

JMC Commissioner Initiates Redevelopment Work at Parade Vegetable Market

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Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) and CEO, Jammu Smart City, Dr. Devansh Yadav today visited the Old Vegetable Market at Parade and initiated the redevelopment work, marking the beginning of a major infrastructure upgrade aimed at transforming the historic market into a cleaner, more organised and modern trading space.

During his visit, the Vegetable Market Association welcomed the Commissioner and expressed its support for the redevelopment initiative. Interacting with traders and members of the association, Dr. Yadav assured those present that the work had commenced and would be completed as soon as possible. He said the redevelopment would provide improved facilities for vendors and visitors, enhance hygiene standards and create a more efficient and customer-friendly market environment.

The redevelopment project, with an estimated DPR cost of ₹5.88 crore, aims to transform the existing mandi through modern infrastructure, upgraded civic amenities and a well-planned layout. The project is expected to improve market functionality, accessibility, sanitation and

the overall shopping experience.

As part of the redevelopment, a spacious Mild Steel (MS) covered shed will be constructed to provide weather-protected vending space for traders. The facility will accommodate 117 vendor platforms, each measuring 1.8 metres × 2.1 metres, ensuring systematic and orderly market operations.

The shed area will be developed with Kota stone flooring, while the vendor platforms will feature granite cladding and granite tops to ensure durability, hygiene and ease of maintenance.

The project also envisages the construction of 44 permanent commercial shop blocks, each measuring 2.4 metres × 2.7 metres, to support vegetable vendors and allied businesses in a structured retail setting.

To improve sanitation and cleanliness, the existing drainage network will be strengthened and rehabilitated to minimise waterlogging and ensure efficient disposal of wastewater within the mandi premises.

The redevelopment plan further includes a re-designed main entry gate with sandstone cladding, enhancing the visual appeal and identity of the market. Modern public amenities, including separate toilet blocks for men and women and drinking water cooler units, will also be installed for the convenience of traders and visitors.

The internal movement and circulation areas will be developed using Pavement Quality Concrete (PQC) to withstand regular pedestrian movement and

BJP Social Media team felicitates National Convenor Deepak Mhaskey

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The BJP Jammu & Kashmir Social Media Team felicitated Deepak Mhaskey, National Convenor, Social Media, BJP, during the BJP National Social Media Workshop held at the party's Central Office in New Delhi.

The programme was attended by Rekha Mahajan, BJP J&K Vice President and Prabhari Social Media, along with State Convenor Mackson Tickoo and Co-Convenors Naveen Sharma, Sajjad Raina and Lovisha Gupta.

On the occasion, Rekha Mahajan apprised Deepak Mhaskey of the social media activities and organisational work being carried out by the BJP J&K Social Media Team, highlighting its efforts in strengthening digital outreach, communicating the party's programmes and initiatives,

and connecting with people across Jammu & Kashmir. Mackson Tickoo briefed him about the team's participation in promoting the party's public outreach campaigns and the vision of "Seva Mera Yogdan" and "Viksit Bharat @2047."

Deepak Mhaskey appreciated the efforts of the BJP J&K Social Media Team

and praised the team members for their active role in expanding the party's digital outreach and effectively communicating organisational activities and public welfare initiatives. He emphasised the need for continued coordination, creativity and greater engagement across digital platforms to further

strengthen the party's communication network.

The workshop focused on strengthening the BJP's digital outreach mechanism and evolving effective strategies for communicating the party's organisational activities, public welfare initiatives and development-oriented vision through social media.

Free Mega Health Check-up Camp Successfully Organised at Trinetram Medicity

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A Free Mega Health Check-up Camp was successfully organised at Trinetram Medicity, Bari Brahmana, on Sunday, with a large number of people from Bari Brahmana and surrounding areas availing themselves of free specialist consultations and health check-ups.

The camp was organised from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM with the objective of making quality healthcare and specialist medical advice accessible to the community, while also creating awareness about the importance of early diagnosis and preventive healthcare.

During the camp, free consultations were provided across Ophthalmology, Dental Care, Orthopaedics, General Medicine/Physician and Ayurveda. Patients received medical guidance for various conditions including cataract and glaucoma, dental and oral health problems, joint and spine disorders, diabetes, hypertension, thyroid disorders, general medical conditions and lifestyle-related health concerns.

The hospital witnessed

an encouraging response throughout the camp. A dedicated registration and patient-guidance system was arranged by the hospital team to ensure smooth movement of patients to the respective specialists.

Dr. Suruchi Gupta, Medical Director, Trinetram Medicity, said that such free health camps play an important role in bringing specialist healthcare closer to the community. She emphasised that timely screening and early detection can help identify many diseases at an initial stage, enabling appropriate treatment and better health outcomes.

Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Director, Trinetram Medicity, expressed gratitude to the participating doctors, nursing and paramedical teams, administrative staff, volunteers and, above all, the people who attended the camp.

He said, "A healthy society is the foundation of a strong society. Providing accessible healthcare to those who need it is not merely a professional responsibility for us; it is also a commitment to community service."

The management stated that Trinetram Medicity will continue to organise similar free medical camps, screening programmes and health-awareness initiatives for the benefit of the community in the future.

The successful participation of people from different age groups reflected growing awareness about preventive healthcare and reinforced the hospital's message: "Early Detection – Better Protection." Trinetram Medicity, State of Art Eye & Multispeciality Hospital Bari Brahmana, Bishnah Road, Jammu (J&K).

Billawaria Reviews Preparations for Guru Ravidas Jayanti Programmes Under Samrasta Sankalp Abhiyan

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are being made to bring the last person in the social and economic hierarchy into the mainstream of development and to ensure dignity, empowerment and opportunities for deprived and needy sections of society.

Targeting the Congress, Billawaria said that for decades, the party failed to accord due recognition and respect to the contributions and ideals of saints, great personalities and social reformers. He alleged that Congress politics gave greater prominence to appeasement than to the values of the saint tradition and the civilisational ethos of India.

"In contrast, the BJP is working to take the thoughts and teachings of great saints like Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidas Ji to every section of society and strengthen the values of equality, humanity and social harmony," he said.

Billawaria emphasised that the Samrasta Sankalp Abhiyan is not merely about organising programmes, but about strengthening mutual respect, fraternity, unity and social harmony among all sections of society.

He informed that under the Samrasta Kalash Vandana Yatra, sacred soil from the birthplace of Sant Guru Ravidas Ji in Varanasi (Kashi) has been brought in sacred urns. These Kalash are being taken to villages, localities and households so that the message of unity, brotherhood and an egalitarian society reaches every section

of the people.

Billawaria further informed that the Samrasta Sankalp Abhiyan commenced on July 29 and will continue till February 20, 2027.

During this period, a se-

ries of programmes and public outreach activities will be organised to disseminate the teachings and ideals of Sant Guru Ravidas Ji and promote the message of social harmony on a wider scale.

NC Leaders Urge PM Modi to Fulfil Promise of Restoring Statehood to J&K

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Senior leaders of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) reiterated their demand for the restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central Government to fulfil the commitment made regarding restoration of statehood.

Addressing a youth meeting organised by Vikshay Vashist, Ankush Abrol, Provincial Joint Secretary, JKNC, who was the Chief Guest, said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir were waiting for concrete action on the issue of statehood.

"Restoration of statehood is not merely a political demand; it concerns the constitutional rights, aspirations and democratic representation of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The people expect the commitment made to them to be fulfilled without any further delay," Abrol said.

Dr. Vikas Sharma, Coordinator and Secretary of the JKNC Central Zone, was the Guest of Honour. Interacting with the youth, both

leaders stressed the importance of statehood in strengthening democratic institutions, administrative accountability and the development process in Jammu and Kashmir.

They said that, in their view, restoration of statehood would provide greater institutional and democratic space for addressing issues related to development, employment and public welfare.

Abrol also spoke about employment and welfare-related issues concerning the youth. He expressed confidence that government initiatives in different sectors could create employment opportunities and emphasised the need for merit-based and transparent recruitment.

He also highlighted the importance of skill-development programmes to equip young people with modern skills and improve their employment prospects in both the government and private sectors. He welcomed measures aimed at extending health-insurance coverage to economically weaker sections and initiatives related to urban infrastructure, including drainage, water supply and sanitation.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Vikas Sharma questioned the BJP leadership's approach towards unemployment, development and the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Referring to criticism of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah by BJP leaders, Dr. Sharma said, "Instead of repeatedly focusing on Omar Abdullah, the BJP should explain what it delivered for the common people during its tenure from 2014 to 2024."

He said that employment

remained a major concern for the youth and called for greater transparency and accountability in recruitment and employment-related matters. Referring to the widely discussed promise of creating 20 million jobs annually, he asked the BJP leadership to provide a factual account of the employment opportunities created and their reach among young people.

Dr. Sharma also raised the issue of local representation and employment opportunities in higher educational institutions. He

questioned why, according to him, the issue had not received adequate attention and called for greater opportunities for local youth in universities and other institutions.

On recruitment, Dr. Sharma alleged that irregularities and controversies surrounding recruitment processes had affected the confidence of educated youth aspiring for government employment. He called for transparent, merit-based and accountable recruitment mechanisms so that deserving

candidates receive a fair opportunity.

Dr. Sharma urged the youth to remain aware of issues affecting their future and said that the National Conference would continue to raise issues related to statehood, employment, development, social justice and public welfare.

Those who spoke on the occasion included Arunpal Singh, NCSU Provincial Working President, Vinod Kumar, Saqib Kichloo and others.

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