

## Workshop, Awareness session regarding finance budgeting and Amnesty scheme held by JMC

Jammu, Sep 22: One day workshop cum awareness program for Jammu Municipal Councillors regarding Finance and one time Amnesty Scheme was held today at council hall of JMC. The workshop which aimed at focusing on the basic understanding of the budget and its characteristics was organised in by JMC in Collaboration with Praja Foundation.



Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta said we are fortunate enough to have this opportunity today and we must reap maximum benefits from this workshop as this is not the one day learning session but many such sessions will be organised so that in the next coming months, the change would be visible and result oriented.

Commissioner JMC Rahul Yadav who formally gave welcome address on the occasion said this workshop will be highly beneficial for everyone and by sharing the experiences of the Facilitators from Praja foundation who had come with working experience from renowned and reputed organisations and Municipal Corporations across India will help in empowering the Corporators and the officials as well to take development way forward and help in learning and exploring various initiatives in making Municipal Corporation sufficient in revenue generation. On the occasion MoU was also signed and exchanged between Praja foundation and Commissioner JMC in presence of Mayor JMC. This workshop reflected the importance of budget and how it will effect the development of the city on a broader policy level.

The emphasis was laid on self-sufficiency as how to make Municipal Corporation financially sufficient and also to know the sources of revenue generation including grants, devolution Capex etc and the proper expenditure and utilization of budget.

Later on awareness regarding One Time Amnesty Scheme was also held in collaboration with PDD. MD JPDCL, Shiv Anant Tayal said the Councillors should aware the domestic consumers to take the benefit of the power Amnesty Scheme- 2022 to avail the waiver of 100 percent interest surcharge accumulated on outstanding bills ending March, 2022 and to avoid penalty and legal action, besides disconnection of power.

Giving details of Amnesty Scheme-2022, he said "100% Interest/ Surcharge accumulated on outstanding bills ending March 2022 shall be waived off in favour of Domestic Consumers. The Principal Amount, after waiver of Interest up to March -2022, is to be deposited in a maximum of 12 monthly Instalments by September-2023."

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