

Rajeev Bhagat launches Development works across Bishnah Panchayat

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BISHNAH: In a major push for grassroots development, Dr. Rajeev Bhagat, MLA of the Bishnah constituency, today initiated a series of crucial development works totalling Rs 73.52 lakh across five key panchayats: Kharian, Maralia, Kotli Mian Fateh, Bhou, and Saidgarh. The move underscores the MLA's commitment to strengthening local infrastructure and boosting the quality of life in rural areas.

The works, sanctioned under various schemes, aim to address essential needs in the local communities. Panchayat-wise allocations include Panchayat Kharian: 6 works worth Rs 18.70 lakh Panchayat Kotli Mian Fateh: 6 works worth Rs 18.27 lakh Panchayat



MLA Dr. Rajeev Bhagat inaugurating dev works at Bishnah.

Maralian: 6 works worth Rs 14.18 lakh Panchayat Saidgarh: 5 works worth Rs 14.96 lakh Panchayat Bhou: 2 works worth Rs 7.41 lakh.

Dr. Bhagat emphasized that these projects represent a direct response to the long-pending demands of

the local populace, particularly focusing on improving connectivity, sanitation, and essential civic amenities. "Our focus is on inclusive growth," the MLA stated, "ensuring that every corner of Bishnah receives the necessary support for sustainable development and that

the benefits of government schemes reach the last person in the queue."

The kick-off ceremonies saw significant participation from local administration and community leaders, highlighting a collaborative approach to governance. Accompanying the MLA were Block Development Officer Miran Sahib Ms. Sonali JKAS and Block Development Officer Bishnah Ms. Sonia Devi JKAS, along with their respective engineering teams and field staff. Their presence ensured immediate coordination and quality control for the newly launched projects.

Prominent citizens and senior leaders from the area, including Ashok Shastri Maharaj, Bans Lal Choudhary (Retired Range

Officer), Janak Raj (former Sarpanch), Vijay Singh (former Sarpanch), Surinder Singh (former Sarpanch), Deepu (former Panch), Ashwani Saini (former Panch), Sheevo (former Panch), Vijay Sharma (senior leader), Ashok Kumar, Lambardar Amarnath Kharian, Supinder Sharma (General Secretary), and Arjun Choudhary, were present to welcome the initiative. The collective gathering of elected officials and respected community figures signalled strong local support for the development agenda set forth by the MLA. The successful launch marks a promising start to a major developmental initiative set to transform the rural landscape of the Bishnah Constituency.

Dy CM lays foundation stones of key developmental projects in Nowshera, Sunderbani

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RAJOURI: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Sunday visited Nowshera & Sunderbani areas of Rajouri district, wherein he laid foundation stones for several important developmental projects aimed at improving connectivity and infrastructure in these areas.



DyCM Surinder Choudhary during visit to Nowshera.

During the visit, the Deputy CM laid foundation stone for upgradation of Lamberi- Gogri road project as well as construction/upgradation of road from MS Kanara to International School Handan. He also took assessment of ongoing works on 20-meter span motorable bridge at Zinda Peer Kampla and its approach road.

Later, the Deputy CM also visited Bus Stand Sunderbani, where he kick

started the blacktopping works to enhance road quality and commuting for general public.

During his visit, the Deputy CM also interacted with local residents and listened their issues and developmental aspirations. He assured them of Government's continued commitment to last-mile development and improving public amenities across all areas.

The general public expressed gratitude and appreciation for the sustained efforts of the government in strengthening road infrastructure and accelerating developmental activities in the region.

Superintending Engineer, Tilak Raj; Executive Engineer, Sarwar Mehmood and other district and sectoral officers also accompanied the Deputy CM during the visit.

Human body is rare; even gods yearn for this body: Madhuparamhans

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SAMBHA: The saint of Sahib worship, Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, delighted the congregation with the nectar of his discourses in Ranjiri, Jammu today, saying that this human body is rare. Even gods yearn for this body, because salvation can be attained in this very life. Only humans, not gods, are eligible for salvation.

Until we understand the greatness of salvation, we will not strive for it. I gave a child a 10 rupee note. He tore it up and threw it away because he did not understand the value of money. Until we understand the purpose of human life, we will not strive for salvation.

The soul will never be destroyed in any state of time or place. It does not decrease or increase. Weapons cannot cut it. What an amazing thing it is. Fire cannot burn it. The



soul is a very strong thing. You are that. But upon entering this world, humans become entangled in illusory things. How does this happen? The soul, having entered the body, has forgotten itself. Without a Sadguru, humans are lost. No matter how hard one tries, it cannot be freed. This soul is complete within itself. There is nothing to give within it. The Sadguru awakens it. Just as the lion cub became a goat after mixing with the goats,

similarly the soul has forgotten its true nature after coming to this world. Just as one day a lion from another forest came and warned it, saying, "You are a lion, what are you doing with the sheep and goats?" He took it to a spectacle and showed it his true form, and it realized that it was indeed a lion. It was overjoyed. At first, it whines, then it roars. Similarly, the soul has forgotten its power. The Sadguru awakens it. When the soul knows itself, it no longer follows the dictates of the mind. It becomes immersed in itself. It moves towards God.

The lion taught the lion cub, who thought it was a goat, to use its claws and roar. It already had that power; it had simply forgotten it. Similarly, the soul is very powerful. If there is anyone more powerful than the Supreme Being, it is the soul. There is no one else.

New executive team of Brahmin Sabha formed; Mohan Lal announces Rs 10 Lakh for Community Hall

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AKHNOOR: A grand function was organized by the Brahmin Sabha Akhnoor under the chairmanship of Sudesh Magotra on Sunday. The event witnessed the presence of MLA Akhnoor, Mohan Lal, as the Chief Guest, while Mahamandaleswar Mahant Rameshwar Das Ji Maharaj and DDC Member Pt. Suresh Sharma graced the occasion as special guests.

On this occasion, MLA Mohan Lal announced a grant of ₹10 lakh from his CDF fund for the development of the Community Hall located at Parshuram Temple. The Sabha members extended heartfelt gratitude to the MLA for his generous contribution and continued support to the community.

During the event, the new executive team of Brahmin



MLA Akhnoor, Mohan Lal along with new members of Brahmin Sabha.

Sabha was also announced. Raman Mishra and Shyam Baral were appointed as Senior Vice Presidents, Vinay Sapolia as Vice President, Tara Mani as General Secretary, Bishan Sharma and Prateek Mehta as Secretaries, Tarsem and Kuldeep Sharma as Store Incharges, while Prem Sagar and Arvind Sharma were declared as Cashiers.

Addressing the gathering, Sabha President Sudesh Magotra thanked MLA Mohan Lal for his constant cooperation and stated that the Sabha will continue to expand its activities across villages and raise issues concerning the Brahmin community.

Vice President Vinay Sapolia, in his address, said that the new team will work

towards providing hostel facilities for Brahmin students at Parshuram Temple and promote Jyotish education among youth. He also assured that the Sabha will extend help to any needy person from the community, including financial or administrative assistance. The Sabha will also support the marriages of daughters from underprivileged

Brahmin families and take initiatives for temple development and cultural awareness among children.

On this occasion, several teams and individuals were honoured for their outstanding contributions to society, including the Hari Mandir Shiv Ghat team, Mahabali Dandal Committee Akhnoor, media persons, and other prominent citizens.

Among those present were former President Ashok Shastri, former Sarpanch Ashwani Baral, Thoru Ram Sharma, KD Sharma, Babbu Malhotra, Ballu Takaiya, Dayal Khajuria, Subhash Shastri, Anu Gupta, Kuldeep Sharma, Vipin Gupta, Rajinder Sharma, Roshan Baral, Suresh Sharma, and Anil Sharma besides many other distinguished guests.

GCW Udhampur hosts Mushaira-cum-Cultural Programme

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UDHAMPUR: The Department of Urdu and Music of Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur organized a Tamseeli Mushaira-cum-Cultural Programme on the occasion of Jashan-e-Diwali under the aegis of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in the college premises today.

The event was held under the patronage of the Principal of the College, Dr. Nalini Pathania, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The celebration began with the lighting of the traditional lamp followed by a Saraswati Vandana presented by the students of the Department of Music. A colorful cultural programme was presented, featuring Urdu, Sanskrit & Punjabi poetry recitations, ghazals, devotional and traditional dance performances that showcased India's rich cultural diversity.



Dignitaries along with faculty members during the programme.

applause and appreciation from the audience.

In the cultural program, devotional, Dogri folk, and Punjabi folk dances were added to the festivities. The energetic performances by students at the festival dedicated to Jashn-e-Diwali were also worth watching.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Pathania, in her inspiring speech, congratulated the Departments of Urdu and Music for organizing such a vibrant and

inclusive event. She emphasized that festivals like Diwali symbolize the victory of light over darkness and good over evil, and celebrating them through cultural and literary activities nurtures creativity, unity, and mutual respect among students.

She also encouraged students to preserve India's composite culture (Ganga-Jamuni -Tahezeeb) through active participation in such artistic events. She further stated

that celebrating Jashan-e-Diwali through art, poetry, and music is a beautiful way to strengthen the spirit of togetherness.

The entire event was coordinated under the guidance of Heads of the Departments of Urdu and Music, who extended their gratitude to the Principal for her constant encouragement and support.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by HoD Urdu, Dr.

Mool Raj and Tasneem-Ul-Nisa student of Sem 7th, besides formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Shahid Iqbal Department of Urdu. As many as 275 students witnessed the occasion.

Besides, the event was graced by the presence of Dr. Monika Gupta, Dr. Yash Paul Singh Dr. Shivani Suri Verma, Prof. Swarna Devi, Dr. Ravinder Kumar, Dr. Kamaldeep Kour, Prof. Yash Paul, Dr. Om Parkash, Prof. Pardeep Singh, Dr. Swati Dutt, Dr. Anita Kumari, Dr. Neha Antal, Dr. Madhvi Bhardwaj, Dr. Sushma Choudhary, Prof. Pooja Bharti, Prof. Yash Kumar, Prof. Sandesh Kumar, Prof. Simran Khajuria and other Teaching and Non Teaching staff members.

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KATHUA: A meeting of the members of Bharat Vikas Parishad Kathua unit was held here today under the patronage of Prof. Ram Murti Sharma to elect the office bearers for the year 2025-2026.

Kapil Dev Sharma, Mahi Paul Sharma and Shiv Darshan Singh were elected as President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The proposal in this context was made by Kartar Singh Lakhanpuria, Vidya Rattan Sharma and Gandharb Singh Katal and seconded by Dr. Mohan Singh Pathania, Dr. Sohan Lal Gupta and Satpal Badyal respectively followed by unanimous endorsement by all those present in the meeting.

Kuldeep Goswami and Riti Prakash Katal were



Newly elected members of BVP.

nominated as Vice President and Joint Secretary on this occasion.

Earlier all the members lauded the efforts put in by the members of outgoing team headed by Ashok Gupta for their remarkable contribution towards Kathua branch.

The newly elected body sought co-operation of members for achieving the aims and objectives of the organisation.

Prominent among others who attended the meeting were Jai Gopal, Hem Raj, Rajinder Gupta, Ram Rattan Sharma, Surinder Singh and many others.

United effort needed to save youth from drug addiction: Kesri

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NOWSHERA: Shiv Sena Hindustan, led by Jammu and Kashmir President Pandit Rajesh Kesri, organized a meeting in Nowshera, Rajouri, to address the growing concern of drug addiction among the youth. The meeting, followed by a press conference, emphasized the need for awareness and collective action to combat the drug menace. The meeting highlighted the importance of creating awareness among the public, especially parents, about the dangers of drug addiction and the role of Pakistan in promoting drug trafficking in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing media persons, Kesri said youth are being targeted by drug peddlers, and it is essential for parents and society to take a friendly approach to save them from addiction. The police and administration



SSH President Pandit Rajesh Kesri briefing media.

have been taking strict action against drug smugglers, and Shiv Sena Hindustan appreciates their efforts. The meeting urged people to come forward and provide information about drug peddlers to the police or local authorities to curb the menace.

Kesri maintained that Parents and society need to take a friendly approach to save the youth from drug addiction. We need to work

together to provide information to the police and local authorities about drug peddlers. "Kesri thanked the administration and police for their efforts and urged the public to cooperate in making Jammu and Kashmir a drug-free region. The organization emphasized that only through collective action can the country and Jammu and Kashmir progress and eradicate narcotic terrorism.

JKTJAC raises issue of teaching fraternity

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REASI: Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee on Sunday organised one day convention at Reasi under the leadership of UT Senior leader Khazan Singh and District President Reasi Balwan Singh wherein UT PRESIDENT Vinod Sharma was the Chief Guest. The convention was organised on the theme, "How to Improve Education System" and was attended by a large number of teachers from all the zones of District Reasi.

While speaking on the occasion Vinod Sharma stressed for Improving education system in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that for Improving the quality Education the government needs to focus on elementary education. For this each Primary school should be provided with two teachers and each Middle school should have atleast six teachers. He also emphasized the need to rationalize the staff from overcrowded schools of urban areas to staffless schools of rural areas.

On the occasion he raised the genuine and burning



issues of the teaching fraternity and appealed the government for their early resolution.

He raised the issue of allocation of substantive posts to Teachers Grade II/ III in Jammu Province as the process of same has already been done in Kashmir Province.

He also demanded the DPC of all cadres in the department including much awaited DPC of teachers to masters.

Raising the Issue of transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme he appealed the Education Minister and the Secretary School Education to frame the comprehensive transfer policy as these teachers have been working in the same schools

for last more than two decades.

He also demanded sanction of posts of masters in Middle schools upgraded under SSA.

He also appealed the Govt to implement old Pension Scheme in favour of employees appointed on or after 01.01.2010.

Other demands raised on the occasion by the JKTJAC leadership were Release of pending Mid Day Meals dues which the teachers have managed from their own pockets, Regularisation of left out ReTs and conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/III, Release of GP Fund bills of the employees of the UT.

Others who also spoke on

the occasion were: Sham Sharma, Sukesh Khajuria, Sandeep Sharma, Rajinder Singh, Pawan Sharma, Sajid Malik, Parshotam Singh, Ashish Gandotra, LAL Singh, Narinder Jamwal, Tarun Sharma, Raghubir Singh, Khem Raj, Shamsher Singh, Amit Kumar, Akta Khajuria, Shakti Devi Dan Laxmi, Kulbir Singh, Sheikh Shabir, John Mohd Sonika Sharma, Ram Raj, Shamsher Singh, Gopal Krishan, Ajay Kumar, Sanjay Kumar, Daleep Singh, Ashwani Kumar, Sohan Lal, Vishal Singh, Joginder Singh, Anjad Singh, Sadar ud Din Abdul Rashid, Bashir ud Din, Mohd Rafiq Lone, Jamal Din, Mohd Farooq, Basharat Lone, Sharif Ud Din Mohd Rafiq lissery, Intiyaz Bali, Majeed Pal, Anju Devi, Mohd Asgar Malik, Mushtaq Wani, Parveen Wani. Parveen Lissery, Bahar ud Din Malik, Mohd Qasim lissery, Mohd Farooq, Mohi ud Din Khan, Mohd Shadi, Ghulam Hssain, Surinder Singh, Khushi Mohd, Jagdev Singh, Abdul Majid, Romesh kumar, Bablu Singh and others.

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