

Jammu Smart City Ltd, organised a workshop for the street food vendors and Meat / Poultry handlers on the eve of World Food Safety Day!

Food safety is a shared responsibility between governments, producers, and consumers. Everybody has a role to play from farm to table to ensure the food we consume is safe and will not cause damage to our health. Through the World Food Safety Day, Honourable PM Sh. Narendra Modi ji envisions mainstreaming food safety in the public agenda and reducing the burden of foodborne diseases. World Food Safety Day is celebrated across the globe on 07 June every year. In this context, under the Eat Right Initiatives, Jammu smart city has organised an one day workshop on world food safety Day to generate awareness of food safety among the stakeholders and general public with the year 2023 theme "Food Standards Save Lives".

The Workshop on Food Safety with Hygiene and Sanitation for Street Food Vendors and Meat and poultry handlers was organised under the Eat Right Initiatives of Jammu Smart City Ltd (JSCL) which is also among the top 11 smart cities in India in the recently concluded Eat Right Smart City Challenge, a Nationwide campaign by FSSAI.

The programme Chief Guest, Honourable Chairman Health & Sanitation, Sh. Arun Khanna, launched the workshop and while addressing the gathering, he said that this is such an important topic for which stakeholders and the public in general need to sensitize at the mass level and take this movement to every household.

Sh. Kulbhushan Khajuria, Joint Commissioner, Health and Sanitation was Guest of Honour during the event and he has highlighted the importance of this programme and appreciated JSCL initiatives for organising such workshop cum orientation programme to sensitize/aware the stake holders and general public at grass root level. Dr. Vinod Sharma, Municipal Health Officer, who was also present in the programme has explained the role of Municipal Corporation for maintaining sanitary conditions in all the 75 wards of JMC and launching of evening auto service for the collection and disposal of meat/ chicken waste generated in the shops.



The programme was designed to highlight the essentials of Hygiene and Sanitisation and what further steps can be taken to sensitize the general public at the mass level and to take this movement to every household. The programme was introduced by Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, Nodal Officer, Eat Right Initiatives, Jammu Smart City Ltd. and Dr. Parvesh Kumar, Project Coordinator, Eat Right Initiatives.

Dr. Sushil Sharma and Mr. Satish Kumar, an IEC consultant from Mavis IT Services Pvt Ltd, New Delhi jointly presented a detailed presentation on the “Role of Hygiene and Sanitisation in Meat and Poultry”. Associate Prof Ashwani Khajuria, and Dr. Divya Sharma, VAS delivered presentations on various facts of food safety practices, in meat and slaughtering etc. Later, the function was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Parvesh Kumar.



7th June 2023

Commissioner, JMC, Mr. Rahul Yadav (IAS) gave his statement with regard to the demolition undertaken by Jammu Municipal Corporation

The Commissioner, JMC, Mr. Rahul Yadav (IAS) gave his statement with regard to the demolition undertaken by Jammu Municipal Corporation at Saw Mill Road, Dashmesh Nagar, Digiana, Jammu raised by one Sh. Ramesh Chander Gupta s/o Durga Prasad Gupta, as the said person levelled allegation against JMC in media that JMC has forcefully demolished his house without serving any notice to him. Responding to his allegation given in the media, the Commissioner, JMC stated that JMC had issued Notice under section 7(3) in the year 2009 and in response to which Mr. Ramesh Chander Gupta approached the Hon'ble Tribunal and in the year 2012 he lost the case from Hon'ble Tribunal and verdict was given in favour of Jammu Municipal Corporation.

The said Mr. Ramesh Chander Gupta filed an appeal against the verdict of Hon'ble Special Tribunal in the Hon'ble High Court and ultimately the verdict was given in favour of Jammu Municipal Corporation by the Hon'ble High Court after the 10 years. The Commissioner, JMC further clarified that the demolition was undertaken on the basis of verdict of the Hon'ble High Court and the allegations levelled by Mr. Ramesh Chander Gupta are totally baseless and not based on facts.

Further he clarified that cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of person who carried un-authorized construction and the same shall be recovered from him.



8th June 2023

Dr. Sushil Kumar sharma, MVO, JMC convened a meeting regarding various issues of animal welfare and animals protection rights.

On 25-6-2023, MVO, JMC Dr. Sushil Kumar sharma convened a meeting in his office chamber with animal activist/ lovers/ volunteers who are working day and night for the cause of speechless creatures. During the meeting threadbare discussions were held on various issues of animal welfare and animals protection rights.

MVO, JMC briefed about the various animal welfare activities being carried out by the JMC and informed that till date more than 33,000 street dogs have been sterilized / vaccinated within JMC limits and during the year 2022-2023, 3190 number of different kinds of stray animals were rescued and treated at MACC, Roop Nagar by the JMC. He sought suggestions and coordination from the animal activist/ lovers/ volunteers for the effective implementation of Animal Birth Control Programme so that dog population of Jammu city can be stabilized in a time bound manner.

In order to implement ABC programme effectively and timely rescue of sick/ Injured stray animals, it was decided in the meeting that different levels of coordination committees involving animal activist/ lovers/ volunteers and resident welfare associations will be constituted to monitor and supervise these activities at ground level for the better care and welfare of street animals. All these committees will also work to sensitize, inform and educate the community about the effectiveness of ABC programme in helping to reduce the dog population growth as well as in eradicating rabies in Jammu city.

MVO, JMC further disclosed that JMC will soon have the facility of ultrasound, X-ray and blood analyzer for providing better health care diagnostic to the ailing stray animals admitted in MACC, Roop Nagar. Also JMC is going to purchase more number of hydraulic cattle catcher and dog catcher vehicles so that every rescue call can be attended in a time bound manner.

In the meeting various suggestions have also been putforth by the participants for the cause of animal welfare and MVO, JMC assure that JMC will considered them





in a phase manner. All the animal activist/ lovers/ volunteers present in the meeting took plague to work in close coordination with JMC so that sterilization/ vaccination of all the street dog population present in Jammu city could be ensured in a time specific period.

During the meeting Miss. Namrata Hakhoo, Founder / Chairman of Street Animal Foundation Trust, Jammu, Retired Colonel Sh. Rajeshwar Sabarwal, Animal Right Activist Sh. Muneesh Sharma and Sh. Anmol Mahajan were also present.



26th June 2023

Inspection drives on the eve of Eid-ul-Azha 2023 in different areas of Jammu City.

On the directions of Commissioner, JMC, Mr. Rahul Yadav, IAS, a joint team of Jammu Municipal Corporation and Doctors deputed by Sheep Husbandry Department under the supervision of Municipal Veterinary Officer Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, conducted various surprise Meat inspection drives on the eve of Eid-ul-Azha 2023 in different areas of Jammu City to ensure the sale of wholesome, good quality meat and meat byproducts to the consumers. The surprise drives were conducted in Talab Tillo, Bohri, Muthi, Bantalab, Paloura, Janipur, Amphalla, CPO chowk, Narwal, Gandhi Nagar, Gangyal, Satwari etc.

During the drives, various meat shops, chicken shops & fish mongers were inspected and about 25 Kg of substandard meat was seized and later on disposed off properly. Also a fine to the tune of Rs. 18,900/- was imposed to the meat sellers for selling unstamped, unhygienic & substandard meat.

Meat & chicken shop vendors were also instructed to keep separate bins to collect the daily waste generated on account of refused/inedible meat & chicken parts for further proper disposal through JMC vehicles.

MVO, JMC also sensitize all the shopkeepers/ Vendors dealing with meat/chicken products to maintain hygienic environment in and around their shops and adhere with the various provisions of Food Safety Act, 2006, Municipal Corporation Act, 2000 and other directions & guidelines issued by the JMC from time to time so that good quality hygienic meat shall reach to the consumers.



28th June 2023