

## **Div Com reviews progress of Electric-Buses project of Jammu Smart City**

Ask officials to expedite efforts for operationalisation of e buses



JAMMU, MARCH 17 Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar on today chaired a meeting to review the progress of electric buses project of Jammu Smart City Mission.

Chief Executive officer, Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) Rahul Yadav; Vice Chairperson of JDA, Pankaj Magotra; Additional Chief Executive officer, Jammu Smart City Limited, Rakesh Gupta; ACG from Deputy Commissioner Office Manisha, Director Technical, JSCL, S L Kapoor, General Manager (Finance), JSCL & nodal officer for e-buses project J&K, Ashish Anand, Dy GM Gurmeet Singh, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), JSCL Ravi Salgotra and representatives of TATA motors led by K Vijay Menon, were present in the meeting.

Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rahul Pandey; Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Krittika Jyotsna; Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

At the onset of meeting, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Rahul Yadav gave a detailed overview on the progress being made on the project so far. He informed the chair that the project is being executed on priority.

Speaking on the occasion, Divisional Commissioner asked Deputy Commissioners of three districts Kathua, Udhampur and Reasi to clear all the bottlenecks and hand over land to Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) for establishment of charging stations for electric buses.

He also directed other departments to expedite the completion of all necessary work related to the project.

He further asked concerned officials of Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) and TATA motors to start the construction work of bus depot at Bhagwati Nagar in Jammu.

Instructing JSCL to depute team for inspection of prototype model of electric-buses, Divisional Commissioner directed officials of TATA motors to ensure delivery of e-buses in stipulated time frame.

“Buses should be delivered by mid-April and operationalise at the earliest,” Divisional directed officials.

In the meeting, threadbare discussions were also held on the routes and fair of electric buses.

Pertinently, the Jammu and Kashmir government is procuring a fleet of 200 electric buses, 100 each for capital cities of the Union Territory, Jammu, and Srinagar.