

SMC signs MoU with Praja,Azim Premji Foundations

Foundations to improve urban governance, quality of education in city schools



Srinagar, Feb 08: Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) on Tuesday signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Praja Foundation and Azim Premji Foundation aimed to improve the urban governance and quality education in city schools.

The event was held at Sher-e-Kashmir International Conventional Centre (SKICC) on the banks of Dal Lake here with Lieutenant Governor J&K Manoj Sinha as a chief guest. The event was attended by office bearers of Praja Foundation and Azim Premiji Foundation besides Mayor Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Junaid Azim Mattu, Commissioner SMC Amir Athar Khan, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Pandurang K Pole, Inspector General CRPF Charu Sinha, IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, SSP Srinagar Rakesh Bhalwal, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Aijaz Asad, Executive Committee members from SMC, elected Corporators of SMC and others.

The Lieutenant Governor J&K, Manoj Sinha while addressing the event congratulated the participants of the deal, saying it will ensure a gigantic change in improving urban governance and quality education in Srinagar city. The LG said the MoU will ensure introduction of new teaching methods into schools so that the nation will get brilliant minds in future.

While presenting welcome address, Commissioner SMC Amir Athar Khan at the occasion said these Memorandum of Understanding's will be improving the urban governance in Srinagar as well as to improve the quality education in the primary schools for the youth of Srinagar city.

He welcomed the guests at the occasion and termed the event as "historical" one for the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC).

He lauded the role of Lieutenant Governor J&K Manoj Sinha for enabling development across the Jammu and Kashmir, saying "The Hon'ble LG Manoj Sinha by his strenuous endeavors brought major reforms in Srinagar Municipal Corporation".

"To ensure grassroots level development in the city, the incumbent administration moved 17 departments to SMC that enabled way to Corporation to ensure real development on ground", he added.

SMC Commissioner at the occasion, lauded the contribution of IGP CRPF Charu Sinha for showing great and personal interest in bringing the SMC and Praja Foundation and Azim Premji Foundation at one table. He said through this historic endeavor, the SMC to play a crucial role in development of city.

Mayor Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Junaid Azim Mattu addressed the event, saying the main aim of signing the MoU is to improve local governance, develop educational standards, empower local representatives and involve local youth's participation in governance and development matters.

He said both of the foundations have achieved lot of applause outside Jammu and Kashmir while commissioning several people-oriented projects.

Mattu who was the Guest of Honor, while congratulating on signing of MoU said the elected representatives of SMC will be trained by Praja Foundation and will also be developing an active platform called citizens participating platform which is a unique platform in India for the smooth functioning of all Municipal Corporation across.

He said the aim of the deal is to engage youth in participation of government works and assisting the councilors for better commissioning of work.

The mayor said the SMC has set out the target of eight schools which will be established in Srinagar city where full thrust will be insisted upon improving quality of education. He also said further the collaboration will go for a long way in future to ensure an unprecedented development of the city. Mattu added the SMC in collaboration with Praja Foundation will involve community participation at large level. "Today's development will empower the local representatives as well besides engaging local community participation", he said.

He also added the SMC is being transformed massively as bulk of developmental projects have been taken into hand from last few years. He further added the collaboration with Praja Foundation and Azim Premji Foundation will enable infrastructural up-gradation of the city.

The event was also addressed by Nitayi Mehta, Trustee Praja Foundation, Bijay Shankar Das who deliberated on several aspects of the deal. They said under this deal we have identified 83 schools in 8 zones of Srinagar city where quality of education will be improved.

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