# Jammu Municipal Corporation Organizes Public Samvaad to Address Public Issues and Ensure Grievance Redressal

Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) organized a Public Samvaad, an outreach initiative designed to address the concerns of the general public, ensure active participation, and provide solutions to their grievances. The event was held at Bharat Mata Patoli Park in Ward No. 35, Janipur, Jammu, and was led by JMC Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav.

The event saw active participation from ex-councillors, prominent citizens, Swachhata Champions, Swachhata Ambassadors, NGOs, members of Mohalla Welfare Committees, and the general public. A range of JMC officers, including the Joint Commissioner (A), Joint Commissioner (W), Secretary JMC, Deputy Director (Planning), and others, also attended the program.

During the event, various speakers highlighted concerns related to streetlight maintenance, road and park upkeep, water supply, and other essential amenities. Public demands included the beautification of Janipur's main road market, repair of streetlights, improved water supply, resolution of sewerage blockages, development of smart mohallas, installation of road dividers with reflectors, gym equipment at parks, additional sanitation workers, upgrading of footpaths, the opening of a public toilet on High Court Road, and the establishment of a public dispensary in Ward No. 34.

In response, Commissioner Dr. Yadav assured the public that all concerns and grievances would be promptly noted and addressed. He emphasized that the primary aim of this initiative was to understand the genuine demands of the public to ensure budgetary provisions were prepared accordingly in a decentralized manner for the wards.

Dr. Yadav committed to installing mast lights and gym equipment in parks in Ward No. 35 and surrounding areas. He also assured those issues related to water



supply, sewerage, lanes, drains, and streetlights would be prioritized. Furthermore, the Commissioner urged residents to actively participate in shaping the future of the city, highlighting JMC's commitment to enhancing civic amenities and creating a more responsive, citizen-centric governance.

The Public Samvaad initiative seeks to strengthen the relationship between the municipal administration and the residents, fostering direct engagement to ensure timely resolution of concerns and better overall service delivery.













1st February 2025



#### JMC launches Road Sweeping Machines in Ward No. 50, Channi Himmat, Under Swachh Bharat Mission

Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has launched the deployment of road sweeping machines in Ward No. 50, Channi Himmat, as part of its ongoing efforts under the Swachh Bharat Mission to improve cleanliness and sanitation in the region. The initiative was launched in presence of Member Legislative Assembly, Vikram Randhawa and Commissioner, JMC Dr. Devansh Yadav.

At the launch event, both dignitaries underscored the significance of mechanized cleaning in maintaining public hygiene and ensuring a cleaner, healthier environment for local residents.

Earlier, a Public Samvaad session was held during which both speakers actively engaged with the community, listening to public grievances and assuring residents that their concerns would be addressed promptly.

In his address, MLA, Vikram Randhawa reiterated the government's commitment to enhancing civic amenities and improving sanitation standards across Jammu.

The Commissioner emphasized that the introduction of road sweeping machines would greatly increase the efficiency of the cleaning process and significantly reduce manual labour, in line with the broader goals of the Swachh Bharat Mission.

The residents of Channi Himmat warmly welcomed the initiative, expressing their full support for continued efforts aimed at maintaining a cleaner and healthier city.

Among others, Deputy Commissioner (South) Lal Chand, Secretary, JMC, Chand Singh, Joint Commissioner (works) Firdous Ahmad Qazi, besides other senior officers of JMC and locals were present on the occasion.













5<sup>th</sup> February 2025



#### Commissioner Secretary, Ms. Mandeep Kaur (IAS), chaired a highlevel meeting to review the preparations for Swachhta Survekshan 2025

Commissioner/Secretary to Govt., Housing and Urban Development Department, Ms. Mandeep Kaur (IAS), chaired a high-level meeting to review the preparations for Swachhta Survekshan 2025 at the Conference Hall of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Speaking about the Swachh Survekshan- a cleanliness survey among the Urban Local Bodies across the Country, Ms. Mandeep Kaur emphasized the importance of improving sanitation, waste management, and citizen participation to achieve better rankings in the upcoming survey. She directed the concerned to implement innovative solutions for maintaining cleanliness and ensuring active involvement of local communities.

Dr. Devansh Yadav highlighted the steps already taken by JMC and other urban bodies to enhance sanitation infrastructure and public awareness. He stressed the need for coordinated efforts among all stakeholders to achieve cleaner and more sustainable urban environments across Jammu and Kashmir.

Ms. Mandeep Kaur (IAS) also reviewed the activities undertaken by the ULBs during the 'Swachhtantra' a pre-Republic Day Swachhata campaign campaign that was initiated by the Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD). The campaign had galvanized people from all walks of life to work towards cleaner and healthier urban environment.

During the campaign, over 1032 different sanitation and cleanliness activities were carried out in which the citizens participated with great enthusiasm and more than 3,50,00 people participated in different sanitation activities undertaken by the ULBs. Besides, more than 2,21,000 citizens took pledge for sustained sanitation & cleanliness. 188 Garbage Points were cleared and 52 water bodies were cleaned.



During the 'Swachhtantra', a painting competition on the theme "Importance of Waste Segregation", was organised for all 80 ULBs of J&K. 1040 people had participated in the painting competition reflecting the enthusiasm of people especially youth towards a Swachhata initiative. 26 best paintings were received by the Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban, 2.0 from Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Jammu/Kashmir & JMC/SMC. The Mission Director framed a panel of Judges which evaluated the 26 best painting received. Aqsa from Doda, Sana Firdous from Shopian and Raksha Gurung from Jammu secured 1st, 2nd & 3rd positions respectively. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize winners will be given a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-, Rs. 25,000/- & Rs. 10,000/- respectively. Three consolation prizes were also given to Arjuman Zamin from Shopian, Sunaina Kapoor from Jammu & Mahi Manhas from Udhampur respectively.

The Commissioner/Secretary stressed the need to engage more citizens in all such Swachhata initiatives to bring about measurable impact, fostering greater awareness and action within the community paving the way for a cleaner and healthier future.

The meeting concluded with a call for strengthened monitoring mechanisms, increased public engagement, and enhanced waste management strategies to ensure a significant improvement in Jammu and Kashmir's performance in Swachhta Survekshan 2025.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner, JMC, Dr. Devansh Yadav, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Jammu Ms. Manisha Sarin, Joint Commissioner, (H&S) Abdul Star, Health Officer, JMC Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma and other officers and officials from JMC. The officers and officials from Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Executive Officers (EOs) from other Municipal Councils and Municipal Committees of Jammu and Kashmir, attended the meeting through video conferencing.









11<sup>th</sup> February 2025



#### JMC Commissioner inspects Surya Putri Tawi Arti Ghat

Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), Dr Devansh Yadav today conducted a comprehensive tour of the Surya Putri Tawi Arti Ghat to assess the area and plan for its development so that it could be developed as religious and tourist attraction.

During the visit, the Commissioner directed the concerned to formulate a detailed plan of development activities to be carried out by JMC on priority.

Among others, President of Tawi Bachao Andolan, Chander Mohan Sharma, Joint Commissioner (Revenue & Enforcement) Rakesh Gupta, and Health Officer Dr. Vinod Sharma accompanied the Commissioner during the tour. The inspection focused on improving the ghat's infrastructure, cleanliness, and overall beautification to enhance its cultural and environmental significance.

Highlighting the importance of the Tawi River and its conservation, Dr. Yadav emphasized that all necessary steps would be taken to develop the Arti Ghat as a prominent religious and tourist attraction. He further instructed the officials to ensure the timely execution of development works while maintaining environmental sustainability.

JMC remains committed to the beautification and preservation of public to enhance urban infrastructure and promote eco-friendly development.

















15<sup>th</sup> February 2025



#### Commissioner JMC launches Garbage Hotspot challenge ahead of Swachh sarvekshan 2025

Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) Dr. Devansh Yadav today conducted an extensive tour of various wards under JMC's jurisdiction to assess the sanitation situation and ensure cleanliness across the city.

During the visit, Dr. Yadav directed municipal officers to expedite the removal of accumulated garbage, emphasizing the need for prompt and efficient waste disposal. Addressing concerns over improper waste disposal by certain hotels and restaurants in Greater Kailash, he instructed authorities to impose fines of up to ₹50,000 on establishments found dumping garbage into drains.

The Commissioner also visited several localities, including Gangyal Digiana, Dashmesh Nagar, Kunjwani, Channi Himmat, Deeli, Narwal, Janipur, and Paloura Top, where he interacted with sanitation workers and officials. In light of the upcoming Swachh Survekshan 2025, he stressed the importance of maintaining high sanitation standards and instructed staff to work in double shifts to ensure comprehensive cleanliness.

Dr. Yadav further urged residents to actively participate in maintaining cleanliness in their respective wards and support JMC's efforts in making Jammu a cleaner and healthier city. He also announced that citizens can report garbage hotspots in their areas, and JMC will ensure their removal within 24 hours. To facilitate this, JMC has provided a helpline number and an online portal for easy reporting.

"Citizens can lodge complaint on garbage hotspots in their wards on <a href="www.myjammu.in">www.myjammu.in</a> or My Jammu android app", he said and added that within 24 hrs of the online complaint JMC will clean the said garbage hotspot and engage swachta volunteers to prevent further dumping in said hotspots.











# JMC Commissioner held a meeting with Swachhata Ambassadors / Champions.

Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav conducted meeting with the Swachhata Ambassadors, Influencers, Champions & Volunteers today on 18/02/2025 in the Conference Hall of Jammu Municipal Corporation for interaction with them in extending their supports to the various initiatives taken by the Jammu Municipal Corporation for maintaining sanitation in the city and reaching to the public through social media handles. The feedback and views from them were also taken in the meeting. The Swachh Survekshan 2024 conducted by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Development & Urban Affairs, Government of India is scheduled to be held very shortly in the Jammu Municipal Corporation. It is the responsibility of every citizen to make cleanliness of their surroundings. In order to redress the grievances pertaining to sanitation in a time bound manner recently an initiative viz "Garbage Hotspot Challenge" has been taken by the Jammu Municipal Corporation wherein the citizens have to spot the garbage vulnerable area and report it on http://myjammu.in. The grievances shall be disposed off within 24 hours of the report. The Ambassadors, Influencers, Champions & Volunteers were asked to provide their comments / views regarding the unique initiative of JMC and share on their social media handles such as X account, Instagram & Facebook through collaboration with Jammu Municipal Corporation for wider publicity of the initiative among the public. They were also asked to share the feedback link https://sbmurban.org/feedback among their followers for maximum participation by the public in the feedback component of the Swachh Survekshan 2024. Certificates of appreciation were also distributed among the winners of UT Level Painting competition held on waste segregation on the eve of Republic Day 2025. The meeting was attended by Joint Commissioner (H&S) Mr. Abdul Star, Health officer Dr. Vinod Sharma and other officials of JMC.















#### JMC organizes Public Samvaad at Rehari Colony

Under the Public Samvaad initiative launched by the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), a program was organized today in Ward No. 25, Rehari Colony, Jammu.

Member of Legislative Assembly, (MLA) Jammu West, Arvind Gupta, and Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation Dr. Devansh Yadav, presided the function.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Arvind Gupta emphasized the importance of community involvement in shaping the future of Jammu. Appreciating the Jammu Municipal Corporation for launching Public Samvaad in the Municipal limit, the MLA said that Jammu Municipal Corporation continues to encourage active citizen engagement through such initiatives, ensuring that development efforts align with public needs and aspirations.

Dr. Yadav said that the program served as a platform for open dialogue between citizens and officials, focusing on ensuring public participation in developmental initiatives. He said that all the demands projected by the locals in the Public Samvaad would be looked into and focussed attention would be given for their redressal in the budget.

Highlighting various initiatives taken by the JMC for providing improved basic amenities to the people, Dr. Yadav said that JMC has taken up various projects in this regard.

As part of the event, saplings were planted by the dignitaries, reinforcing the commitment to environmental sustainability. Moreover, a cleanliness pledge was also taken by all participants, underscoring the need for collective efforts in maintaining a clean and green Jammu.

The locals projected a charter of demands which include repair of street light, development and maintenance of parks,, besides cleanliness of lanes and drains.



Among others, Joint Commissioner (A) Krishan Lal, Joint Commissioner (H&S) Abdul Star, Deputy Commissioner (North) Sanjay Badyal, Secretary, JMC, Chand Singh, Joint Commissioner, (Works) Firdous Ahmad Qazi, Health Officer, Dr. Vinod Sharma, MVO, Dr. Jaswant Singh, Executive Engineer, (Ele) Simranpal Singh, other senior officer of JMC, besides public representatives and large number of locals attended the Public Samvaad.















# Commissioner, JMC conducts tour of Raghunath Bazar and Nanak Nagar to take of grievances being faced by residents of the areas

Dr. Devansh Yadav (IAS), Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Jammu, conducted an inspection of the Nanak Nagar area today after receiving complaints regarding waterlogging due to a blocked Nallah.

During his visit, Dr. Yadav assessed the situation and interacted with local residents, who were facing inconvenience due to the improper drainage of water. He assured them that immediate steps would be taken to clear the blockage and restore smooth water flow. He also emphasized that necessary preventive measures would be implemented well before the onset of the monsoon season to avoid similar issues in the future. Dr. Devansh Yadav, inspects Nanak Nagar and assures prompt action on drainage issue.

The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Jammu, also visited Raghunath Bazaar today to assess ongoing development activities. During his visit, he also reviewed the works undertaken by Jammu Smart City Limited to enhance urban infrastructure and public amenities in the area.

Members of the Raghunath Bazaar Market Association took this opportunity to submit a representation to the Commissioner, highlighting therein the key concerns and demands of the market community. The representation emphasized the need for repairing of interior lanes, improvement of street lighting, and enhanced sanitation facilities to further boost the market's appeal and functionality.

He assured the association members that their concerns would be taken into consideration, and necessary steps would be taken to address the highlighted issues. He reiterated the administration's commitment to improving civic amenities and fostering a cleaner, well-lit, and more accessible commercial environment in Raghunath Bazar.

The Municipal Corporation is committed to address the civic concerns promptly and ensuring a cleaner, more efficient drainage system for the residents of Jammu and the other various issues of the people of the Jammu.















# JMC flagged off bike expedition on the eve of International Women's Day

Joint Commissioner (Health & Sanitation) Jammu Municipal Corporation has today flagged off a bikers expedition on the eve of International Women's Day. In this expedition 30 women bikers will cover Border Roads from Kathua to Poonch with their crew highlighting awareness against drug abuse and protection of borders from illegal trafficking of drugs. They will also take the Swachhata Pledge with the people in the border villages. The expedition convey will cover 850 KM and pass through five district i.e. Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Rajouri & Poonch. The Joint Commissioner (H&S), JMC Mr. Abdul Star appreciated the efforts of Shakti Udghosh Foundation, NGO behind this initiative. He emphasized that drug is the biggest challenge faced by society and we all must join hands to come on a common platform to fight against this evil.

The key features of the program are as follows:

- 1. A moving campaign, carrying a message of accelerating action against addiction and its consequences.
- 2. Small talks at the border locations with the presence of Border Residents and Public representatives propagating the message of drug free borders.
- 3. Accelerate Action Challenge where youngsters pledge to take a stand against drugs.
- 4. To promote awareness among the masses regarding Swachh Survekshan 2024 and to take Swachhta pledge with the masses.

T-shirts on behalf of JMC were distributed to the participants which also has a QR code for citizen feedback, Swachh Survekshan 2024.

The objective of the program is to celebrate International Women's Day 2025 showcasing strength and leveraging the theme "Ride for strength, break the chain, say no drugs, let's sustain!



Female Bikers from Chennai, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan are joining.

Health Officer, JMC, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, JMC and other staff of JMC were also present on the spot.



