

SMC starts first ever fellowship programme for students

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It will provide platform to engage students in the process of urban governance:- Junaid Matoo

Srinagar May 31 (PTK) Praja Foundation in collaboration with Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) launched its municipal fellowship programme Cohort-1 of 2022-23 in Srinagar.

Mayor Junaid Matoo said that itlt is Srinagar's first-ever Municipal Fellowship Program that will give young citizens of Srinagar a platform to engage in the process of urban governance while working alongside Srinagar's Municipal Councillors and Administration.

He said the registration will start today till 19th June 2022 and application forms are available on Praja's website.

In this program, Srinagar would be divided into 4 zones and four fellows would be placed in each zone. The fellows will help the elected representatives discharge their most basic function – raising questions on the floor of the House/committees; and provide support in official tasks to the administration, he said.

These fellows will get a platform to work on citizens' needs at ward and zonal level, projects and proposals on developmental works by SMC, as well as on other prevalent issues and help in communication between elected representatives and the administration, he added.

The work will comprise of providing data briefs and helping in research work, he added.

"The Programme aims to provide Srinagar's leaders a fully dedicated team of individuals as their research assistants; and exposure to the youth by making them understand ground realities to do with governance. Srinagar Municipal Fellowship Cohort-1 is a 10 months paid Fellowship Programme that will comprise of 16 fellows who will work with the Municipal Councillors and Administration, Said commissioner SMC Athar.

For Application Graduates & Postgraduates who are residents of Srinagar can apply for this programme, he said. **(PTK)**

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