

# HM inaugurates, lays foundation of 260 dev projects worth Rs 1,960 Cr

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JAMMU: Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 263 development projects worth Rs 1,960 crore in Jammu on Tuesday. These include the inauguration of 82 projects of around Rs 500 crore and foundation stone laying of 181 projects of around Rs 1460 crore.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Union Minister Jitendra Singh and the Union Home Secretary were present on the occasion.

The Union Home Minister said that 14 projects of Urban Development Department costing Rs 31 crore, construction of 48 roads costing Rs 402 crore, Jal Jeevan Mission costing Rs 168 crore and 41 schemes worth Rs 1112 crore have been launched to connect every village of Jammu with road. He said that about 77 lakh cards under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana have been issued. Under the

## JKPCC conducts 'Save Rivers' campaign in 5 districts of Jammu region

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JAMMU: J&K Pollution Control Committee on Tuesday organised "Save Rivers" Campaign in five major districts of Jammu region viz Jammu, Kathua, Reasi, Udhampur and Samba to create awareness among devotees regarding water pollution and sensitized them to immerse only Sakh in the holy rivers and not to immerse any polythene/plastic/chunri/mixed items in the rivers. The objective of this campaign was to motivate devotees/ citizens to realize the value of Rivers which are the lifelines of Cities / towns and the need to preserve water for future generations. The awareness campaign was organized under the guidance and supervision of Chairperson, JKPCC Dr. Neelu Gera, Member Secretary JK PCC K. Ramesh Kumar and Regional Director JK PCC Jammu Sat Paul. All the items collected from devotees were segregated on the spot with the help of respective Municipal Corporation/Committees and local Bodies in the districts for further channelization to respective recyclers while flowers were channeled in collaboration with various degree colleges, DISHA organization, NGO live for others, Climate Front Jammu and other local NGOs viz GGM Science College, Govt. SPMR College of Commerce, GDC Samba, GOCE Jammu, GDC Kathua. Chairperson JKPCC made an appeal to all public to actively participate and be part of this "Save Rivers" campaign to ensure preservation of precious water resources of J&K.

## Growing menace of sextortion in Valley-cause of concern

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SRINAGAR: Since social media has become a daily destination for a majority of people, the wrong-doers are using these platforms as a weapon to commit the crime. A set of fear is created by making intimidating pictures public. Under this danger of leaking sexually explicit material, victims are made to do certain things at the perpetrators desire. Sexual exploitation is now becoming a global problem in all developed, developing, and underdeveloped countries. Sexual exploitation is done in several different forms and sextortion is one such form evolving into grey area of laws dealing with sexual offenses. The offense of sextortion is not defined under any Indian statute or laws, hence, making it hard for authorities to combat this serious crime. Like other parts of country, Kashmir valley is becoming new hub for sextortionists. Teenagers, school-droppers etc and their cunning masterminds run sextortion rackets that span across several countries. Police officers, politicians, businessmen, doctors have all fallen prey to their machinations. India witnesses more than 500 cases of sextortion daily (with less than 0.5 per cent registered as FIRs). Recently, Police has arrested a person in a sextortion case in Anantnag district. Officials said two days after a 'journalist' was taken into custody following a complaint of rape and extortion. Nadeem Ahmed Ganie alias Nadeem Nadu was arrested on Saturday from south Kashmir district after a woman accused him of rape and extortion. According to police statement, the arrest was affected during the night after raids were conducted at various places. According to complaint, "Accused lured victim through his WhatsApp group made for people seeking help and forced her into a sexual relationship after sedating her fraudulently". The victim has also alleged that accused took her objectionable pictures after sedating her and used the same to blackmail her. "Accused also took her gold ornaments in course of blackmailing. Pertinent to mention here that the victim is a student of an institution in central Kashmir," a spokesman told. The police has registered a case under various sections including 376 of IPC at women police station Srinagar and constituted a special investigation team to investigate the matter. Members of civil society have appealed to the police to control the menace at an early stage before the situation went out of control. According to the experts, it has become imperative to take certain steps to curb this extensively growing crime. The need of the time is to ensure proper education, along with a specific legislation covering crime, and then only such damaging attacks could be deterred or at least lessened.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah along with Union MoS Dr Jitendra Singh and LG J&K, Manoj Sinha inaugurating development works.

Saubhagya scheme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked to provide electricity to 8 lakh 57,000 such houses where electricity was not available even after 75 years of independence. He said that this journey of development is an answer to those who used to ask what has happened after the abrogation of Article 370. He said that it is a great achievement to have 1,000 PACS in Jammu and Kashmir because it is beneficial for

farmers. He said that those who want development have faith in the developmental journey, while those who are involved in corruption have nothing to do with development.

The Union Home Minister said that under the Prime Minister's Development Package, about 63 projects have been initiated in Jammu at a cost of Rs 80,000 crore. The work of Kiru Project in Hydro Power Electricity at a cost of Rs 4,287 crore is under progress. Work on the Kar scheme worth Rs 4,633 crore, Rs 2,793 crore for Shahpur

Kundi and the Rs 11,908 crore Poonch power project will start soon. He said that no one can

match the development work initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



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## Agnipath scheme: Pre-medical examination for female aspirants held

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RAMBAN: In continuation to its mission for empowering the women from the remote areas, the Indian Army organised a Pre Medical Examination for female Agnivee aspirants, (who desire to be enrolled as an Agniveers through Agnipath Scheme), was organised by the Indian Army with assistance from SDH, Banihal at Bu



An Army officer interacting with aspirants before pre-medical examination.

HQ. With the aim to assist local girls towards providing legitimate and Nobel employment opportunities, the event was in tune with the regular training being imparted to the aspirants. As many as 16 female candidates attended the pre-medical examination. The event astonishingly reciprocated in and around the region which further motivated more

female aspirants to become part of the Armed Forces

The response & participation of the aspirants during the event reflected the strong bond between the Indian Army & the Awam. The initiative by the Indian Army for empowering the women to become future Agniveers was very well received and appreciated by the locals.

## ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE SERVICES ASSURED FOR ALL

" Making the best treatment accessible to all is the country's vision for a healthy India in the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal. Today, India's health policy revolves around health for all

- Narendra Modi

### Modern health facilities to all

- Over the last eight years, number of AIIMS increased to 23 from 8, number of medical colleges increased to 648 from 387, number of medical seats increased to over 1.5 lakh from 82 thousand
- Medical sector has greatly benefitted from establishment of the National Medical Commission
- Opening of lakhs of Health and Wellness Centres in villages and towns has made citizens' access to healthcare easier

### Accessible treatment and affordable medicine to all

- More than 50 crore poor can access free treatment up to 5 lakh rupees per family per year through Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
- Good quality medicines at affordable cost available to people from more than 8700 Jan Aushadhi Kendras. Savings of approximately Rs. 15000 crore for people in need in the last few years

### Focus on preventive and holistic Healthcare

- Promoting healthy lifestyle through traditional medicinal practices and Yoga; comprehensive investments made in this sector for research and innovation
- Reduction in disease burden with provision of tap water connections, gas, toilets, and Swachhata practices; lakhs of lives protected

## Ushering in world-class health infrastructure in Devbhoomi Himachal

## Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicates AIIMS Bilaspur to the nation

Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh, 5th October 2022, 11.30 AM onwards



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