

Col Mahan Singh inaugurates blacktopping of Readi-Sanki Link Road in Kathua

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KATHUA: In a major step towards improving rural connectivity, Col Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman Kathua, today inaugurated the long-awaited blacktopping work of the 1.5 km Readi-Sanki link road under the C&T Road Plan for FY 2025-26, at an estimated cost of ₹46 lakh.

The newly blacktopped road will greatly benefit the residents of Sanki, a remote and isolated village surrounded on both sides by the Ranjit Sagar Dam reservoir.

The villagers, who have long endured hardships due to poor connectivity, expressed deep gratitude and relief as the project finally took shape. Once home to more than 50 families, the village has witnessed significant migration to Kathua and Jammu over the years due to the lack of basic amenities, including a motorable road.



DDC Chairman Kathua, Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) starting blacktopping work.

Elderly villagers Badri Nath and Chain Singh, both in their 80s, turned emotional as they witnessed the inauguration, calling it a "historic day" for their long-

neglected village. The locals hailed Col Mahan Singh and the Modi Government for fulfilling their decades-old demand and bringing hope to the remote settlement.

Speaking to media persons, Col Mahan Singh (Retd.) expressed heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Dr.

Jitendra Singh, MoS PMO, and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for their continuous support in accelerating rural development.

"It is indeed a pleasure for our generation to witness the unprecedented development taking place in our villages and towns under the visionary leadership of

Prime Minister Modi," he said.

He further emphasized the importance of maintaining quality standards and ensuring timely completion of ongoing works. Col Mahan also appreciated the Union Government and Dr. Jitendra Singh, MP Kathua-Udhampur, for releasing over Rs 200 crore for the permanent restoration of PMGSY roads damaged by recent rains and flash floods across the district.

He urged the J&K UT Government to expedite the release of funds for restoring PWD roads and other public infrastructure. Prominent residents including Krishan Chand Goswami, Gaal Singh, and Pt. Lekh Raj were also present on the jubilant occasion.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer, (Distribution), JPDC, O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to BOPs, Old Mawa, Chachwal and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 30, November 01 and 02 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Kalibari, Azadpur, Housing Colony, Upper Shivanagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on October 30, from 7.30 am to 11.30 am.

smooth conduct of the event. Langeh emphasized teamwork and dedication to make the event a grand success.

He further stated, "BJP has always believed in the ideals of unity and integrity that Sardar Patel stood for. Through this initiative, we aim to strengthen the bond of brotherhood among citizens and promote the message of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat."

Prominent party leaders and office bearers from various mandals attended the meeting and assured full cooperation in ensuring the success of the 'Run for Unity'.

arrangements including route planning, volunteer deployment, security coordination, and public mobilization for the

Inter-House Annual Sports Meet organized at Nav Adarsh School



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KATHUA: Nav Adarsh Higher Secondary School Kathua organized its Inter-House Annual Sports Meet with great enthusiasm and vibrant participation from students.

The event, held in two stages

for Pre-Primary and Primary classes, featured fun-filled activities such as Cone and Ball Race, Ball Pass Game, Relay Race, Zig-Zag and Ring Pass, Balance Activity, and Musical Chair, promoting teamwork, alertness, and physical fitness among young

learners.

Lalita Katal, Chairperson of the school, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and inspired students with her motivational words. Principal Riti Prakash Singh applauded the participants' efforts and commended the staff for the smooth con-

duct of the event. Winners were awarded medals for their exceptional performances.

The event was efficiently coordinated by Toshi, Sports Incharge, whose planning and dedication ensured a day full of joy, learning, and true sporting spirit.

Neelam Langeh chairs meeting to discuss preparations for 'Run for Unity'

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RAMBAN: BJP District President and former MLA Neelam Langeh on Tuesday chaired a meeting of party workers and office bearers to review the preparations for the upcoming 'Run for Unity' event being organized to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Addressing the meeting, Langeh said that the event is a tribute to the Iron Man of India, who played a pivotal role in the unification of the country.

"The 'Run for Unity' symbolizes the spirit of national integration, unity, and strength that Sardar Patel envisioned for India. It is our duty to ensure enthusiastic participa-



BJP District President Neelam Langeh chairing meeting.

tion from every section of society," he said.

He directed the party workers to reach out to youth clubs, schools, and social organizations to encourage maximum participation in the event.

"Every citizen, especially the

youth, must understand Sardar Patel's invaluable contribution to the nation. This event is not just a run but a reaffirmation of our collective commitment to a strong and united India," Langeh added.

The meeting also discussed

Mega Surgical Camp held at SDH Bani



Dignitaries and doctors during the camp.

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BANI: To strengthen healthcare services and provide specialized treatment to people in remote areas, the Directorate of Health Services Jammu organized a Mega Surgical Camp at Sub District Hospitals (SDH) Bani.

Under the guidance of Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Abdul Hamid

Zargar and in presence of Deputy Director

Dentistry Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Chief Medical Officer Kathua Dr. Vijay Raina and Sub Divisional Magistrate Bani Sandeep Sharma in presence of Dr. Dev Raj Mishra Block Medical Officer Bani in collaboration with the super specialist doctors from the Rotary International Club inaugural ceremony held in Sub District Hospital Bani wherein 13 patients have been fixed for surgery. In this camp 96 patients have been fixed for the different surgical operations out of 96 patients 18 patients has been advised to attend SDH Basohli for cataract surgery and 25 patients has been advised to attend GMC Kathua for different types of surgery under latest technology

and 53 patients will be operated in SDH Bani as of now 06 surgical operations has been conducted successfully and camp is going on all the precautions and management inspected by the visiting team has been found satisfactory. A team of surgeons, anesthetists, and paramedical staff conducted a series of general and minor surgical procedures, catering to a large number of patients who benefitted from on-the-spot medical and surgical care.

Dr. Sanjay Sharma reviewed the arrangements and appreciated the dedication of the medical staff for ensuring quality healthcare delivery in these far-flung areas. He emphasized that such camps play a vital role in providing timely treatment and reducing the need for patient referrals to distant tertiary hospitals. The local population expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Directorate of Health Services Jammu for organizing the camp and bringing specialized medical care to their doorstep.

The camp concluded successfully with several patients treated and follow-up care instructions provided to all beneficiaries.

150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel JKP observes 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas-2025' across Jammu zone

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JAMMU: In connection with the celebration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India, Jammu and Kashmir Police organized a series of programmes across different districts of the Jammu Zone on 29th October 2025, under the theme of "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas - Unity and Integrity."

The week-long celebrations aimed to commemorate the vision, leadership, and monumental contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in uniting the nation and promoting harmony, discipline, and patriotism among citizens.

A wide range of events, including Debate Competitions, Awareness Programmes on the Three New Criminal Laws, and Civic Action Initiatives, were organized at educational institutions and public venues with enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, and community members.

Ramban Police organized a Debate Competition at Government High School Chanderkote on the theme "Sardar Patel - The Unsung Architect of Modern India." Over 200 students and staff participated. The event was attended by Addl. SP Ramban Shri Mujeeb-ur-Rehman, SHO Ramban, and the headmaster. Prizes



A student being honoured during the programme at Mahreen.

were distributed among the winners. Parallely, a Seminar on National Security was held at GDC Banihal, where police officers emphasized the role of youth in maintaining peace, harmony, and unity.

Debate competitions were held at Government Middle School Karlah, Bishnah and Rising Star Public School, Nagrota. Students expressed patriotic zeal and reflected on the values of unity and integration championed by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

At Government Girls High School, Bani, students took part in a debate on "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas - Unity in Diversity." The competition was judged by a panel of teachers led by Headmaster Sh. Jagat Ram. Prizes were distributed among participants. Parallel awareness programmes were also organized under the supervision

Lecture on 'National Security' held at Keso Village on National Unity Day



Dignitaries along with faculty members and students during the programme.

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RAMGARH: As part of the celebrations marking the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Samba Police organized a series of events across the district to commemorate National Unity Day. The programs aimed to honor the "Iron Man of India" and reinforce the spirit of unity and national security among citizens. Under the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh, a special lecture on the theme "National Security" was held at Keso Manhasa village. The event was graced by Retired District & Sessions Judge Subash Chander Gupta as the Chief Guest, and Avinash Choudhary as the Guest of Honour. In his address, Justice (Retd.) Subash Chander Gupta emphasized that national

security extends beyond border protection. "True security lies in the social, economic, and cultural integration of our nation. When citizens remain educated, aware, and united, the foundations of a secure and progressive nation are strengthened," he said. He also highlighted Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's pivotal role in the integration of India and his enduring contributions to nation-building. Guest of Honour Mr. Avinash Choudhary, in his remarks, stated that national security is not solely the responsibility of the armed forces or police, but a shared duty of every citizen. "The strength of our nation depends on a disciplined, aware, and committed youth. The younger generation must stay away from drugs, remain alert to the

growing threats of cyber-crime and online fraud, and use technology in a constructive manner," he said. He further encouraged the youth, particularly those in border areas, to take an active role in community service and public awareness campaigns, emphasizing that a physically, mentally, and digitally strong youth is the foundation of a secure and united nation. Students from Government High School Keso, AMP School, and several local dignitaries participated in the event. The program concluded with the felicitation of speakers and students for their valuable participation. Sh. Sanjeev Gupta, Ex Sarpanch Kuldeep Verma, and Sh. Narinder Singh Social Activist also spoke on the occasion.

GDC Bani organises awareness lecture on YUVA Mission

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BANI: Government Degree College (GDC) Bani organized an awareness lecture on the YUVA Mission Scheme under its ongoing outreach and youth empowerment initiatives. The programme was graced by Pridyumn Attri, Tehsildar Bani, who served as the resource person for the session. The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. J. S. Soodan, Physical Director, GDC Bani, who briefly introduced the objectives of the programme and highlighted the importance of youth participation in national development initiatives.

In his address, Predhyum Attri, Tehsildar Bani, explained the objectives and significance of the YUVA Mission Scheme, emphasizing its role in channelizing the energy and potential of youth towards nation-building and self-reliance. He elaborated on various opportunities under the mission, including skill development, entrepreneur-



A resource person delivering lecture.

ship, and leadership training.

The lecture was attended by faculty members and a large number of students who actively participated and interacted with the speaker.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal of GDC Bani, Prof. Manohar Lal, appreciated the efforts of the administration and the resource person for enlightening the students about government initiatives aimed at youth empowerment. He encouraged the students to actively participate in such schemes to enhance their skills and con-

tribute meaningfully to society.

The event was coordinated by the NSS Programme Officer, who expressed gratitude to the Tehsildar for his valuable insights and to all participants for making the event successful.

The event was graced by the presence of esteemed faculty members, including Dr. J.S. Soodan, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Narinder Kumar, Dr. Resham Singh, Prof. Akash Zutshi, Prof. Vishab Thappa, Rach Pal Sharma and Himanshu Sharma.

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