

Satish cautions officials against unnecessary delay in execution of vital development projects

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JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, on Monday conducted an extensive tour of Khour and laid foundation stone for blacktopping of Budhwal to Girgrial road to be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 10 lakh.

People from various areas including Hanuman Chowk, Maira Jourian and Troti met the Minister apprising him of their issues and concerns. They sought Minister's intervention in speedy redressal of their grievances pending since long.

The issues raised by the



Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma addressing a gathering.

people inter alia included construction of link roads, streamlining of electricity bills and ration card issuance, irregular power and water supply besides related matters concerning welfare and development of

their respective areas.

The Minister assured the deputations that the issues raised by them would be taken up with the concerned authorities and redressed within the shortest possible time.

While addressing the people, the Minister appreciated the public for their unwavering support saying that he will work with utmost zeal and vigour to bring enhanced development and prosperity in the region. "Equitable development and welfare of people is top priority of the present government adding that all public grievances and concerns would be addressed promptly", he added.

Later, the Minister also held a meeting with the officers and officials of the line department and instructed them to work in synergy so that people don't face any kind of inconvenience. He

directed the officers to ensure timely completion of all development works concerning their respective departments. He also cautioned them against any unnecessary delay in execution of these vital works.

The Minister said that the recently formed government is committed towards satiating developmental aspirations of people while taking care that no one is deprived of his basic requirements and all are served equally. He emphasised that welfare and employment for the educated youth are one of the top priorities of the government.

DC Kishtwar approves rates for 6 Land Acquisition Cases



DC Kishtwar Rajesh Kumar Shavan chairing a meeting of collectors.

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar (District Collector), Rajesh Kumar Shavan chaired a meeting of Collectors to approve and finalise compensation rates for the land acquired for different projects.

A total of six land acquisition cases related to various schemes under Kishtwar, Chatroo and Dachan Collectorates were cleared.

The schemes included the Link Road from Shinnagar Sranawan to Shanna via HSS Feller, Link Road Parna to Bonda along with four cases related to the Pakal Dul Hydroelectric Project (HEP).

Additional Deputy Commissioner Pawan Kotwal; Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Idrees Lone; Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Paddar Amit Kumar; SDM Chatroo Naseem Ur Rehman and other relevant officials were present at the meeting.

MLA Bishnah reviews Govt schemes and projects, sets priorities for 2024



MLA Bishnah, Rajeev Kumar chairing a meeting.

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BISHNAH: MLA Bishnah, Rajeev Kumar, held a comprehensive review meeting with officers from across his constituency, focusing on government schemes and development projects currently underway. SDM Jammu South, Rafiq Ahmad Jaral, JKAS, coordinated the meeting, having previously issued a notice to all line departments, instructing them to bring detailed reports on the projects and schemes within Bishnah, Arnia, and parts of RS Pura.

During the meeting, all the officers presented updates on a range of initiatives, schemes discussing both

progress and challenges. MLA, Kumar issued the directives for 2024 and next year, emphasizing several key projects: the widening of critical roadways, including Bishnah-Kunjwani, Bishnah-Bari Brahmma, and Jabowal to Kathar via Kaku De Kothey. Plans for constructing two new bridges at Aik (Chak Shera and Adellar) were also prioritized. Additionally, the MLA highlighted the importance of infrastructure improvements such as a sports ground in Bishnah and Arnia, a trauma center in the border area of Arnia, and upgraded medical facilities at Bishnah Hospital.

The MLA also directed Tehsildars to identify suitable land for establishing degree colleges in Bishnah and Arnia and other institutions. Identify the eligible beneficiaries under PMAY and set planning for Capex works. Stressing the need for comprehensive beneficiary coverage, he urged departments to increase awareness of government schemes, especially in agriculture, horticulture, and allied sectors. Kumar also raised concerns about the creation of new ration cards to meet the needs of residents and called upon the police to intensify actions against drug trafficking and substance abuse in Bishnah and Arnia.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the MLA. Among the notable attendees were Ankush Tripathi, JKAS, Tehsildar Bishnah; Amandeep Singh, JKAS, Tehsildar Arnia; Tehsildar RS Pura; Executive Engineers from PWD and PHE; Anjum Ganai, CDPO Bishnah; and BDO Bishnah, alongside other key officials.

Priya Sethi commends dedication of BJP workers in recent assembly elections



BJP leader Priya Sethi addressing party workers at Rajouri.

the district.

Priya Sethi further highlighted that the membership drive is not merely about increasing numbers but about creating an empowered and informed base that represents the ideals of the BJP. "Every new member we bring into the fold is a testament to our shared commitment to nation-building and development. This drive is our opportunity to build lasting connections, to listen to people's concerns, and to instill faith in our mission to uplift every citizen," she asserted, calling upon leaders and workers alike to embrace this responsibility wholeheartedly.

Priya Sethi also took a

moment to commend the dedication and hard work of BJP workers in the Rajouri District during the recent assembly elections. "Though we didn't secure a victory, our vote share was exceptionally high, reflecting the trust and support of the people," she stated. Sethi praised the efforts of every party member, urging them to carry this momentum forward into the membership drive, where every interaction strengthens BJP's connection with the community.

Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali, former Cabinet Minister, emphasized the importance of grassroots engagement in strengthening the BJP's foundation. "The success of

our membership drive will lie in the hands of dedicated workers who connect directly with people at every level. This drive is an opportunity to showcase BJP's vision for development and inclusivity," Ali remarked, urging attendees to work with commitment.

Chowdhary Zulfkar Ali, addressing the gathering, criticized the National Conference for spreading "fake and false propaganda" and accused the party of sowing seeds of communalism in Jammu and Kashmir. "Our focus is on unity and development, while certain parties continue to mislead and divide the people. The BJP stands firm against such divisive tactics and remains committed to fostering peace and progress across all communities," Ali asserted, urging party members to counter misinformation with truth and resilience.

Adding to the sentiment, Senior BJP leader and DDC Darhal, Mohd Iqbal Malik, highlighted the need for unity and perseverance. "This membership drive is

more than a campaign; it is our chance to reinforce BJP's principles and to strengthen our bond with the community. Every new member strengthens our collective resolve for progress," Malik said.

Senior BJP leader and Parbhari Rajouri District Jugal Dogra addressed the workers and urged them to work hard to make this membership drive successful. Senior BJP leader and DDC ThannaMandi also addressed the workers in the meeting.

The workshop was convened by Senior BJP leaders and District General Secretaries Manzoor Naik and Pushinder Gupta. Other notable attendees included prominent figures from the district were Rakesh Raina, Ranjeet Tara, Yogesh Sharma, Karamat Malik, Kaushal Gupta, Nazir Mohd, Baldev Singh, Palvi Bakshi, Shikha Bali, Neelam Raina, Sanam Shah, Sakhi Mohd, Abdul Rashid Hasnail, Younis Naz, Maneer Mirza, Khushi Malik, Shabir Malik, Dr. Makhan, Bittu Sharma and many others.

Akhnoor to be transformed into model constituency: Mohan Lal

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AKHNOOR: In a significant move towards improving local infrastructure, the MLA of Akhnoor, Mohan Lal, on Monday inaugurated the macadamization work worth 16 Lakhs on the much-anticipated road project from Mawa Kasora to Bhal Mohalla, Sardar Mohalla, ZEO KL Bhagat Mohalla, in Panchayat Gurha Brahmana East. The road stretch, measuring 800 meters, promises to greatly improve accessibility and ease of movement for local residents.

Sharda Bhanu, Member of the District Development Council; Xen PWD Sunil Dogra; AEE PWD Sunil Baogia; Ex-Sarpanch Varinder Bhagat; Naib



MLA Mohan Lal inaugurating road work at Akhnoor.

Sarpanch Rattan Lal Sharma; KD Sharma, along with other notable figures of the constituency, were present at the ceremony.

While addressing the public, Mohan Lal reaffirmed his commitment to transforming Akhnoor into a

model constituency. He assured the gathering of his dedication, promising to work tirelessly for the welfare and upliftment of the community. "Our goal is to ensure that every corner of Akhnoor has access to quality roads and infrastruc-

ture. This project is just one of many initiatives aimed at providing safer, more efficient transportation for all," he stated.

The MLA emphasized the importance of public participation and urged the residents to come forward with

their suggestions and concerns. "I believe in inclusive development, and your input is vital for making Akhnoor the best it can be. Together, we will create a constituency that sets a benchmark for growth, prosperity, and unity," he added.

In addition to infrastructure projects, Mohan Lal highlighted his vision for comprehensive development in sectors such as healthcare, education, and rural employment. He pledged to focus on enhancing facilities, creating job opportunities for the youth, and ensuring better healthcare services for all residents.

The people in attendance expressed their appreciation for the development efforts and showed enthusiasm for future projects in Akhnoor.

Vigilance Awareness Week celebrated at Dina Nath Rafiq Memorial school

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POONCH: Dina Nath Rafiq Memorial Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Poonch marked Vigilance Awareness Week with a focused event aimed at educating students about the importance of vigilance in daily life and promoting transparency and accountability in society. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty, who collectively took a pledge to uphold the values of integrity and honesty.

Anjum Shaheen, Principal of the school, addressed the gathering and emphasized the role of young students in creating a vigilant and responsible society. "We aim to make our students ambassadors of vigilance and integrity. They will carry for-



ward this message to every corner of Poonch, helping to build a more transparent community," she said. Shaheen highlighted that empowering students with the knowledge of vigilance fosters a sense of responsibility, urging them to propagate this message within their communities.

During the event, students actively participated in discussions and activities to enhance their understanding of ethical behavior and anti-

corruption practices, ensuring they become well-informed citizens who can contribute positively to society.

The celebration of Vigilance Awareness Week at the Dina Nath Rafiq Memorial Government Girls Higher Secondary School reflects a dedicated approach toward promoting ethical awareness among the youth, aiming for a society built on transparency and integrity.

CBC organises awareness programme on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

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RAJOURI: An awareness programme on 'Swachh Action Plan' was organized by Central Bureau of Communication Field Office Rajouri (J&K), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. The programme held at Government Higher Secondary School, Channi Prat (Rajouri) was attended by Shri Deep Sharma, Principal Government Higher Secondary School, Channi Prat (Rajouri) as a Chief Guest, Smt. Kamla Sharma Vice Principal GHSS Channi Prat and Headmaster Smt. Pratima Gupta, Govt Middle School Channi Prat as Special Guest, Faculty Members



Students Asha Workers, Aganwari Workers and Locals.

The programme was aimed to acquaint, sensitize and mobilize the local masses about Swachh Action Plan being observed throughout India intensifying awareness generation on the importance of Swachh Bharat Mission. To remind masses about making India open defecation free, Making Indian Clean and Green and changing the mindset of the common masses about taking an initiative to work for cleanliness of surroundings.

Deep Sharma, Principal Government Higher Secondary School, Channi Prat (Rajouri) while speaking on the occasion said that each and every citizen should spread the message of cleanliness not only to one's own family but also to residents in their neigh-

bor hood. General masses need to dispose off house hold garbage at proper place and in the garbage collecting cabs meant for the purpose. To avoid blockage of drains and overflow of drain water on roads people should dispose of waste sensibly. He appreciated the efforts of CBC, Rajouri (J&K) for spreading awareness about Swachh (cleanliness) and distribution of Jute Bags by the department.

Sunil Kumar, In-charge Field Unit, CBC, Rajouri J&K in his address said that CBC has the mandate of disseminating information and awareness among common masses in rural as well as urban areas. CBC uses Exhibition, Cultural programmes, Seminars, Expert Lectures, Competitions etc. to aware/engage the masses about various schemes. He advised the students to avail

benefits of Govt. Schemes. He urged the audience to spread the message about benefits of various CSS among common masses.

Prominent among others who spoke on the occasion were Suresh Kumar, Supervisor ICDS, Sunderbani, Sanjeev Kumar Khajouria, Lecture in Physics, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Channi Prat (Rajouri), Amit Sharma, Govt Middle School, Channi Prat and Smt Doordrishti, CHO, Sunderbani and Students of Government of Higher Secondary School, Channi Prat. All the resource persons and Students gave a detailed overview of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and various Centrally Sponsored Schemes related to their respective departments.

In order to motivate the general masses to avoid throwing garbage here and there CBC Rajouri provided Provide to about 50 families were given Jute bags to encourage them to avoid use of polythene bags. A 'Quiz Competition, Seminar was also organized by CBC Rajouri to encourage locals to keep their surroundings clean in which local leaders led the people in cleanliness drive.

Rana visits Mendher; assures to satiate, fulfill public aspirations

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MENDHAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Tribal Affairs, Forest, Ecology & Environment, Javid Ahmad Rana, conducted an exhaustive tour of various parts of his home constituency, Mendher.

During the visit, the Minister had a detailed assessment of development needs and aspirations of locals besides taking stock of their grievances.

He asked the accompanying officers about the status of ongoing development projects in the area while instructing them for ensuring expeditious completion of these works of vital public importance.

Rana said that the recently formed government is committed towards satiating developmental aspirations of people while taking care that no one is deprived of his basic requirements



Forest Minister Javid Ahmad Rana speaking during a public meeting at Mendhar.

and all are served equally. Various delegations and individuals met the Minister during his tour. The areas visited by the Minister included Uchad, Kaneti, Jaggal, Chattral and Kalaban and adjoining parts of the constituency.

Addressing mammoth gatherings at these places, the Minister appreciated the public for their unwavering support saying that he will work

with utmost zeal and vigour to bring enhanced development and prosperity in the region.

He emphasized that welfare of the people is top priority of the government adding that all their grievances and concerns would be addressed promptly.

The Minister said that the Omar led government will surely bring in transformative growth and development in the com-

ing years and we will work hard collectively towards serving the people.

He extolled that the present government will leave no stone unturned in working for progress and prosperity of the people.

The locals of Mendher expressed optimism that the present dispensation would live up to their developmental needs and aspirations.

Meanwhile, the Minister also visited the local school and interacted with the students, staff members and enquired about the facilities being provided to the students in the institute.

The Minister exhorted upon the faculty and school management to ensure that all the latest learning and teaching techniques are optimally implemented in the school for enhanced results.

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