

Commissioner/Secretary to Govt., H&UDD, Ms. Mandeep Kaur, IAS Inspects Ongoing Works and assets of Jammu Municipal Corporation

Commissioner/Secretary, H&UDD, Ms. Mandeep Kaur, IAS conducted a tour of Jammu City today, where she visited various locations and assessed the progress of ongoing works and assets of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC). She was accompanied by Sh Rahul Yadav, IAS Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation and officers of Jammu Municipal corporation. During the visit, Ms. Mandeep Kaur inspected the Bandu-rakh 5 TPD Material recovery facility (MRF) and upcoming 5 TPD Material Recovery Canter (MRC) being managed by CEE. She was informed that upcoming MRC will be first of its kind facility in Jammu & Kashmir with inhouse recycling. She instructed to increase the capacity of MRF. Emphasizing the importance of waste management, she urged the concerned officials to commence composting at the earliest to manage wet waste as well. The Commissioner/Secretary also visited the commercial complex at Jeevan Nagar, where she observed that Phase-1 of the project had been completed. She issued instructions to expedite the remaining work and ensure its timely completion. Additionally, Ms. Mandeep Kaur visited the slaughterhouse at Gujjar Nagar and Dogra Hall. She instructed the officials to prioritize the completion of pending work and also directed Commissioner JMC to study best operation model and ensure proper functioning of these facilities through outsourcing on a self-sustained model. Lastly, Commissioner/Secretary also visited the under construction cattle pound at Bandhu-Rakh and JMC cattle pound at Dogra hall. She appreciated the work and maintenance at the cattle pound at Dogra Hall. She instructed to utilize the cow dung compost from Dogra hall in JMC parks and garden and form a proper system for that.





Ms. Mandeep Kaur's visit highlights the government's commitment to the development and improvement of Jammu City's infrastructure and amenities. The inspection tour allowed her to assess the progress of ongoing projects and to impart necessary instructions for their timely completion.

Among other, Joint Commissioner (H&S), Joint Commissioner (W), executive Engineer (M), Municipal Veterinary Officer were present during the visit.





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Commissioner, JMC, Sh. Rahul Yadav chaired ABC/ARV Monitoring committee meeting to review the current status of ongoing ABC/ARV

Commissioner, JMC, Sh. Rahul Yadav chaired ABC/ARV Monitoring committee meeting to review the current status of ongoing ABC/ARV programme within JMC limits. For the effective management of street dog population and to curb the spread of rabies both in humans as well as animals, ABC/ARV programme is being carried out by the Jammu Municipal Corporation within JMC limits.

The meeting was attended by all the members of ABC Monitoring committee viz. Dr. Zaffar Iqbal, LDO, Jammu, Dr. Vinod Sharma, Health Officer JMC, Dr. Divya Sharma, MVO JMC, Dr. Manmeet Singh, VAS, MACC Roop Nagar, Miss Namrata Hakhoo, Founder/ Chairperson, Hakhoo Street Animals Foundation Trust (Regd.), Mrs. Devinder Kour Madaan, Chairperson, SAVE (NGO).

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on the various aspects and progress of the ongoing ABC/ARV program being implemented by JMC in collaboration with Friendicoes-SECA (Delhi based Animal Welfare Organization) at Municipal Animal Care Centre, Roop Nagar, Jammu.

Dr. Divya Sharma, MVO, JMC appraised the committee that since the outsourcing of ABC/ARV programme to FRIENDICOES-SECA i.e. w.e.f 01.04.2021 to ending Jan. 2024, **20112** no. of **stray dogs** have been sterilized/immunized with ward wise /complaint basis catching and all sterilized dogs have been relocated in the same area from where they were caught as per the ABC (Dogs) Rules, 2023 promulgated under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

MVO, JMC further appraised that so far a total of **38546** no. of stray dogs have been sterilized/ vaccinated within JMC limits in an estimated street dog population of 50000 by taking into account of previous ABC/ ARV done by the JMC.

In the meeting it was decided that for the effective implementation of ABC programme within JMC limits, ward wise/ zone wise coordination committees comprising of representatives of Resident Welfare Associations and Animal activists/



volunteers constituted will work in their respective wards based on general public complaints.

For the regulation of pet dog population within JMC limits, committee decided that JMC shall intensify the awareness campaigns as well as enforcement drives for pet dog registration with mandatory spaying of female pet dog in accordance to Animal Birth Control (Dog) Rules, 2023 & Municipal Corporation Act, 2000. Notices regarding the same shall be published accordingly.

Commissioner, JMC showed his satisfaction about the implementation of the ABC programme within JMC limits and further advised that more emphasis should be laid on those areas where more unsterilized dog population still exist and dog litter (pups) are born. He directed MVO, JMC to intensify the IEC activities to educate the general public by involving schools, colleges, universities & Resident Welfare organizations about the effectiveness of ABC/ARV programme in helping to reduce street dog population as well as eradicating rabies.





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