

MLA Arvind takes stock of people's issues at Ward 28 Says Modi Govt committed to infrastructure development, accessible basic services

Jammu, Dec 20 : Arvind Gupta, senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu West, today visited Ward 28 to take a firsthand look at the issues faced by the general public. During the visit, he interacted with the people and listened to their concerns regarding sanitation, lanes and drains and other essential services.

Accompanied by key officials like Imran Bandy, Executive Engineer JMC, AEE JMC Wani, and Sameer Bali, Sanitation Officer, the MLA toured various parts of the ward and interacted with the residents. He assured them that the issues they raised would be addressed at the earliest. Also present during the tour were BJP leaders Atul Bakshi (Mandal President Jammu West), Dr. Deepak Kapoor, Amit Gupta, Yash Kapoor, Parveen Vij, Kadam Kapoor, Vohra Ji, and Bubble. They actively supported Gupta in his efforts to engage with the people and ensure that their voices were heard. Arvind Gupta, while speaking to the residents, emphasized that the BJP gov-

ernment, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is dedicated to solving the problems of

Jammu West gets the attention it deserves. The concerns raised by the people today will be prioritized, and we

ture in the area. He also praised the efforts of JMC officials for their support and coordinating in resolving the



the common man and improving their quality of life. He stressed that the Modi government's focus is on infrastructure development and ensuring basic services are accessible to everyone. "We are working tirelessly to ensure that

will make sure that they are resolved quickly," he added.

The senior BJP leader assured the people of Ward 28 that he would continue to work with the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) to address the issues of sanitation and infrastruc-

problems being faced by the people of the area.

Arvind also reaffirmed his commitment to the development of Jammu West, stressing that under the BJP, the focus will always be on serving the people and bringing real change to their lives.

DC Jammu stresses timely resolution of Army Land cases

JAMMU, DECEMBER 20 : Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya convened a meeting today to assess the progress of pending land acquisition, de-acquisition and requisition cases concerning the Army.

The meeting included Defence Estates Officers Jammu and Udhampur, along with Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Dr Rajesh Kumar and Sub-Divisional Magistrates of Jammu North, Jammu South, Akhnour, Marh and RS Pura. During the meeting, the DC emphasised the necessity for DEOs



and SDMs to expedite the resolution of all outstanding cases within set timelines. He directed the officers to ensure

that pending rent assessments are completed without delay, enabling prompt disbursement of rental payments to rightful

landowners. He further stressed that pending payments of rent must be cleared at the earliest.

Lieutenant general NS Raja Subramani, Vice Chief of the army staff, on official visit to Vietnam

Jammu, Dec 20 : Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani, Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS), is on a three-day official visit to Vietnam from 19th to 21st December 2024.

This visit is aimed at further strengthening the defence ties and fostering bilateral cooperation between India and Vietnam.

On the first day of his visit, the VCOAS visited the India Pavilion and various stalls at the ongoing Vietnam International Defence Expo (VIDE), showcasing India's contributions to defence technology and innovation. He also visited the Military

History Museum and the Temple of Literature in Hanoi and witnessed Vietnam's rich cultural and historical heritage. During this time, he also met with Mr Sandeep Arya, India's Ambassador to Vietnam, to discuss matters of mutual interest and collaboration.

Today, on the second day of the visit, the VCOAS participated in the 80th Anniversary celebrations of the Vietnam People's Army at the National Convention Centre. On the final day of the visit, Lieutenant General Subramani will pay tribute by laying a wreath at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.



This visit underscores the strong and enduring defence relationship between India

and Vietnam and highlights the shared commitment to regional peace and security.

Executive Engineer felicitates Roller Hockey player Jugraaj Singh

JAMMU, DECEMBER 20 : Executive Engineer, TLMD-4, JKPTCL Jammu Mohammad Ayub Khwaja today felicitated Er. Jugraaj Singh Assistant Engineer at Jammu and Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited for his outstanding achievements in sports.

Er. Rajesh Kumar,

Executive Engineer TLMD-8, Er. Rajinder Singh, AEE TLMD 4, Er. Ramneek Singh, AEE TLMD 8, Er. Sudesh Kumar, AE, Er. Varun Sadhotra, AE and Er. Abhinav Sharma, JE were present on the occasion.

Er. Jugraaj Singh, the Captain of the Senior Men's J&K Roller Skating Team,

has brought immense pride to the organization and the UT with his remarkable accomplishments. His team bagged Silver and Bronze medals in the 62nd National Roller Skating Championship 2024 held in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

A decorated athlete, Er. Jugraaj Singh has also earned

a Bronze medal in the Asian Roller Skating Championship 2010 and is a recipient of the prestigious Sher-e-Kashmir Award for his contributions to sports.

His dedication and achievements continue to inspire his colleagues and the youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

3-Day Sector Connect Training Programme on Field Epidemiology concludes

JAMMU, DECEMBER 20 : The three-day Sector Connect Training Program on Field Epidemiology in One Health (FEPOH) concluded successfully here today. The program aimed at enhancing preparedness for Integrated Public Health Responses to emerging Zoonotic Diseases, Climate change antimicrobial resistance and Biodiversity loss.

The workshop provided a vibrant platform to professionals from Health, Animal Husbandry, Wildlife, and Food Safety departments from across all Districts of Jammu Division to share knowledge, exchange ideas and develop strategies that bridge the gaps between Health Sectors.

This workshop was held under the leadership of Dr. Syed Abid Rashid Shah, Secretary Health and Medical Education J&K and attended by Dr. Rakesh Magotra, Director Health Services Jammu; Dr. Ata-Ul-Munim Tak, Deputy Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department; Dr. Rakesh Koul, Deputy Director Research, Department of Animal

Husbandry Jammu; Dr. Adhiraj Mishra, Assistant Commissioner, DAHD; Dr.

attendees, stating, "This program has strengthened the foundation of integrated pub-

ing was both comprehensive and impactful.

The success of the Sector



Anil Kumar, Principal Advisor, NCDC, New Delhi and Dr Ravinder Pal Singh, Public Health Consultant, CDC (US).

Dr. Harjeet Rai, State Surveillance Officer, Jammu highlighted the importance of inter-sectoral collaboration in tackling public health challenges and emphasized the pivotal role of the One Health approach in addressing emerging zoonotic diseases, environmental health issues, and other shared health threats. He also commended the active participation and engagement of

public health responses in our region. By fostering collaboration among various sectors, we are better equipped to manage and mitigate public health risks effectively."

The program featured technical sessions, case studies, and hands-on training that enhanced participants' skills in disease surveillance, data management, and public health communication. Experts from the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) led the sessions, ensuring the train-

Connect program reflects the commitment of all stakeholders to safeguarding public health through collaborative and proactive measures. Participants expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to gain valuable insights and skills that will enable them to contribute effectively to integrated public health strategies in their respective domains.

This training marks a significant milestone in the journey towards building resilient systems for addressing One Health challenges in the region.

Dy CM inaugurates IT Expo 2024

JAMMU, DECEMBER 20 : Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, inaugurated an IT Exhibition here today.

The event, aimed at to showcase the latest IT products, was participated by more than 40 top brands which are displaying their products and services. This event is meant for students, common public and GeM buyers (Govt Departments) as well. It also envisages promotion of local traders so that government IT purchases are done through local traders.

While interacting with the organisers, the Deputy Chief Minister said organising these types of Expo gives an

opportunity to the companies to showcase the latest inno-

of exchange between local companies and national play-

ventions as it is imperative in the present age to be compet-



vations in the Information Technology field. Besides, these also serve as a medium

ers as well, he added. "We have to be aware of the latest technological inter-

itive and being relevant", maintained the Deputy Chief Minister.

Javed Rana inaugurates tube well at Channi

Asks for completion of other tube wells within set deadlines

JAMMU, DECEMBER 20 : Reaffirming government's commitment of providing safe drinking water to every household in Jammu and Kashmir, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today inaugurated a tube well at Panch Mandir, Channi Himmat.

MLA, Ch. Vikram Randhava along with other officers and local residents were also present on the occasion.

After inaugurating the tube well, Javed Rana said that commissioning of the tube well will augment water supply in the area and provide much needed succour to the residents.

It is pertinent to mention that Javed Rana had recently directed for inauguration of tube wells that are ready to be functional.

Emphasizing the importance of adhering to quality

standards, Javed Rana called for strenuous efforts to complete the pending works on

augmentation of water supply in water deficit areas of Channi Himmat, Sanjay

under UT CAPEX and shall be fully commissioned by March 2025. The total esti-



other two tube wells in Sanjay Nagar and Vhour Camp, within the set deadlines.

The tube-well at Channi will be having a capacity of 2.00 lac gallons of water with a safe discharge of 10,000 gallons/hr.

The tube-well is part of

Nagar and Vhour Camp under which 3 tube wells were proposed to be drilled with other allied civil and mechanical infrastructure. Work on other tube wells in Sanjay Nagar and Vhour Camp is underway.

The scheme was taken up for execution in 2022-23

mated cost of the project is 652.78 lakh.

Vikram Randhava and local residents expressed their gratitude for the project that has ensured access to clean drinking water and alleviating the hardships associated with water scarcity in the area.

MVD Anantnag takes action against violators to improve Road Safety

ANANTNAG, DECEMBER 20 : In a bid to address the rising number of road accidents in the region, the Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) Anantnag conducted a special Naka (checkpoint) operation at Khanabal and Mattan, today.

The initiative, which follows the directives of the Transport Commissioner of Jammu and Kashmir, is part of ongoing efforts to enhance road safety across

the valley.

During the drive, a total of 80 vehicles were checked, resulting in the issuance of 28 challans for violations under various sections of the Motor Vehicle Act. Rs. 60,000 is anticipated to be collected as fines from these challans.

In addition to the fines, the MVD team seized four vehicles for violating permit conditions and impounded two motorcycles for lacking valid docu-

ments.

Speaking to the press, ARTO Dr. Showkat Ahmad Bhat highlighted the importance of such operations in reducing road accidents and saving lives. He assured that similar drives would continue with greater intensity in the future. "The goal is to minimize accidents on our roads and ensure public safety. This requires the active cooperation of all road users," Dr. Bhat said.

He also urged all road

users, drivers, passengers and pedestrians to follow traffic rules and act responsibly. "Road safety is a collective effort, and everyone must play their part to reduce accidents and save lives," he added.

The drive reflects a growing commitment to road safety in Anantnag, and authorities are hopeful that these measures will lead to a significant reduction in road accidents in the coming months.

JKRLM Empowers Staff with Skills & Knowledge to Transform Rural Communities

JAMMU, DECEMBER 20 : In a significant move towards empowering community institutions, the Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) has successfully concluded a comprehensive four-day training program aimed at enhancing the capacity of officials to aid the functioning of sub-committees.

Held in Jammu, the program focused on equipping staff with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively support sub-committees at both the Village Organization (VO) and Cluster Level Federation (CLF) levels.

Recognizing the pivotal role of sub-committees in driving grassroots development, the training emphasized practical strategies and best practices to improve their functionality. Participants engaged in interactive sessions, group discussions, fostering collaboration and deepening their understanding of the sub-commit-

tees' roles and responsibilities in community empowerment.

Speaking at the concluding session, Dr. Shubhra Sharma, Mission Director of JKRLM, emphasized, "This training program is a testament to our unwavering commitment to building robust and capable institutions that can drive positive change at the grassroots level. The comprehensive approach adopted during these four days has strengthened the foundation for enhanced governance and accountability within community-based organizations."

She further elaborated that the training program aimed to strengthen community institutions and enhance the capacity of staff members to support the effective functioning of sub-committees within these institutions. "Sub-committees are critical in achieving the mission's objectives at the grassroots level. By equipping staff with the knowledge and skills to

guide and support these sub-committees at the VO and CLF levels, we are laying the groundwork for inclusive and

ing, sustainable, and accountable institutions.

"By enhancing the capabilities of sub-committees,



sustainable rural development," she added.

She said that the program marks a significant milestone in JKRLM's ongoing efforts to empower rural communities through well-function-

JKRLM envisions creating a ripple effect of positive change, improving service delivery and decision-making processes across rural Jammu and Kashmir" She added.

Sports Minister declares open "37th Sub-Junior National Softball Championship"

JAMMU, DECEMBER 20 : Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today declared open 37th Sub Junior National Softball Championship at MA Stadium, Jammu.

The championship has brought together 38 teams from 24 states, with over 1,000 players and technical officials participating in this prestigious event. The event is being organised by the J&K Softball Association in collaboration with the J&K Sports Council under the aegis of Softball Association of India.

The vibrant inaugural function featured captivating Dogri Sangeet performances, various sports demonstrations and a grand march past by the participating teams.

Speaking at the event, the

Minister expressed his pride in J&K hosting a national-level championship of this

determined to provide young athletes with world-class infrastructure, coaching

onships this year and assured the participants of the best facilities. "The youth of J&K are brimming with talent and their achievements in national competitions are a testament to their potential. We aim to provide more opportunities for them to excel," he added. The championship will continue till 24th December, exhibiting promising intense competition and camaraderie among young athletes from across the country. The opening ceremony witnessed presence of Rajinder Singh Tara, Director General, Youth Services and Sports; Nuzhat Gul, Secretary, J&K Sports Council; Rajeev Sharma, Member, J&K Sports Council; and several dignitaries and guests from participating states.



magnitude. He congratulated the athletes and officials and emphasized the government's commitment towards transforming J&K into a hub of sports excellence. "We are

facilities and platforms to showcase their talent," he remarked.

The Minister highlighted J&K's rising status as a host of multiple national champi-