

SWD to consider pension cases brought forth by JMC Councillors: Jammu Mayor

Sharma resolves pension issue of widows, old age, physically challenged persons

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JAMMU: The Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma along with his team announced that the elected Councillors Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) shall now choose the beneficiaries for pensions to widows, old age and physically challenged persons.

In a jam-packed press conference at his office chamber the Mayor said there were many problems being faced by the widows, old age and physically challenged persons in getting pensions as the Social Welfare Department has made Priority House Hold (PIHH) Ration Card as the necessary requirement for these pensions while there were many problems in getting PIHH Ration Card.

"Not only this, those who



Jammu Mayor, Rajinder Sharma addressing a press conference on Wednesday.

were already drawing pensions in these categories had their pensions stopped by the concerned department," Sharma said adding: "This included many elders above 65 and many of these were bedridden while many others had no support from anyone and these people were facing many problems in documentation to get pension."

The Mayor further said, also there were physically handicapped persons who

too faced documentation problems for pension while widows having a house didn't had PHH Ration Card and they were also facing similar problem.

"Apart from these there were many people from well off families but their sons were not helping them and such people were facing problems as their Ration Card bifurcation was not being done," Mayor Sharma continued.

He further said that keeping the burning public issue in mind a high level delegation of the Urban Local Body led by him (Mayor) and having members Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria; Chairmen of two of the JMC Standing Committees-Subash Sharma and Arun Khanna; Councillors-Surjeet Chowdhary, Jaideep Sharma, Kapil Chib, Ashok Manhas and Anil Kumar

met the Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT in Srinagar.

"The LG in turn took a strict note of the problem and issued on spot directions that all the pension issues highlighted by the Mayor should be resolved within two days positively," the Mayor maintained adding: "In this regard we also met Administrative Secretary of SWD and he said that only the pension beneficiaries brought forth by JMC Councillors should be considered and for the problem of documentation some via media shall be looked for.

It is pertinent to mention here that the LG had commended the Mayor for his revolutionary leadership and public friendly attitude and hoped that the Mayor shall further continue to raise public issues.



During one year, Waqf has been transformed from an ailing organization to a vibrant one: Dr Darakhshan



Chairperson JKWB, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi during visit to Pulwama town.

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PULWAMA: Minister of State and Chairperson J&K Waqf Board Dr Darakhshan Andrabi on Wednesday visited Pulwama town, Newa village in Pulwama and Pakherpora in Budgam district and attended multiple programmes and laid foundation for new work to be executed.

Andrabi was accompanied by Waqf CEO Dr Majid Jahangir, Tehsildar Ishtiyak Mohiuddin & Social Activist Arshad Bhat. She began her tour from Pulwama visiting Chudi Bazar in Pulwama town where a programme was organised by the traders after this notified Waqf owned Market was taken over recently by the Board.

Later Dr Andrabi visited Newa Village where she paid obeisance at the sufi shrine and addressed a public gathering. Waqf Chairperson later paid obeisance at the shrine of Hazrat Aali Ali Balkhi (RA) and also laid foundation stone for the Transporters Halt at Pakherpora bazar.

Speaking to a gathering of local traders and senior citizens at Pakherpora Dr Andrabi said that it was encouraging and motivating to see the transformation of Waqf Board during the past one year.

"From an ailing entity to a vibrant organization, our journey in Waqf Board during the past one year has been splendid. Despite con-

tinuous process of sustainable corrections, much needs to be done. The infections in the system had become chronic and thus the treatment takes us more time and efforts", said Dr Andrabi.

She said that the resources of the Board were exploited earlier to the level that when the new Board took over, there was no money even for the salaries of the staff.

"Loot and misappropriation of the funds of Waqf are a past now. We have already initiated re-development projects throughout J&K and the Board has succeeded in earning the trust of the people again", said Waqf Board Chairperson.

Chandrayaan-3 to raise level of India's international collaborations: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh on Wednesday said, Chandrayaan-3 will raise the level of India's international collaborations, particularly in science, technology, innovation and StartUps.

The Minister said, USA's NASA and India's ISRO are developing a strategic framework for human spaceflight cooperation and NASA is today soliciting India's astronauts. He said, India also signed the Artemis Accords during the recent visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the US, which envisages a common vision for Space exploration for the benefit of all humankind.

Dr Jitendra Singh was speaking after India and the United States, represented by its Ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti, today jointly launched the call for collaborative proposals on "Critical and Emerging Technology: Quantum Technologies and Artificial Intelligence for Transforming Lives". The Indo-U.S. Science and



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after launching the joint call for Indo-USA collaborative proposals at American Centre, New Delhi on Wednesday. Also seen is the US Ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti.

Technology Forum (IUSSTF) and the Secretariat for USISTEF have designed the program.

The Minister said, he felt happy that both the Indian and US sides have positioned themselves quickly to carry forward the decision of the leaders to the implementation level.

Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that the Indo-American engagement has charted a Technology Partnership for the Future with a new direction and a new energy in the AI (Artificial Intelligence) era.

Dr Jitendra said, among other

technology-oriented matters of high relevance, it is heartening to note that President Biden and Prime Minister Modi welcomed the launch of a \$2million grant program under the U.S.-India Science and Technology Endowment Fund (USISTEF) for the joint development and commercialization of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and quantum technologies, and encouraged public-private collaborations to develop high performance computing (HPC) facilities in India.

Dr Jitendra said, investments in AI and quantum technology would lead to transformative advances in our everyday lives and greatly benefit our social well-being by impacting healthcare, agriculture, climate change and more. He welcomed the transformative potential of the Endowment fund.

The call will remain open till August 31, 2023 and will invite promising joint Indo-U.S. technology innovation and entrepreneurial proposals that are commercially viable and socially relevant.

CS chairs 94th BoD Meeting of JKTDC

Directs upscaling of properties to promote tourist destinations

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SRINAGAR: In its 94th Board of Directors (BoD) meeting of the J&K Tourism Development Corporation (JKTDC), Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Wednesday directed the officers of Tourism Department to take all necessary measures to promote destinations other than Pahalgam, Gulmarg and Patnitop as attractive tourist spots and improve facilities for stay at these locations.

The BoD meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Finance; Commissioner Secretary, I&C; Secretary, Tourism; MD, JKTDC; Director Tourism, Kashmir besides other concerned officers of the IT Department.

The Chief Secretary asked for introduction of adventure activities like Rock climbing, Zip line, Paragliding or other water sports events.

Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to formulate a plan for promotion of Golf Tourism in J&K. The Chief



Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting.

Secretary also stressed on giving facelift to the properties of the Department at Kokernag, Verinag, Daksum, Betab Valley, Sanasar, Sarthal, Bani, Basholi, Badervah and other places to tap their potential fully besides earning revenue for the Corporation.

In his presentation the

Managing Director, JKTDC, Minga Sherpa revealed the plans of the Corporation to lease out assets of the Corporation at renewed terms and realising the outstanding with various debtors.

The board also discussed the issues related to different hotels being run by the Corporation at Srinagar and Jammu and other HR related matters.

It also deliberated upon the Corporation's plan of outsourcing the JKTDC properties on PPP mode at Pahalgam, Kud, Sanasar, Qazigund, Banihal, Ramban, Gulmarg, Jammu and Srinagar besides taking other decisions for the betterment of the Corporation.

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Azad visits bereaved family of RS Bali in Baramulla

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SRINAGAR: Chairman Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) Ghulam Nabi Azad visited bereaved family of Ranbir Singh Bali, Director Finance, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, in Baramulla on Wednesday. Bali, his wife, and their son tragically lost their lives in a devastating accident while traveling on Mughal road on July 9. Ghulam Nabi Azad along with senior DPAP leadership visited the bereaved family in Chandoosa village of



Chairman DPAP Ghulam Nabi Azad offering condolence to bereaved family of Ranbir Singh Bali.

Baramulla district and offered their heart-felt departed souls."Ranbir condolences and prayed Singh Bali was an honest

and committed officer who always worked for upliftment of the poor by implementing policies," Azad said.

Expressing sympathy with the injured daughter of the deceased, Azad blamed pathetic road conditions for the tragic accident on Mughal Road. He was accompanied by Taj Mohiuddin Treasurer, Vice Chairman G.M. Saroori, Distt President Shoaib Lone, Shabnum Shaffiq Gen Secretary Province, Omar Kakru Working President, Jasbir Kour and others.

Div Com Jammu starts plantation drive along newly constructed Ring Road

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JAMMU: In a significant move towards environmental conservation and beautification, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, on Wednesday kick started a plantation drive at Miran Sahib, along the newly constructed Ring Road Jammu.

This plantation drive was organized by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) with the aim to enhance the green cover and promote sustainability in the region.

Pertinently, Under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', NHAI has organized a nation-wide plantation drive to plant about 3 lakh saplings across 300 sites along the National Highways in a single day.

The plantation drive, launched with great enthusiasm, saw the active participation of government officials, PRIs, local residents, school students and volunteers who came together to contribute to the cause.

Hundreds of saplings of different indigenous species were planted along the stretch of the Ring Road to



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar starting a plantation drive at Miran Sahib, along newly constructed Ring Road.

create a vibrant and ecologically diverse landscape.

The move would serve as a vital intervention to combat deforestation, mitigate the effects of climate change and foster biodiversity conservation. By increasing the green cover in urban areas, such initiatives help to counteract the adverse impacts of pollution and contribute to the overall well-being of the community.

The Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, emphasized the significance of the plantation drive, stating, "Our aim is to transform the land-

scape and make it more sustainable and ecologically balanced. Planting trees along the newly constructed Ring Road will not only enhance its aesthetic appeal but also provide numerous ecological benefits, such as air purification, soil erosion prevention".

PD NHAI, while speaking on the occasion, said the plantation drive is part of a nationwide plantation drive aimed at promoting ecological balance and environmental sustainability.

Local residents expressed their support and appreciation for the initiative, recog-

nizing the long-term benefits it would bring to the community. They believe that the increased green cover will not only enhance the visual appeal of the area but also provide a healthier environment for all residents.

This plantation drive is expected to set an example for other regions and serve as a catalyst for similar initiatives across the country. It showcases the power of collaboration between government agencies and local communities in promoting sustainable development and preserving natural resources.

APCCF and other dignitaries also highlighted the importance of plantation drive and urged attendees to plant saplings of trees for a better environment.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa; Regional officer, NHAI, P Siva Sankar; Project director, Y P S Jadon; Joint Advisor NHAI, (Retd.PCCF), Ravi Kesar; Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, B M Sharma; DFO Jammu, SDM R. S.Pura, local PRIs were also present on the occasion.

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The borrowers, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of gold ornaments / security pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted. The auction is of the gold ornaments / security of borrowers who have defaulted to pay, as per the terms of Loan Agreement signed & accepted by them, despite notices by HDFC Bank Limited (the "Bank") to clear the loan dues. The Bank had also issued a notice to the borrowers whereby, 7 days' time was given to repay the entire outstanding dues in the below accounts, failing which Bank would be at liberty to auction the entire pledged gold security without issuing further notice. The borrowers have neglected and failed to make payment, therefore, Bank in exercise of its rights under the loan agreement as a pledgee has decided to enforce the pledge over gold security by selling the entire pledged gold ornaments / security by way of auction and recover the dues owed by the borrowers to the Bank. The auction will be conducted at below mentioned branch/s on 21st July 2023 from 9:30 am onwards.

Loan No./Reference No	Borrower's Name	Date of Loan	Overdue as on 31-07-2023	BRANCH
73482800	SANDEEP KUMAR	4/13/2022	336300	1356-TALAB TILLOJ-JAMMU-PRIME
73304939	MOHD SHARIEF	11/9/2021	98300	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
50200017785216	KULBUSHAN	3/5/2023	100048	2538-KATHUA-PRIME
455347037	BAHRAT BUSHAN	10/25/2022	206700	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73751051	NEELAM GUPTA	10/11/2022	130600	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73193624	SUNIL KUMAR	8/23/2021	88800	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73357036	HARI KRISHAN	12/22/2021	81300	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73779384	NIPUN SHARMA	10/29/2022	31400	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73780339	RAJ SINGH	10/29/2022	29300	2540-UDHAMPUR-JK-PRIME
73754260	SUNDRA DEVI	10/12/2022	47400	6538-SHASTRI NAGAR JAMMU-PRIME

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Date: 13th July 23
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