

LIC Launches 'Pragati'- a New Mobile App for Development Officers

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JAMMU: LIC launches a new mobile app 'Pragati' (Performance Review Application, Growth And Trend Indicator) for exclusive use of its Development Officers. This feature was launched at the hands of LIC Chairperson M R Kumar in the presence of Managing Directors, Mukesh Gupta, Raj Kumar, Siddhartha Mohanty and Mini Ipe and other Senior Officials of the Corporation.

'Pragati' is a comprehensive mobile application which gives various information which are updated in near real-time about the performance of their agency force in critical areas of business performance like Premium collection, agency activation, prospective MDRT / centurion agents etc., apart from monitoring their team on activities such as usage of agents mobile app and NACH validations. There is also a calculator to measure their cost ratio.

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LIC Chairperson M.R Kumar and others launching mobile app 'Pragati'.

The scenario becomes more important when it is related to the marketing verticals of any organization where real time data and information is utmost necessity for decision making and preparing market enhancement strategies.

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Mayor starts development works in Bahu Fort area

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide best possible civic & development amenities to the general public, Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor, JMC along with Jugal Kishore Sharma Member Parliament Jammu on Friday laid foundation stone of prestigious project in Bahu Lochan Chowk (Bahu Fort area) of Ward No 47 in terms of pollution abatement of River Tawi of five number of Nallahs falling in it on the left side. Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister of J&K, Advocate Purnima Sharma Deputy Mayor, JMC, Madam Sharda Kumari Councillor of Ward No 47, Vinay Gupta Distt President Jammu, Neeraj Puri Gandhi Nagar Mandal President who is also Councilor of Ward No.54 and other prominent inhabitants of Bahu Fort & its surrounding localities as well as Sh. Rakesh Gupta, Superintending Engineer (UEED), Shiv Kumar Gupta Executive Engineer (UEED), Rajesh Sharma Assistant Executive Engineer (UEED), Bajaj Junior Engineer & other Supervisory staff of UEED were also remained present



Mayor JMC, Chander Mohan Gupta and others inaugurating development work.

there during the function.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor told that it is a very prestigious project which has been undertaken by the UEED, Sewerage & Drainage deptt. of Jammu Municipal Corporation under AMRUT Scheme and major & concrete steps will be taken to save Suraj Putri River Tawi from further polluted by the dirty water of five Nallahs i.e Rajeev Nagar Nallah, Gorakha Nagar Nallah, university side Nallah, Bikram Chowk Nallah etc. under this project, three numbers of inter-mediate pumping stations will be constructed at Gorkha Nagar, Boria & Rajiv Basti near Bikram Chowk.

Besides this, Mayor told that Sewage Treatment Plant having 4 MLD capacity is going to be completed shortly which is

also one of the vital component of this project and population of about 40000 souls covering the area of Narwal Bala, Rajiv Nagar, Sabzi Mandi Narwal, Bahu Gorkha Nagar, Rajiv Basti Kalka Colony, Sheikh Nagar Bikram Chowk etc will be benefitted where sewer lines are proposed to be laid down & about 5000 House connections of kitchen waste water; Bath Room waste water; Toilet waste water with proposed Sewer lines will be connected under this project.

He told that this whole project will be completed within the two year's time period with an estimate cost of Rs 51.67 crore and an amount of Rs 16.49 Crore under capex budget has already been approved for the year 2021-22 for this work.

IkkJutt Jammu extends support for Chamber's Jammu Bandh call

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JAMMU: Coming heavily down on the Government for acting as an agent of vested economic interests, President IkkJutt Jammu Ankur Sharma strongly criticized the dehumanizing and ruthless policy of the UT Govt in allowing monopolisation of leftover businesses in Jammu Province.

"IkkJutt Jammu whole heartedly supports the Bandh Call given by Chamber of Commerce and other organisations for 22nd September" Sharma said.

Ankur Sharma said that instead of striking a just balance between various market players, the Govt. is radically moving from a society centric approach towards a partisan market centric approach encouraging monopolies and destroying entrepreneurship of this supposedly Atmanirbhar Bharat.

"How could the Government allow takeover of markets that too only in

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The Govt seems to be cajoled into accepting the dictates of big businesses and other vested economic interests who have long been in hegemonic position in India in collusion with the bureaucracy and the Mafia politician. After Liquor and Mining primarily, the next target is Retail and Wholesale including distribution etc.

Ankur Sharma said that throughout the history of post 1947 India, the choice of Economic Policies were and continue to be influenced by Entrenched Special Interests, Fragile Social Consensus and Weak Administrative Capacity. Even today's Govt has assumed the

character of a predator, as policies and programmes are designed to transfer resources to very narrowly defined interest groups.

Sharma urged that the Government should avoid pursuing narrow distributional goals as doing so would hit equity and hit average grade entrepreneurs, numbered in lakhs very hard. He stressed and asked the Govt to have well designed Safety Nets for the existing players and the most vulnerable.

President IkkJutt Jammu Party said that Jammu which remains a Colony of Kashmir and continues to suffer second order status deserves a Government which has the capacity to mobilize efforts to struggle poverty, ill health, unemployment, malnutrition, Jihadist intrusions and forces of inequity.

IkkJutt Jammu Party asked the Govt to take immediate corrective measures redressing the genuine grievances of Jammu's Business Class failing which it shall suffer heavy political cost.

"If voted to power in next Assembly Elections by people of Jammu Province, IkkJutt Jammu Party here by places it on record its vow to reverse all economic and political wrongs done by the current Govt in a very limited time frame: said Ankur Sharma.



President Youth Congress, Uday Bhanu Chib interacting with people.

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JAMMU: Youth Congress Jammu and Kashmir has accused the Bharatiya Janata Party of being responsible for people's miseries due to its anti-people policies.

This was stated by Uday Bhanu Chib, President Youth Congress Jammu and Kashmir while addressing a gathering at Ganesh Puja function here on Saturday. Uday Bhanu Chib along with Rajni Bala Corporator Ward 60 participated in a Lord Ganesha Puja function at Mohalla Tiny Tots near Lower Roop Nagar in Raipur Domana Assembly Segment here. Paying their obeisance at the Pooja Sthal to Lord Ganesha, they prayed for the peace and prosperity of the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory and its people.

In view of the ongoing pandemic they specially prayed for early culmination of this deadly corona virus across the globe.

Both the senior Congress leaders also interacted with people of the area and listened to their issues which included irregular water supply and poor condition of drains in their area. The leaders gave a patient hearing to the people

grievances and assured to get all their genuine grievances addressed by approaching the concerned authorities. However, Rajni Bala, while acknowledging that the issues

of regular water supply and construction of drains are of prime importance for the people, said that she would take up these two issues with the concerned departmental authorities and ensure that these are addressed at the earliest.

Uday Chib, while addressing the people on the occasion, said that it is because of the anti-people policies of the B-JP Government that people are suffering amid the ongoing pandemic with new woes getting added to their miseries every passing day. He said that Congress being more than 70 years old party and committed

to address people's issue on priority especially those pertaining to basic amenities is the only solution to get rid of the miseries surmounting on the people.

Uday said that people must teach the B-JP a lesson in the next elections by decimating to a big zero. He assured that Congress if voted to power in J&K will resolve the people's problems within its first year of rule.

Patient safety is our top priority: Dr. Vijay Vemuri

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JAMMU: World Patient Safety Day is observed every year, on September 17 to increase public awareness and engagement, enhance global understanding, and spur global solidarity and action to promote patient safety.

For the past year and a half, the world has been in pandemic mode, and this has challenged and overwhelmed the safety issues in health care systems, ranging from equipping adequate PPEs, maintaining sanitation & hygiene, and supporting the front-line health care workers in serving and treating patients.

"Patient safety is our top priority, and we have successfully implemented six International Patients Safety Goals (IPSG). In order to ensure complete implementation, a system to monitor compliance is present across our network of 16 Cancer Hospitals (American Oncology Institute), Multispecialty (Citizens Specialty Hospital) and Laboratory Chain (AMPATH)", said Dr. Vijay Vemuri, Group Chief Operating Officer.

Faisal Siddiqui, AVP Strategy and Operations,

said, "We conduct facility audits and have devised mechanisms for capturing multiple Quality Indicators to quantify process gaps. This is supported by a robust incident reporting mechanism that includes proper root cause analysis, which leads to corrective and preventive actions."

On this occasion, a team activity of IPSG booth was held in all locations of AOI, Citizens Specialty Hospital, and AMPATH with the goal of advocating the adoption of best practices at the point of care to prevent avoidable risk and harm.

Teams came forward to represent the best practices for each IPSG in an educational and innovative manner. Safety aspects, as well as the patient journey, were depicted, and leadership commitment was shared with the team in the form of a video.

"It represented our commitment towards high standards of care, quality, and safety. There was a tremendous amount of learning, reinforcing our commitment to providing evidence-based cancer care with patient safety as our top priority," said Saino Thomas, Group Chief Nursing Officer.



NBF J&K President, Prof Kusum Lata Malik interacting with Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

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JAMMU: A deputation of National Federation of the Blind J&K under the leadership of Prof Kusum Lata Malik (president) met Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

The deputation was comprising of Mohinder Kumar Badyal, Convenor National Federation of the Blind J&K UT, Nivedita Principal, Louis Braille Memorial School for Sightless Girls, Roop Nagar along with Tarun Dev Singh.

Prof Malik presented the memorandum to LG and discussed the issues specially regarding the construction work by Jammu Municipal Cooperation at the land lying

vacant to adjacent Louis Braille Memorial School for Sightless Girls, Roop Nagar, Jammu.

After a listening to the matter, LG took a prompt action and directed to Vice Chairman JDA to take care of the matter seriously.

The other issues also discussed were regarding filling up of backlog of vacancies.

Moreover, Badyal put forth the issue of blind youth who had given the Group-D examination conducted by JKSSB to safeguard their rights by identifying the Group-D posts in favour of visually impaired youth. He also demanded enhancement of the pension for unemployed blind fraternity.

HC issue notice to then Div Com Jammu to explain as to why he should not be punished for contempt

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir High Court took serious note for not implementing the order of the Court issuing notice to the then Divisional Commissioner Jammu Sanjeev Verma to explain as to why he should not be punished for contempt of the orders passed by this Court.

This significant order has been passed by Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur in a contempt petition filed by Sheela Devi & others.

Advocate Joyti Sarup appearing for the petitioners submitted that Vide judgment and order dated December 18, 2017, this Court had allowed the writ petition by directing the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu to initiate steps for formal acquisition of the land in question for purposes of payment of compensation thereof. Admittedly, the land of the petitioners was utilized for constructing the Community Hall, even when the aforementioned order was passed in the year 2017, no steps for acquisition were taken.

Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur after hearing Adv Joyti Sarup appearing for the petitioner and Sr. AAG S.S Nanda appearing for the respondent observed that Statement of facts has been filed on December 30, 2020, by Sanjeev Verma, the then Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, in which it has been stated that the claim of the petitioners for compensation in lieu of land in question is not sustainable, as the land in question had been donated by the petitioners for the welfare of the village.

Clearly, the then Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, intentionally defied the

judgment and order passed by this Court, by filing the aforesaid response in the aforementioned contempt petition. Paragraph 6 of the said compliance is reproduced hereunder that as far as the claim of the petitioners for compensation in lieu of land donated by them for construction of community hall in Panchayat Halqa, Sangrampur it is not sustainable as it is an established practice that the Rural Development Department does not acquire the land for construction of its assets but does the same on the land donated by the individuals of the Panchayat concerned for the welfare of the village, which has been the same in the instant case.

Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur observed that on the face of it, the then Divisional Commissioner,

Jammu has clearly attempted to intentionally defy the judgment and order dated December 18, 2017, for which appropriate action needs to be taken. Issue notice to the said officer to explain as to why he should not be punished for contempt of the orders passed by this Court.

Court on the verbal request of Adv Joyti Sarup for the petitioners, Dr. Raghav Langer, Division is implemented as respondent No. 2 in the instant contempt petition. He is directed to comply with the judgment and order dated December 18, 2017 in its letter and spirit. He shall ensure that steps are taken for the implementation of the aforementioned judgment and order passed by this Court, before the next date of hearing. Issue notice to new respondent.