

Mayor inaugurates garbage transfer station at Bhagwati Nagar

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JAMMU: Continuing his endeavour to provide more civic & development amenities to the people of Jammu, Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC alongwith Advocate Purnima Sharma, Deputy Mayor in presence of Satpal Karlupia Councilor of Ward No 32, Sucha Singh, Councilor of Ward No 31, Avny Lavasa, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation today inaugurated a Modern Garbage transfer station under Solid Waste management at Bhagwati Nagar area.

Anil Gupta, Executive Engineer, Neeraj Vaid Assistant Executive Engineer, Ishan Verma, Junior Engineer & other supervisory staff of Project division of JMC as well as Keshav Chopra Mandal President BJP, Rajesh



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta, inaugurating a Modern Garbage transfer Station.

Dogra, State Office Secretary BJP OBC Moreha, Lovkesh Gondhi Social Media Incharge Jammu west, Rahul Mehra, P.K Bhatt, Bawa Kumar, Reena Gupta, Sarita Koul and other prominent inhabitants of the Bhagwati Nagar & its adjoining localities were remained present there during the function.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor told that JMC is committed to provide better sanitation facilities in all the

wards of the city and all the Municipal Councilors in coordination with JMC staff is working as a team from the last three years so that Jammu can be made really a smart city.

He further told that the construction work of this garbage transfer center was started about two months back and the civil work of which has been completed today while the requisite machinery will be made available shortly.

Beside this, more such type of garbage transfer centers under Solid waste management will be constructed in various parts of the city so that the Municipal Autos engaged in door to door garbage collection in different wards be carried at garbage transfer stations for its further disposal with the help of compactors in a very scientific and clean manner.

He also appealed to the general public to come forward & cooperate with the JMC in keeping their localities neat, clean and green, do not throw garbage, waste materials on the roadside, handover the same to the designated municipal vehicles and adopt the habit of segregation of dry & wet waste at their own level so that the aim of Swachh Bharat Mission can be achieved successfully.

Need to boost industrial growth in J&K: Kavinder-led delegation Union MoS M N Pandey

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JAMMU: A delegation led by senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Friday called on Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship of India and discussed various issues related to industrial growth in the UT.

The delegation comprising Mayor Jammu Chander Mohan, former ministers Sat Sharma, Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal and Shakti Parihar, former MLC Vibodh Gupta, Secretary Arvind Gupta and Protocol Incharge Sanjay Khanna urged the Union MoS to ensure further boosting up of industrial growth in the Union Territory by establishing big industry and rejuvenating the sick units which are lying defunct due to indifference shown by the successive governments.



Former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta and others during meeting with Union Minister, Mahendra Nath Pandey.

Kavinder Gupta hailed the UT administration for taking proactive steps in making industries more vibrant and viable but he said that this sector remained dormant for nearly hundred years as no previous government took interest in exploiting the resource rich state to set-up industry which J&K deserved for its economic development and employment needs.

He said this lacuna of the successive governments is also one of the reasons for turmoil in the erstwhile

state as Pakistan took advantage of the situation and misguided the youth to the hilt.

The delegation said that although J&K administration has announced a new industrial developmental scheme (IDS) with a total outlay of Rs 28,400 crore to encourage new investment and to take industrial development to the block level but still lot more has to be done to get maximum benefit of this sector as it can prove out to be a game changer if exploited in true

sense because expansion of industry can tackle unemployment, create new avenues for business, bring in more business giants for investment and above all will provide products in the local markets at reasonable rates. The delegation said that industrial growth in the right perspective can be a great help in creating employment opportunities, income generation and overall economic development of the UT.

After listening to the issues and demands presented by BJP delegation led by Kavinder Gupta, the Union MoS Pandey assured that he will project the aspirations of the delegation at the appropriate platforms with recommendation of giving sanctions to more incentives and taking steps to bring in major industrial houses in the UT in coming time.

ASHA workers hold protest, project demands



President CITU, M.Y Tarigami talking to reporters during a protest.

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JAMMU: ASHA Workers Union Jammu on Friday organized a protest at Press Club Jammu in support of their genuine and long pending demands.

A large number of ASHA workers participated in the demonstration holding flags and placards and chanted slogans in support of their demands.

While addressing the ASHA Workers, M.Y Tarigami, President of State Committee of CITU said that it is the fact that much of credit for the success of the fight against the

first and second wave of the COVID goes to the selfless work of the ASHA workers working in the Public Health System of Jammu & Kashmir.

Further, he said, a number of ASHLAs have so far been martyred in this fight saving thousands of lives but it is unfortunate for the nation that in spite of selfless dedicated work all these years and the extraordinary services provided by the ASHA workers during the pandemic, risking their own life and the lives of their family, the Government of India is not ready to recognize their work and regularize them as permanent employees.

He said that as per the recommendations of the 45th and 46th Indian Labour Conferences all Scheme workers such as ASHA, Anganwari, Mid-Day-Meal workers etc. should be given workers status and be paid minimum wages and provide social security and pension.

He urged upon all scheme workers to continue their struggle for getting their demands fulfilled.

In her address Anita Rajput Secretary of ASHA Workers Union said that ASHA workers working in almost all other states like Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh etc are getting wages/remuneration of more than Rs 10000 per month but ASHLAs who have been working in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir are getting meager remuneration of Rs 2000 only.

She strongly demanded that ASHA should be given Rs. 21000 minimum wages and social security benefits like pension, EPF, ESI and free medical treatment etc.

Charging for ultrasound in emergency section of GMC injustice to masses: NAUP



President NAUP, Sandeep Singh talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: National Awami United Party (NAUP) has termed charging Rs 160 for ultrasound in an emergency section of GMC as shocking and injustice to masses of Jammu.

Sandeep Singh President, NAUP came down heavily on the new revenue tactic adopted by administration without even applying any common sense. He stated emergency section, GMC comes into play during a situation of emergency but not taking a welfare aspect of masses even in emergency is pathetic and must be condemned. He questioned that who are advisors of this LG Administration who are hell bent in fleeing Jammuites on one pretext or another. Now ultrasound fee in GMC, Jammu is another attempt to show that administration is not concerned about the welfare if Jammuites. He stated that charging of this fee must be rolled back as already Jammu is boiling with anger against the recent anti people steps taken by administration. LG administration is testing the patience of people or it wants to see a series of protest demonstrations in Jammu. Jammu is not anybody's fiefdom and Jammuites are not bonded labour of any political outfit that it will become a yes man functionary, Jammu will fight tooth and nail against this injustice.

Other prominent present were Uttam Chand, Bupinder Sharma, Nater Pal, Vikas Sharma, Parveen Kumar and Mohit Dalhotra.

Address potable water woes on priority: Yudhvir



Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President speaking during a meeting with PHE, AEE Rajesh Kohli.

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JAMMU: A delegation of residents of Ward Nos: 19 and 7 of East Constituency led by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President called on PHE, AEE Rajesh Kohli and discussed various issues related to irregular supply of drinking water in these wards and adjacent areas.

The issues were vociferously raised by the BJP Vice President along with the other allied concerns like that of the contaminated drinking water supply probably due to leaking and worn out supply pipelines, etc. Other members of the delegation also conveyed their drinking water woes to the AEE

appealing him to address the issue on priority. The concerned officer listened to the delegation led by Yudhvir Sethi quite patiently and said that their concerns would be looked into and addressed appropriately. The delegation comprised of Anju Dogra, BJP State Secretary; Rajesh Dogra, BJP Media State Secretary OBC; Asif Gill, BJP Minority Cell District Jammu President and Mr. Pal.

The BJP Vice President Yudhvir Sethi responding to the AEE's statement to delegation urged him to flag this problem of the people of the Ward Nos: 19 and 7 as top priority and address it at the

earliest. He asked the AEE to immediately get the old and worn out pipes in the supply line replaced by the new ones besides fixing the leakages in the rest of the pipes.

Asserting that water is the second most important basic necessity of life, Yudhvir lamented that with the Modi led Union Govt fully committed to provide tap water in every household by 2022, it is quite unfortunate and ironic that the people in some areas of towns and cities are getting inadequate as well as contaminated drinking water supply. He hoped that the PHE AEE will issue instant instructions to the concerned men and machinery to ensure adequate and non-contaminated drinking water supply to the people of the area by working on war footing basis.

After listening to Yudhvir Sethi, the AEE assured to take up the matter on top priority and address the issue at soon as possible.

RTI activist urges CEO Smart City to constitute panel to look into installation of way-finding signages

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JAMMU: A deputation of Civil society members led by Balvinder Singh Social Activist along with Anil Nargotra, Sharanjit Singh, Janak Singh met CEO Smart City & Commissioner JMC Avny Lavasa and discussed the issue of Smart City Project Ltd especially the installation of flawed Way Finding Signages. Singh discussed in the detail and shared the pics of the flawed Signages installed in Jammu City.

Singh said as per Smart City Mission in Jammu City the work of erection of Road Signages in Jammu City is intended to provide the relevant information with adequate clarity and prominence making it convenient for citizens and tourists to reach their destinations. Effective Signage must be in the right directions and should be noticeable at the operating speed. Another very important aspect of the Way Finding Signage is the continuity so that a visitors need not to ask or enquire at any intersection till finally

reaches his destination. But as per Singh more than 50% of the signages installed in Jammu City doesn't have continuity.

Singh further informed CEO that more than 25% of the way Finding Signages are not installed vertically at 90 degree. Some of the signages are installed on foot path with the height of only 4 feet resulting in the obstruction of the pedestrian's movement. Singh also urged upon the CEO to constitute Committee of Experts from PWD and Traffic Police department to look into all these points raised before CEO Smart City and ask them to submit the detailed report preferably within fifteen days and then act upon its report/suggestions accordingly, so that peoples feel that tax payers money is used judiciously & efficiently.

Singh also urge upon CEO to impose penalty on the erring officers of Consultancy group and the Company who installed Signages for installing different signages of poor quality and for poor workmanship.

BJP holds meeting of Election Management Department



BJP J&K General Secretary (Org.), Ashok Kaul chairing a party workers meeting.

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party held a meeting of its Election Management Department at party head-quarter, Trikuta Nagar, here on Friday. Ashok Kaul, General Secretary (Org.) of the party chaired the meeting while Praduman Singh, State Convener of the BJP's Department of Election Management also addressed the meeting.

State Co-convenors of the Department namely Pritam Sharma, Shashi Vaid and Ramesh Sharma were also

present in the meeting, which witnessed the participation of District Convenors and District Co-Convenors of the Election Management Department from 17 organizational districts. Meeting witnessed threadbare discussions on the Assembly elections in the region and the future strategy to contest the Assembly elections in Jammu & Kashmir. It was stressed in the meeting that the committees should be framed at ground level before the next meeting of the Department.

Ashok Kaul, while addressing the meeting focussed on the future Assembly polls in Jammu & Kashmir. He discussed the key roles of the department's functionaries before, during and after the conduct of elections. He stressed on the activation of team members and the minute working for the victorious conduct of the elections. He also prompted the district Convenors of the department to share ground inputs with the party seniors in order to have more detailed insight of the department functioning.

Praduman Singh presented the details of the works regarding election management undertaken by the Department. He assured the senior leadership of the party that the whole team of the Department will leave no stone unturned in contributing in the grand victory of the party in Assembly polls, as and when held.

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JAMMU: "Despite the tall promises made by the BJP to declare holding for 23rd September as a tribute to the legendary ruler, Maharaja Hari Singh, the nationalist people were a demoralized lot even after seven years of saffron rule in the country. The loud mouthed, over weight leaders of BJP had given repeated assurances to the people during Parliament as well as Assembly Elections in 2014 and thereafter as well that the most coveted demand of holiday on the birthday of the legendary dogra ruler would be conceded immediately after their ascendance to power. It was however shocking to note the U-turns taken by the BJP regime over the issue like various other election time promises made with people of

Jammu region which too evaporated into the thin air after their climbing the ladder of power". This was stated by Harsh Dev Singh Chairman-JKNPP and former Minister while speaking to media persons on Friday. Pointing towards the continued neglect and deprivation of Jammu region even post Art 370 abrogation, Singh regretted that the Dogra land continued to be divested of its due share in Jobs, development, funds allocation etc. And while Ladakh and Kashmir continued to receive the focussed attention of the Central Govt the incarcerated land of Dogras has been made to content with whatsoever little falls in its kitty. The

Ladakhis have been assured of benefits of sixth schedule, protection of Jobs and lands,



Harsh Dev Singh Chairman-JKNPP addressing a press conference.

smart cities for both Leh and Kargil, Central University costing Rs. 750 crore, Infrastructure Development Corporation besides talks with LAB and KDA in progress for statehood and Art 371 like provision. The Kashmir region too has received unmitigated atten-

tion of the New Delhi rulers.

If any region of the erstwhile state has suffered even after the re-organization process, it is Jammu region which continues to be taken for granted by the BJP. Describing the ban on purchase of land by Mahajans, Khattris and Sikhs as unconstitutional, Singh said that NPP would restore the land rights of the said communities if voted to power. He regretted that BJP had hardly shown any interest in completion of major Jammu projects including Artificial Tawi Lake project, Jumbo Zoo Project, development of border tourism and other of major tourist destinations in Sudh Mahadev, Man Talai, Patnitop-Sanasar, Dudu-Basantgarh, Bani and Lohai Malhar areas having tremendous potential.

There was nothing for unemployed youth who were languishing on roads seeking gainful employment. The condition of rural areas in particular was pathetic with people clamouring day in and day out for better civic amenities with the govt having failed to respond to their genuine concerns. And whereas Jammu continued to contribute a major part of states tax revenue, it continued to be ignored in terms of development, funds allocation and employment, regretted Singh.

Not only has the BJP compromised with the interest of Jammu region but has dwarfed its people by playing with their self respect and dignity also, said Singh. He said that denial of holiday on 23rd September in particular would cost the saffron party its postal address in the days to come.