

## **Jammu & Kashmir Showcases Sustainable Innovations at 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia-Pacific**

The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir marked a significant presence at the 12th Regional 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific, held in Rajasthan from March 3 to 5, 2025. The event, a flagship platform for advancing sustainable development and resource efficiency, saw J&K highlighting its pioneering initiatives in waste management and circular economy practices, reinforcing its commitment to environmental stewardship.

The Lakes Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) showcased Jammu & Kashmir's ground-breaking Dal Lake Weed Processing Unit at the forum, drawing widespread attention from policymakers, technocrats and sustainability experts. The project, which converts invasive aquatic weeds into organic manure and biogas, exemplifies the UT's innovative approach to tackling ecological challenges while promoting circular economy principles. Dignitaries including Policy Makers, Thinkers, Researchers and Planners from all across the Country visited the J&K stall and applauded the initiative of transforming lake waste into valuable resources adopting sustainable waste management practices.

The J&K delegation, led by senior officials from the Housing and Urban Development Department, engaged in extensive knowledge-sharing sessions with representatives from other states and Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Key focus areas included "Waste-to-Wonder Technologies", "Waste-to-Energy Innovations" and "Community-Led Circular Economy Models". The forum offered a wealth of ideas, particularly in decentralizing waste management and empowering local communities. The visit provided an opportunity to explore best practices and modern technologies for potential replication in Jammu & Kashmir.

In a landmark move, Srinagar Smart City Ltd. signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the CITIIS 2.0 program (City Investments to Innovate, Integrate, and Sustain 2.0), a joint initiative of the Government of India, the French Development Agency and the European Union. The MoU focuses on implementing integrated waste management systems, including smart collection networks and AI-driven recycling hubs, to transform Srinagar into a zero-landfill city by 2030.

Additionally, the UT government inked a state-level agreement to establish a Climate Observatory, a first-of-its-kind institution in North India. The observatory will monitor climate variables, assess risks, and formulate adaptive strategies for vulnerable sectors like agriculture, tourism, and water resources. The participation of Jammu & Kashmir in the forum highlights its unwavering commitment to sustainable urban development and the promotion of circular economy principles, aligning with the broader vision of environmental conservation and resource efficiency.

CITIIS 2.0 is a flagship initiative driving integrated waste management and climate action. Proposals for integrated waste management in smart cities were invited by the Ministry of Housing Affairs, GoI and 18 proposals worth Rs. 1800 Cr were shortlisted benefiting 18 cities across 14 states of the Country.

The 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum will continue in the coming days, featuring expert discussions, policy dialogues and collaborative initiatives aimed at shaping the future of sustainable urban development and circularity in the country.



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

**Shakti Udghosh Foundation felicitated by Commissioner, JMC on the eve of Women's Day.**

Shakti Udghosh Foundation (NGO) was today felicitated by Commissioner JMC Dr. Devansh Yadav for completing five days bike rally from Kathua to Poonch in which bikers from more than 6 states participated for a social cause of immediate concern of all the strata of the society viz Nasha Mukh Seemaiya. It is emerging as one of the challenges for the Nation and all stake holders have to work in coordination to get rid of this menace from the society. He appreciated the bikers who have come from various states from Tamil Nadu to Jammu & Kashmir to join hands for one social cause. The women bikers reached Jammu after completing their 5 days motorbike expedition covering Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Rajouri and Poonch Districts with the motive NASHA MUKH SEEMAYEIN. They had interaction with schools, colleges & masses of the border areas. A video showcasing their 800 KM journey was played during the programme. The experience gained by the participants in the rally was also shared in the event. Besides Nasha Mukh Seemaiyan programme the biker's created awareness about Swachh Bharat Mission and various initiatives taken therein in Jammu & Kashmir. The citizen feedback regarding Swachhata were also taken by the women bikers. JMC commissioner ensured them for all necessary assistance in future in carrying out such programmes for the benefits of the society.

The team was felicitated with trophies and appreciation certificates by the Commissioner, JMC, Joint Commissioner (H&S), & Health Officer, and other staff of JMC attended the event.





6th March 2025

## **JMC organizes Public Samvaad at Trikuta Nagar**

Jammu Municipal Corporation today organized Public Samvaad to Enhance Citizen Participation in Development. Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today organized a Public Samvaad at Marble Market, Trikuta Nagar (Ward No. 52,53&54) to encourage public participation in developmental activities and ensure the effective implementation of various government schemes for the citizens of Jammu.

The event was attended by MLA Jammu South, S. Narinder Singh Raina, MLA Bahu, Vikram Singh Randhawa, Commissioner, JMC, Dr. Devansh Yadav, who actively engaged with the public to address their grievances and suggestions. Several prominent citizens ex deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billowria, ex corporators, Swachhata Champions, Ambassadors, and members of the public participated in the interactive session.

During the Samvaad, various urban development and civic issues were discussed which include restructuring of nallas for management water logging issues during rains, preparation of Ward Development Work Plans regarding drainage in respective wards, street Lighting Improvements, public Roads & Parks Maintenance, water Supply Concerns, and enhancement of Essential Urban Amenities.

The Commissioner emphasized the importance of public feedback so that budgetary provisions for essential projects be kept in the upcoming budget of 2025. He assured those issues of public importance like drainage, lane drain construction and sanitation shall be taken on priority.

The event emphasized collaborative governance, allowing citizens to voice their concerns directly to the authorities. The Commissioner reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring improved urban infrastructure, better public services, and active public participation in the city's development.

Among others, Senior officers of JMC and large number of locals attended the Public Samvaad.





12<sup>th</sup> March 2025



## **JMC Commissioner visits ward no 52 Assess people grievances**

Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Dr. Devansh Yadav today conducted an extensive tour of Ward No. 52 to take stock of the peoples' grievance and their developmental needs.

At Ambedkar Nagar Extension, Trikuta Nagar, the locals met with the Commissioner and projected their grievance that the residents faced problem due to drainage system. They informed that the area face flood like situation during rainy season in general and monsoon season in particular as the channel is unable to take the rain water causes hardship to the residents.

Acknowledging their grievances, Dr. Yadav directed the concerned to expedite demarcate of nallahs so that the work on widening of the nallahs could be undertaken at the earliest for the convenience of residents. He also urged upon residents to remove encroachments along the Nallah, if any, which obstruct its cleaning and maintenance.

Dr. Yadav also instructed the concerned to ensure proper drainage solutions to mitigate the recurring issue and improve the living conditions of the residents.

Among others, Deputy Commissioner (South), Lal Chand, and Joint Commissioner Works, Firdous Ahmed Qazi, besides other senior officers of the Jammu Municipal Corporation accompanied the Commissioner during the tour.





15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **Under Jan Samvad programme former Corporators meet JMC Commissioner**

Under Jan Samvad programme a meeting was held at JMC involving JMC Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav, Ex Mayor Rajinder Sharma and 35 former corporators of JMC.

Among others, Officers, officials of the Urban Local Body were also present in a new conference hall in Jammu Municipal corporation office.

Addressing the gathering, Ex Mayor Rajinder Sharma said that JMC is a decision-making body which has the scope of immediate execution with desired results which is not seen otherwise, adding that it is not a department. Lauding the role of JMC Commissioner, ex-Mayor said that the Corporation can work to make future plans for coming 40 years to ensure proper water supply in future along with other issues like underground wiring in the city and sanitation. "Similarly, effective ways to replace the use of polythene by degradable bags as poly carry bags make 70 per cent blockages in drains," Sharma maintained. He said degradable carry bag was launched by then Union Minister Mr Hardeep Puri and campaign for a month was carried out in universities and schools but it has not been followed later.

He also said that the Enforcement Officers of JMC should take action against big fishes responsible for smuggling poly bags into Jammu and such persons are needed to be exposed.

"Similarly, building permissions are needed to make public disciplined by creating a cell which may redress the issues," he maintained, adding, "Beat-wise sanitation should be carried on in the city to ensure cleanliness and responsibility should be fixed and few locals should be made Swachhta Ambassadors so that they may report attendance of sanitation workers after which their salaries might be released."





For execution of JMC works, Sharma said the local body should make its own wing as agencies lack quality control due to prevailing commission culture there which results in poor works.

During the interaction various ex Corporators shared concerns of their areas and projected development works required to be executed in capex 2025. Some crucial issues discussed during the meeting were water tanker system, incomplete works of previous years, maintenance of parks & street lights and other critical municipal services.

All ex Corporators expressed satisfaction at the interactive exercise being carried out by JMC for capex planing & pledged to participate in swacch sarvekshan 2024-25.



18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### **‘The Kindness Exchange’ - JMC champions Reuse, Reduce and Recycle Holds Donation Drive at the RRR Centre, Paloura**

The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), in collaboration with B.Ed. College, Canal Road, Jammu, organized a massive donation drive at the RRR Centre in Ward No. 59, Paloura, Jammu. Students, teachers, and citizens enthusiastically contributed used clothes, toys, books, shoes and other essential items, exhibiting the spirit of community service and sustainability.

Dr. Devansh Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, graced the event and also donated used clothes & household items. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized the dual purpose of the initiative - **‘The Kindness Exchange’**. “It is not just about charity, it’s about environmental stewardship and collective responsibility”, he said. The Commissioner also said that every household has items that can find a new life with those in need. By donating these, we can prevent them from clogging drains, polluting water bodies or ending up in landfills.

Dr. Yadav underscored the initiative as a collective endeavour, urging citizens from all walks of life to donate unused items including clothes, toys, shoes and books at the RRR Centres. “Through ‘The Kindness Exchange, JMC aims not only to reduce waste but also to ensure these resources reach those in need, giving them a second life,” he asserted. He urged citizens, especially youth, students and NGOs to donate unused items at their nearest centres and transform waste into welfare. He requested citizens to contact the ‘My Jammu’ **toll-free helpline** at **18001807207** for any assistance.

Shri Ashok Singh Manhas, former Corporator, Paloura (Ward No. 59), praised ‘The Kindness Exchange’ initiative of JMC. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Manhas said that these centres offer a simple and accessible platform for donating old and used items, ensuring they are reused by those in need. Emphasizing collective responsibility, he urged people to spread awareness about the initiative and encourage donations instead of discarding such items into drains, water bodies or open spaces.



Present during the donation drive included Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Dr. Devansh Yadav (IAS), Ex-Corporator, Ward No. 59, Paloura Jammu, Shri Ashok Singh Manhas, Principal, Govt. College of Education, Canal Road, Jammu Prof. Jyoti Parihar, Health Officer, JMC, Dr. Vinod Sharma, Dr. Priyanka, VAS, JMC, Mr. Sanjay Vyas, Project Head, Swaaha, J&K HUDD IEC Project, students, volunteers, shopkeepers and other citizens of the area.



20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **JMC Commissioner Jammu tour Ward No. 69 & 70, Sainik Colony**

Dr. Devansh Yadav, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Dr. Devansh Yadav, today conducted an extensive tour of Ward No. 69 and 70 in Sainik Colony to assess various civic issues, including civil works, drainage systems, sanitation, deep drains, and desilting of nallahs in the area.

During the visit, Dr. Yadav interacted with locals to gather feedback on essential municipal services such as street lighting and door-to-door garbage collection. He emphasized the need for efficient service delivery and assured the public that their grievances would be addressed promptly.

The Commissioner also inspected ongoing projects under the National Clean Air Program (NCAP) and directed the concerned officers to expedite the work while maintaining high standards. He instructed officials to resolve public concerns in the shortest possible time and work diligently for the betterment of the area.

Among others, Joint Commissioner (Health and Sanitation) Abdul Star, Executive Engineer (Div. 5) Lokesh Gupta, Executive Engineer (E) Simarpal Singh, and Chief Transport Officer S. Dharamveer Singh, accompanied the Commissioner.





24<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **MLA Randhawa, JMC Commissioner review Navratra arrangements at Bahu Fort**

In anticipation of the upcoming Navratra festival, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Vikram Singh Randhawa along with Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Dr. Devansh Yadav visited the Bawe Wali Mata Temple at Bahu Fort to review the arrangements put in place for upcoming Navratra festival.

During their visit, they assessed various arrangements, including security, sanitation, lighting, and crowd management, ensuring a smooth and safe experience for devotees.

MLA Vikram Singh Randhawa emphasized the importance of well-coordinated efforts among different departments to facilitate a seamless celebration of the festival. He directed the concerned for ensuring the uninterrupted power and water supply, one way traffic regulation on the said road during the Navratra festival.

Dr. Devansh Yadav instructed officials to ensure cleanliness in and around the temple premises and maintain essential services for devotees during Navratra.

The dignitaries also interacted with temple authorities and local stakeholders to address any concerns regarding arrangements.

The administration reaffirmed its commitment to making the festival a grand and hassle-free event for devotees and urged citizens to cooperate in maintaining cleanliness and law and order during the celebrations.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anasuya Jamwal, Joint Commissioner (R&E) Rakesh Gupta, Joint Commissioner (H&S) Abdul Star, Joint Commissioner, (W) Firdous Ahmad Qazi, Deputy Commissioner (N) sanjay badyal, Deputy Commissioner (S) Lal Chand and besides, representatives from PWD, JDA and line departments accompanied during the tour.





26th March 2025

## **JMC Launches Drive to Ensure Hygienic & Good Quality food for Eid Celebrations.**

Stringent Checks Conducted across Meat Markets to Guarantee Safe and Hygienic Meat Supply to citizens on the occasion of EID.

With Eid celebrations just around the corner, Jammu Municipal Corporation has launched a comprehensive drive to ensure quality meat is being served to the public. The initiative aims to guarantee safe and hygienic meat supply, giving citizens a worry-free and joyful Eid experience.

On Directions of Commissioner JMC, Dr. Devansh Yadav, a team of Veterinary Section of Jmc headed by Dr. Gourav Chowdhary, conducted surprise inspections of meat markets across the city. The inspection focused on verifying the authenticity of meat, checking for any signs of disease or contamination, and ensuring compliance with food safety standards.

During the drive 11 meat shops were penalised and directions were issued to all shops to abide by food safety norms for health & safety of consumers.

JMC's drive will continue until the end of Eid celebrations and citizens' complaints will also be addressed through online & offline modes.





28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **Commissioner JMC reviews slaughterhouse gate relocation, Vendor Zone Development**

In response to public demand, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Dr. Devansh Yadav today visited the slaughterhouse, Dogra Hall to assess the feasibility of shifting its gate. The visit aimed to address concerns raised by local residents and explore potential solutions for improved accessibility and urban planning.

During the visit, Dr. Yadav conducted a thorough review of the site and engaged with stakeholders to ensure that any modifications align with civic needs and regulatory guidelines. The Commissioner assured residents that their concerns would be taken into consideration while implementing necessary changes.

Dr. Yadav reviewed the development of a vendor zone at Indira Chowk, a key initiative by the Municipal Corporation to provide organized space for street vendors. This project aims to enhance urban management, streamline traffic flow, and promote local businesses in a structured manner.

The Jammu Municipal Corporation remains committed to fostering a well-planned and citizen-friendly urban environment. Further updates on both initiatives will be shared as progress continues.

Among others, Joint Commissioner, (W), Firdous Ahmad Qazi, Health Officer JMC, Dr. Vinod Sharma, Executive Engineer, Electrical, besides other senior officers of JMC accompanied the Commissioner.





29<sup>th</sup> March 2025