homestays are witnessing a surge in popularity in the post-COVID era, with a growing trend of domestic tourism and an increasing interest in exploring new destinations and experiencing authentic local stays.

## AIIMS is one of greatest gift to J&K residents by Modi Govt: Raina

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JAMMU: People of Jammu & Kashmir will soon have access to the world-class health care facilities on the commencement of the newly constructed AIIMS in Samba, said Ravinder Raina, BJP J&K President.

He made this observation during his visit to the AIIMS complex at Samba along with Maha Jana Sampark Abhiyaan Convenor" & BJP General Secretary Dr. D.K. Manyal, BJP Vice-President Surjit



Ravinder Raina, BJP J&K President with other leaders visiting AIIMS Jammu.

Singh Salathia, DDC Chairperson Samba Keshav Dutt, DDC Shilpa Dubey, DDC Asha Rani, DDC Sarjit Singh Johal, BDC Darshan Singh, BDC Yogeshwar Singh, Dy. Mayor Baldev Billawaria, Kashmira Singh and others.

Raina said that the people of Jammu & Kashmir are highly grateful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his untiring efforts in extending all the developmental projects and welfare schemes to this border UT.

He said that AIIMS is one of

the prestigious health institutes as well as a landmark of development of the Modi government.

He said that prior to it, there was no Health Institution of the level of AIIMS and the suffering people had to move outside Jammu and Kashmir for specialized treatment.

"This AIIMS is one of the greatest gifts to us and humanity", Raina said and added that the Modi government has sanctioned a number of other projects for providing better health care facilities.

Surjit Singh Salathia also highlighted the significance of AIIMS and expressed hope that on its completion it will prove to be helpful for ailing persons.

"The Modi government is committed to provide world class health facilities to the residents of Jammu & Kashmir as the AIIMS starts functioning in the Union Territory", said Ravinder Raina.

Similarly, In Reasi the programme was held at Railway Bridge Kouri and attended by BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, former MoS Ajay Nanda, DDC Chairperson Sarf Singh Nag, Pawan Sharma, Secretary Arvind Gupta, District President Rohit Dubey, Sheel Magotra and others.

Ashok Koul, at the Railway Bridge, said that providing rail connectivity of Kashmir with the rest of the country is a mega project of the Modi government and almost it is near completion and will serve the people.

Jugal Kishore Sharma also

termed the rail project as a magnificent gift of Modi government for the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

In Pargval, MP (Rajya Sabha) Gulam Ali Khatana visited Pargval bridge.

In Akhnoor the programme was held under the supervision of Akhnoor Municipal President Sanjay Saraf.

In Jammu North, Sanjeeta Dogra President Mahila Morcha and Omi Khajuria District President were present.

In Kashmir South on Chandnurd Bridge, Zubair Ahmed district President along with Shazia Jaan DDC chairperson were present.

In Ayushman Hospital Dingi Simbli block mandli, Billawar, DDC Vikram Singh, Narayan Dutt, BDC Chairperson Nisha Rajput and Reeta Devi were present.

In Bani -Road Connectivity Sandhi To Bhandar Constituency Bani under the supervision of Jeevan Lal (Ex MLA).

## DGP J&K chairs meeting of Task force for implementation of UT wide CCTV surveillance System



DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh chairing a meeting of the task force committee at Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR: Director General of Police (DGP), J&K, Dilbag Singh, on Friday chaired a meeting of the task force committee to review the progress of the UT wide CCTV Surveillance system project in J&K.

The meeting was attended by ADGP Hqrs/Coordination, PHQ, M.K. Sinha, IGP Hqrs, PHQ, B.S. Tuti, DIG CKR, Sujit Kumar, AIG Provision & Transport PHQ, Gurinderpal Singh, AIG Tech. PHQ, Manoj Pandith,

DySP IT PHQ, Junaid Hakeem, DySP (P&T) PHQ, Sourab Prashar and representatives of Elcosta in person.

DIG DKR Range Sunil Gupta, DIG UR Range Mohd. Suleman Choudhary, DIG RP Range Dr. Mohammad Haseeb Mughal, DIG SKR Rayees Mohammad Bhat, DIG Traffic Jammu Shridhar Patil and representatives of TCIL and Earens & Young attended the meeting online.

Speaking on the occasion, the DGP impressed upon

the police officers and representatives of the companies to expedite the work and complete the work within the stipulated time.

He impressed upon the officers to accelerate the speed of work without compromising on the quality of the work.

He impressed upon the officers to resolve all issues and directed to remove hurdles if any as quick as possible. Earlier, M K Sinha briefed the DGP about the various issues related to the completion of work on the project work.

## Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to District Udhampur and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 04 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Lalayana, Salehar, Rathana, Khour, Makhanpur, Biaspur, Sai Kalan, Khanachak, Kotli, Nikowal, Kalyana, Satwari, Nai Basti, Ashok Nagar, M.H. Mil. Cant., Sanjay Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Ratmuhak, Birpur, Sainik Colony, MES, Keerian Local and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 05 from 6 am to 10 am.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Industries under Feeder 2nd and 3rd shall remain affected on June 04 and 05 from 5 am to 9 am. Similarly, the power supply to Industries under Feeder 2nd and 4th shall remain affected on June 06 from 5 am to 9 am. Likewise, the power supply to Nanga, Didiyal, Nathal, Chak Paras and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 03 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Ramgarh Town, Trindiyas Ridma and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 04 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Industries under Industry 2nd, Hatli Village and adjoining areas shall remain affected on June 04 from 8 am to 10 am.

## To streamline work culture, J&K Waqf Board orders major overhaul, reassignment of 323 employees position

### ■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: The J&K Waqf Board on Friday ordered re-designation of the posts of 323 employees, who have failed to submit a genuine 10th pass academic qualification certificate till date.

According to an order issued by Executive Magistrate Tehsildar, Ishtiyag Mohi-ud-din, reads that the J&K Waqf Board has recruited, engaged several categories of employees over the years without prescribing well-defined criteria. "Such employees have been randomly given designations like, Chowkidars, Sweepers, Peons, Orderlies, Tehveeldars, Bus Conductors, Malies, etc., and their services have only been utilized as per their designations," read the order.

It said that no fresh recruitments have been made after the constitution of the J&K Waqf Board in 2022, and a comprehensive exercise for rationalisation of postings is underway for proper utilization of Waqf resources.

"Simultaneously, a large-scale exercise for mass transfers of employees after decades of Stay Period is also being carried out. The verification of Educational Qualification Certificates of all employees has been conducted by this office through the respective Recognised Issuing Authorities, and a number of certificates have proved not to be genuine, and necessary action has been initiated in this regard", it read.

It added as a result, there is severe deficiency of staff at the lower levels in the

Board, and certain important categories of employees, like, Sweepers and Chowkidars, are not available in the required numbers at Sub-Units.

"With the recent decision of the Board to disengage the over-age employees, and no fresh recruitments being made, this kind of staff deficiency has become more severe."

The order further read that the matter was placed before the competent authorities, and as desired, in order to overcome such deficiencies at the lower levels, sanction is hereby accorded to the re-designation of posts, of the enclosed list of 323 employees, that are functionally illiterate, or have failed to submit a genuine 10th pass academic qualification certificate till date, as Multi-Purpose Staff

(MPS).

"The designation shall be used for all such categories of posts that do not require any technical or professional qualification. The services of all such employees shall be henceforth utilised to perform any kind of job that doesn't require any special skills."

It, however, clarified that re-designation shall not absolve any employee from any service related enquiry or irregularities of appointment and promotion. "Further, all the employees posted at Shrines, from the Administrator to the lowest level, are additionally designated as "Khaadim-e-Ziyarat", it said, adding that the administrators shall accordingly ensure that the entire staff carries a visible identity card all the time bearing this.

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AHMADABAD: Kavinder Gupta, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former Deputy Chief Minister met the Union Minister of Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh in Ahmadabad and discussed various ways and means for doubling farmers' income.

The meeting focused on the potential benefits of cow farming for farmers in India in general and J&K in particular. While the Union Minister enumerated the massive benefits of the aforesaid farming, the former Dy CM assured him to launch a strong awareness campaign in this regard across J&K Union Territory for the farmers.

During the meeting, Giriraj Singh highlighted the importance of cows in Indian culture, emphasizing that they are consid-

ered deities in this nation of the oldest living civilization.

He also asserted that cow farming can play a key role in doubling the income of farmers.

He added that by taking up cow farming, farmers can increase their income mainly through production and sale of milk, cow-dung, and cow urine, all of which are in high demand across the nation.

The Union Minister emphasized upon the farmers to adopt cow farming as it will be a determining factor that would go a long way in helping the farmers in doubling their income through dairy farming.

He highlighted many benefits that cow farming can bring to farmers, including the production of dairy by-products besides the use of cow dung as manure which

is a natural nutrient for growing organic crops.

He assured the J&K's former Dy Chief Minister that the government will provide support and assistance to farmers who choose to adopt cow farming and prefer sustainable farming practices. Therefore, farmers across the country can take advantage of these schemes to further augment their livelihoods by boost their income.

Responding to the Union Minister's concentrated focus on benefits of the Cow-Farming, Kavinder Gupta assured him that he would leave no stone unturned in promoting cow-farming in J&K.

He pledged to launch a massive awareness campaign to make cow farming a successful and profitable enterprise for farmers of this Union Territory.