

## Mayor, others inaugurates garbage transfer station at Bhagwati Nagar Area



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**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, SEPT. 24 :** Continuing his endeavour to provide more civic & development amenities to the people of Jammu, Chandar Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC along with Advocate Purnima Sharma, Deputy Mayor in presence of Sh Satpal Karliupia Councillor of Ward No. 32, S. Sucha Singh councillor of Ward No.31, madam Avny Lavasa, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation 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 Dogra, State Office Secretary BJP OBC morcha, Lovkesh Gandhi Social Media Incharge Jammu west, Rahul Mehra, P.K Bhatt, Bawa Kumar, Madam Reena Gupta, Madam Sarita Koul & 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 appeal 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.

## Stop step-motherly treatment with contractors, clear pending dues: Tony

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, SEPT. 24 :** DDC Member Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony on Friday condemned the J&K Government for meting out step-motherly treatment to contractors' fraternity in the Union Territory and not paying them a dime for the works they have accomplished under the head of languishing projects.

Addressing media persons here today, the DDC member said that the contractors are facing endless hardships due to non-payments of works executed under Languishing Projects. He said that these projects were allotted through e-tendering after completing all the formalities. He expressed anguish over the fact that government trumpeted with much fanfare over schemes designed to complete languishing projects with announcements made on segregating exchequer for the same but when the time for payment to contractors came the helmsmen had denied to clear the pending dues.

Tony demanded a probe into the matter asking how the government can deny payment after taking services of the contractors. "This seems to be a big scam as the concerned officials are not releasing the payments on the pretext that the aforesaid Schemes/ Heads under which the works were executed have been closed", he said and urged the LG to intervene in the matter to deliver justice to contractors of all categories starting from Class A to all others.

The DDC member said that recently in Samba, the development works worth crores of rupees were allotted to the contractors from outside the J&K under

Composite Tender in which all works are supposed to be executed by a single firm.

Tony said that earlier projects were bifurcated like drilling, mechanical, electrical, pipe laying and civil works and different categories of contractors used to execute these works generating employment at a wider scale but under latest composite tender system only one party gets the opportunity to execute all works thus making a large section of contractors jobless which should not be the case. He said that some time back similar system was introduced but the then Chief Secretary rescinded the same after the contractors approached him but this time the government seems to be adamant in taking this anti-contractor stand.

Tony said that the situation currently in the Union Territory is testimony to the fact that government is hell-bent to end the contractors of lower class especially in Jammu Province as it has no guts to do the same in Valley or Ladakh.

He said that government should stop doing experiments with the hapless contractors which are already facing lots of problems including joblessness and financial crunch.

He said that without any delay the government should clear the pending dues of contractors as no alibi is justifiable after the contractors have completed their work with extreme satisfaction of the concerned officials.

Tony demanded that all the pending payments of contractors should be cleared without any further delay and the interest of their pending should also be cleared.

## "MP urged to intervene in restoring the suspended work on Suringa Morh-Jai link road-Pyt, Jaura Kalan"

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, SEPT. 24 :** Sarpanch Panchayat Jaura Kalan, Anil Kumar & Panch Jaura Kalan, Ashok Kumar in a press release issued here have appealed to the Dr. Jatinder Singh, Union Minister of state (Independent charge) for development of North Eastern Region, MOS in Prime Minister's office & Chief Secretary, J&K UT for according of forest clearance and taking up the suspended work on Suringa Morh- Jai link road immediately. They said that on Suringa Morh-Jai link road (14 Kms), earth cutting work is already complete from Suringa Mor to revenue village Jaura Kalan - a distance of 4 Kms (Non forest area) & the work from Jaura Kalan to Jai (10 Kms) stands suspended for want of forest clearance. They said that out of these 10 Kms, a stretch of one & half Kms i.e. from revenue village Jaura Kalan to Revenue village Lower- Shamdlain is tree-less though it falls in forest area; work on this stretch can be executed without any loss to forest & without any legal hindrance even before forest clearance for the whole.

They have appealed to the Chief Secretary to J&K UT & also to Dr. Jatinder Singh, Hon'ble MOS in Prime Minister's office to kindly accord forest clearance at the earliest and simultaneously

issue orders of execution of work on this tree-less stretch of one & half kms from Jaura Kalan to Lower Shamdlain, so that justice to the poor inhabitants of the village Lower Shamdlain & ST village Kunthail will be denied. The letter of Indent regarding compensation etc has already been sent to the office of Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B), Jammu by the concerned Executive Engineer PWD (R&B spl. Sub-Division) Gandoh (Bhalessa), No-EE/PWD/SSDG/203-05, dated:-19-04-2019, through Superintending Engineer PWD (R&B) Circle Doda, but there is no action till date. They further said that the constructed 2 & half Km road of main road Suringa Morh to Jai road in Panchayat Jaura Kalan is badly damaged in some places as a result essential commodities like Ration and other essential commodities are totally blocked putting the inhabitants to great hardships. The Chief Engineer R&B, Jammu Division & District Development Commissioner Doda are appealed to intervene personally and direct the concerned agency (R&B, Division Gandoh) to ensure necessary repair of the damaged road immediately so that the supply of Ration and other essential commodities is restored on top priority in these days of Covid-19.

## NGO Smile Train India and Bee Enn General Hospital Launch

### Nutrition Program for Children with Cleft Lip And Palate In Jammu

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, SEPT. 24 :** NGO Smile Train, the world's largest cleft care organization, and its partner hospital Bee Enn General Hospital in Jammu have launched a Nutrition Program specially for children born with cleft lip and palate.

Children with cleft lip and palate are at an increased risk of being malnourished especially in the early months of life as they have a gap in their lip and/or palate, face difficulties in feeding and milk/food can spill out from their nose. Proper nutrition and guidance can ensure that children born with cleft lip and palate have a better chance at surviving infancy, being adequately nourished, and being healthy enough to receive safe surgical treatment. The newly launched nutrition program at Bee Enn General Hospital will counsel mother on how to feed and care for their child with cleft lip and palate, while also supporting the specialized nutritional needs of cleft affected children. Smile Train's Nutrition Program includes 3 levels of support for feeding and nutrition: Feeding counseling for mothers and families including the protective benefits of breastfeeding; Nutrition assessment for patients with clefts and

Nutrition support before and after surgery

Speaking on the occasion, Sheila Koyyana, Program Director, Smile Train India said, "Smile Train believes that every baby born with a cleft must have the opportunity to thrive and grow, without being held back by any feeding challenges related to their cleft. We are sure that the Smile Train Nutrition Program will help children become healthy and avail the free surgery supported by Smile Train at Bee Enn General Hospital."

"Our cleft team at Bee Enn General Hospital is fully equipped to support children with clefts from birth to completion of treatment. We urge mothers of babies born with cleft lip and palate to come to our hospital and avail the free service so the children may get nutritional care at the right time and avoid being malnourished," said Dr. Suhail Zahoor, Project Director at Bee Enn General Hospital. The NGO is conducting a month-long Cleft Nutrition Awareness and Outreach Campaign across the country to celebrate September as Poshan Maah bringing focus on and educate both parents and medical communities about the special feeding and nutritional needs of babies born with clefts.

## "NPP shall restore land rights of Mahajans, Khatri and Sikhs"

# BJP demeaned, diminished Jammu: Harsh Dev

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, SEPT. 24 :** "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 Mr. Harsh Dev Singh Chairman-JKNPP and former Minister while speaking to media persons today.

Pointing towards the continued neglect and depriva-

tion of Jammu region even post Art 370 abrogation, Mr. 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, 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 attention of the New Delhi rulers. If any region 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, Khatri and Sikhs as unconstitutional,

Mr. 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 Mr. Singh.

While Jammu has all along been supporting all moves of the centre even at the cost of its own interests,

## Dimple holds protests against PHE, PDD

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, SEPT. 24 :** Sunil Dimple President Mission Statehood Jammu Kashmir, along with a large number of traders, residents, Mission Leaders held strong protest demonstrations. On Amphalla Janipur High Court road, Kachi Chwani Chowk against PHE, JMC, PDD no drinking water supplied, in many localities in west Constituency & Jammu city for the Last many days.

Protest was also against Company bag tankers supplies having been stopped due to no diesel payments, the increase in drinking water tariff, installation of drinking water meters on drinking water connections, smart Meters on electricity power connection and demanded free drinking water to the people of Jammu Kashmir.

Addressing the protesters, Sunil Dimple alleged no drinking water proper supplied for the last five days, in west assembly constituency wards, New Plot, Sarwal, Rehari, Subash Mnagar, Janipur, Lakad Mandi, Bakshi Nagar, Talab Tillo, Shiv Nagar Shakti



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Nagar & in Jammu city are facing acute shortage of drinking water.

Dimple said the Company bag PHE office, is not supplying drinking water through water Tanks from company bag to the people for the last one month. As no petrol pumps have stopped giving diesel to PHE Department for tankers of company bag tankers, as PHE has not given diesel payments to petrol pumps. He said PHE has increased water tariffs, installing drinking water meters on the Connections. He said contaminated dirty drinking water, mixed with ERA sweage Garbage mixed water, is supplied to the residents of Jammu city.

Dimple since when the PHE department has come under JMC. All the water supply system has collapsed. The Copraters infighting, the JMC have become a place of fighting. He said what the hell copraters doing why they speak against the increased water tariffs and installation

of the drinking water meters on connections.

Dimple demanded free drinking water & power for the people of Jammu Kashmir.

He warned the Govt that mass agitation will be started if water tariff ZASIA increased, if drinking water meters installed on water connections and smart meters installed on our power connections. He demanded to start work on the Chinav Water supply project to Jammu city.

Dimple demanded PM Modi to return our Slal & Uri power projects and white paper on allotment of our minerals to outsiders including power projects be made public honestly. He warned of wide agitation against the installation of smart meters.

The other leaders are Manjiet Anand, Sanjeev Soi, Satpal Sharma, Ajay Kumar mehta, Rupesh Bhat, Micky Sharma, Om parkash, Ratan kumar, Rajinder Sharma, Ashhok Shjarma, Sachin Soi nd many others.

## GDC Kalakote celebrated 52th foundation day of NSS on the theme "Know Your Blood Group"

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, SEPT. 24 :** NSS unit of Government Degree College Kalakote celebrated the 52th foundation day of NSS with great fervour and enthusiasm in collaboration with CHC Kalakote with the support and guidance of Dr. Romesh Kr. Gupta, Principal, GDC Kalakote. Principal Dr. Romesh Gupta, along with the other college staff members welcome the team of Doctors and assisting staff from Community Health Centre (CHC), Kalakote for organizing blood group identification campon the theme "KNOW YOUR BLOOD GROUP" for all the students of GDC Kalakote.

According to Principal, Dr. Romesh Gupta, maximum students of the college participated and got their blood group identified. The main objective of this blood group detection camp was to know once own health status and blood group certificate would

also be provided to all.

Speaking on the event Dr. Romesh Gupta, Principal of the college, throws the light on the importance of NSS Day which is observed on September 24th every year for the development of the country. The motto of NSS is "NOT ME BUT YOU". The NSS was formally launched on 24th of Sept. 1969 to mark the centenary birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. Gupta also informed the students and NSS Volunteers that NSS plays a vital role in academic expansion. The spirit of selfless service is inculcated among the students and NSS programme officers through sustained community interactions. It is said that "SERVICE TO MANIS SERVICE TO GOD" and NSS provides opportunities for preparing the students for commitment in the service of the community and ultimately service to God.

## Former MLC seeks enquiry into diversion of SC basti funds in Thandapani Pyl

# Several projects at Thandapani face govt neglect : Ravinder Sharma

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, SEPT. 24 :** Former MLC and Chief Spokesperson Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Shri Ravinder Sharma has said that several developmental projects at Thandapani near sunderbani town face government neglect for seven years of BJP rule and asked the people to bring about political change to carry forward the development of the area.

Sharma said this during an interactive session with the prominent citizens and party workers of panchayat Thandapani in Sunderbani in which series of pending works facing government neglect were highlighted. The session was part of the Jan sampark abhiyan, launched by former MLC to reach out to the people of different panchayats of Sunderbani and Nowsheera to take stock of the problems of people.

The people complained about the neglect of developmental projects initiated by the Congress government in the Sunderbani area especially in the Panchayat Thandapani. The people were completely fed up with the policies of the BJP government towards each and every section due to large scale unemployment, unprecedented price hike privatisation, failure to fulfill commitments of regularisation of daily wagers, need based workers, asha workers, Anganwadi workers, helpers and other contractual and temporary employee etc besides anti farmers and anti youth and



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anti employees policies

The government abandoned the major projects sanctioned by the previous government in the Panchayat like 124-kanals Industrial Estate at Thandapani, Fruit/Vegetables Mandi, sport's stadium and by-pass highway besides filtration plant etc have remained neglected and abandoned.

The government failed to take up even a single major project in the area initiated by him for the development of the area. Had these projects been completed, the area would have become a new township of Sunderbani, Sharma said adding that these projects were got sanctioned due to his efforts for the major development but were abandoned by BJP government.

The Scheduled Caste Basti of ward number one, in panchayat complained about diversion of funds allocated to Dalits basti under back to village scheme. They submitted a resolution to the LG through Former MLC for in depth enquiry and sought justice.

Chief spokesperson described the diversion of funds under RDD as a seri-

ous matter and sought enquiry into the episode and appropriate action.

A large no of prominent persons attended including Ex sarpanch Phallu Ram, Dwarka Nath Sharma, Panch Tara Mani, Fateh Singh Yog Raj, Capt Joginder Singh, Th Sukhdev Singh, S Mohinder Singh, Abhishek, Babu Ram Bhagat, Balkrishan, Krishan Lal, Om Parkash, Hav Jagbir Singh, Pinka Prasher, Baldev, Rohit Kumar and Deep Kumar.

Indian Army organises awareness

lecture on "BBBP" in Poonch

**TT CORRESPONDENT JAMMU, SEPT. 24 :** Indian Army organised a lecture on "Beti Bachhao Beti Padhao" campaign at Bafliaz in District Poonch (J&K) with an aim to generate awareness and improve the efficiency of initiative efforts meant for women. The event was organised to bring awareness amongst the members of society to include youth and school children, about importances of girl child and their education.