

Dr Rajeev launches Rs 73 lakh development works

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BISHNAH: Dr. Rajeev Bhagat (BJP), Member of Legislative Assembly for the Bishnah constituency, today initiated a massive development drive, formally kick-starting infrastructure works valued at Rs. 73.00 lakh. The comprehensive package, comprising eight separate works, is aimed at significantly upgrading rural and urban connectivity, besides enhancing public hygiene facilities across the constituency.

The largest component of the initiated works focuses on improving infrastructure in three key Panchayats, with a cumulative cost of Rs. 41.90 lakh. The Panchayat-wise breakdown includes Lower Sarore: Five works worth Rs. 16.44 lakh have been sanctioned Jabowal: Works costing Rs. 16.66 lakh have been initiated Upper Sarore: Seven works with an allocation of Rs. 8.80 lakh are now underway. These village-level works are designed to directly benefit the rural population by strengthen-



MLA Dr. Rajeev Bhagat inaugurating developmental works.

ing community assets like lanes, drains, and internal roads.

In a major relief for commuters, the MLA also inaugurated the crucial macadamization work on the Pindi Kathar Trewa road. This project, stretching 1.6 kilometers from village Kaku de Kothey to Changia Morh, has been undertaken under the Cities and Town scheme at a substantial cost of Rs. 30.00 lakh. The road upgrade is expected to provide smooth, all-weather connectivity, boosting local commerce and ensuring safer travel

for thousands of residents.

Further prioritizing public health, Dr. Bhagat also inaugurated the construction of a Community Sanitation Complex at Kothey Sanian with a project cost of Rs. 3.00 lakh. This facility addresses a long-standing need for dedicated public convenience and cleanliness infrastructure in the area. Later on Dr.Bhagat attended a motorcycle rally from Trewa to Jabowal, which is organised by the representative and senior party workers of Jabowal Panchayat and surrounding areas.

During the inauguration tour, Dr. Bhagat stressed the importance of timely execution and quality control for all sanctioned projects, reinforcing his commitment to creating a 'Model Constituency.' He was accompanied by a delegation of administrative and engineering officials, including the Block Development Officer Arnia, engineers from the Block Arnia and Block Bishnah wings, and the Assistant Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Sub Division Bishnah, who were directed to ensure strict adherence

to development timelines.

The event saw the presence of numerous prominent local leaders and public figures, including Shri Girdhar Gopal Mandal Pardhan Arnia, Sharda Devi former Panch, Shri Vinod Charak (former Sarpanch Upper Sarore), Vipam Charak (former Sarpanch Sarore Lower), Rajeev Sharma (Parbhari Bishnah Mandal), Raghhubir Singh (former Sarpanch Changia), Avtar Singh (former Sarpanch Jabowal), Balbir Kour (former Sarpanch Trewa), Supinder Sharma (General Secretary Arnia Mandal), Abhinanadan Sharma, Sonu Charak (General Secretary), Vicky Saini, Lal Chand (Senior Leader), Bobby Chohan, Sunny Choudhary, Shamsher (former Sarpanch), Naresh Kumar Senior Leader and Subash Chohan. Their participation highlighted the strong community support for the infrastructure initiatives aimed at holistic development across Bishnah.

Tariq joins BJP in Bhaderwah, boosting party's presence in region



BJP General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria welcoming new entrants into partyfold.

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BHADERWAH: In a major political development, a significant program was held in the Bhaderwah Assembly constituency under the leadership of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor of Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria. During the event, Tariq Ahmad, along with a large number of his supporters, formally joined the BJP, giving a fresh boost to the party's grassroots strength in the region.

Addressing the gathering, Baldev Singh Billawaria said the BJP stands firmly on the pillars of nationalism, development, and good governance, without any form of discrimination. He emphasized that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing rapid progress, thanks to the visionary leadership of PM Modi, and that people's trust in the BJP is growing stronger by the day.

Welcoming Tariq Ahmad and his supporters, Billawaria noted that their inclusion would bring

new strength and energy to the party in Bhaderwah. He underlined that BJP is a truly democratic organization where every worker is respected and has the opportunity to rise based on dedication and hard work-unlike other parties dominated by dynastic leadership.

Tariq Ahmad, while addressing the audience, said he was inspired by PM Modi's policies focused on public welfare, development, and nationalism, which motivated him to join the BJP. He pledged to work wholeheartedly to strengthen the party and contribute to the region's progress. The event saw participation from several prominent BJP leaders and citizens, including Manjeet Razdan, Sanjay Saraf, Narinder Kotwal, Satish Sharma, Sudha Kotwal, Youshvir Thakur, and Firdous Bhagwan. A collective resolve was made to intensify efforts to spread Central Government schemes to every household and strengthen the BJP at the grassroots level.

SSP Doda holds pipping ceremony of newly promoted sub-inspectors

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DODA: A formal piping ceremony was held today at Police Station Doda by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Doda, Sandeep Mehta (JKPS) to felicitate the promotion of several Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs) to the rank of Sub-Inspectors (SI).

The event was attended by the families and relatives of the promoted officers besides senior police officers including Addl. SP Hqrs Doda, Shri Mohd Aslam; SP Ops Doda, Shri Davinder Singh; DySP Hqrs Doda, Shri Ajay Anand; DySP DAR Doda, Shri Adil Rishu; SHO PS Doda, Inspector Pervaiz Ahmed Khanday.

The officers who were elevated to their new ranks are ASIs (now SIs) Rehamtullah, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ghulam Mohi-Ud-Din, Tilak Raj,



SSP Doda, Sandeep Mehta along with newly promoted SIs.

Vandana Rani, Shoket Ali, Hari Krishan and Abdul Qayoom.

The ceremony was conducted with traditional pomp and dignity, during which the officers were formally pinned with their new ranks.

Addressing the gathering, SSP Doda Shri Sandeep Mehta congratulated the promoted officers on achieving this significant milestone in their careers. He emphasized

that the promotion to SI is not only a recognition of their dedication and hard work but also a call for greater responsibility. He urged them to uphold the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and commitment in the discharge of their duties.

The SSP further highlighted the importance of continuous learning, professionalism, and community service, encouraging the officers to

serve as role models and work diligently for the safety and security of the district. He assured them of full departmental support in their future endeavors and expressed confidence in their ability to serve with honesty and devotion.

The officers and their families expressed gratitude to the department and pledged to serve the nation with renewed zeal and responsibility.

DC Rajouri reviews safety measures amid adverse weather forecast

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RAJOURI: In view of the adverse weather forecast, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today chaired a meeting to review preparedness measures and ensure the safety and well-being of the people, particularly those residing in snow-bound and far-flung areas.

The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of high altitude roads in Budhal and Thanamandi, with special focus on roads providing connectivity to Army posts, and directed the concerned authorities to remain alert and ensure timely clearance of snow and restoration of connectivity. He further instructed the officers to disseminate messages among the tribal population in the upper reaches regarding the weather situation.



Reviewing the power supply scenario, the DC directed the Power Department to take adequate measures for uninterrupted electricity supply to vulnerable areas. He asked the department to provide protective gear to field staff for their safety. He emphasized on identifying gaps at the ground level and staying fully prepared to address any emergency.

The Sheep Husbandry Department was instructed

to spread awareness in local languages so that herdsmen can easily report about emergency situation and seek help in case of any eventuality. The Education Department was directed to conduct safety audits of all Government schools, as also ensure similar audits are carried out in private institutions.

The DC also reviewed the preparedness of SDRF and directed the department to conduct drills to ensure

readiness for any exigency. The Health Department was instructed to strengthen Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in far-flung areas to meet healthcare needs during adverse weather conditions.

The meeting was attended by ADC Chander Prakash; ACR Mohammad Jahangir Khan; SE Tilak Raj; CPO Maqsood Ahmed; DySP Satish Kumar; Chief Education Officer, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Ex. En PDD, Ex. En PHE, Deputy Controller SDRF and other district and sectoral officers attended the meeting.

Additionally, ADC Kalakote Tanvir Ahmed, ADC Kotranka Dilmir Choudhary, ADC Nowshera Pritam Lal Thapa and ADC Sunderbani Ramkesh Sharma participated in the meeting virtually.

DC Udhampur inspects renovation work on PMGSY road



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UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai today conducted site inspection to assess progress of renovation work at the take off point of the Chopra Kambal Danga ITBP road constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

During the visit, the DC directed the Executive Engineer PMGSY, to ensure completion of the renovation work at the earliest.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the JPDCL and Jal Shakti Department to immediately shift the electricity poles and water supply pipes to facilitate speedy execution of the work. The DC emphasized timely completion of the related works to facilitate smooth vehicular movement and enhance road connectivity in the area.

Bishnah Police organises 'Run for Unity' under CAP

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BISHNAH: Jammu Police organized 'Run for Unity' at Bishnah under the Civic Action Programme (CAP) in collaboration with Reekon Group Bishnah, Cycling Group Bishnah, Media fraternity of Bishnah and other prominent citizens of Bishnah to commemorate 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The run held from Police Station Bishnah and participants continues running through key roads of Bishnah town (upto 2 Kms) and finally culminates at



Police officials along with locals during the event.

Police Station Bishnah. The Run for unity was followed by brief entertainment session.

The Run for unity at

Bishnah witnessed huge, enthusiastic participation of about more than 500 youth, students, and civil society members including

business community of area, media fraternity and other sections of the society. The event was flagged off by SP Headquarters

Jammu in presence in the presence of SDPO R S Pura, SHO Bishnah and prominent civil Society and Media fraternity members of Bishnah.

The run aimed to spread the message of unity, discipline, and national integration, paying tribute to the Sardar Vallabh-bhai Patel- "Iron Man of India."

SP headquarters Jammu on this occasion lauded the efforts of the participants and reiterated its commitment to promoting unity, integrity, and patriotism in line with the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Rana reviews relief, rehabilitation efforts for Kalaban landslide victims

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MENDHAR: Minister Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana today convened a meeting with Sub-Divisional staff in Mendhar to assess the ongoing relief and rehabilitation measures for families affected by the recent landslide tragedy in Kalaban.

During the review, the Minister stressed on the importance of comprehensive and transparent evaluation of damages incurred due to the natural calamity.

He directed officials to ensure that no affected family is overlooked, and that the assessment process remains fair, accurate and inclusive.



Cabinet Minister Javed Ahmed Rana speaking during Public Darbar.

"The Government is fully committed to stand with every family affected by this tragedy. All necessary measures are being taken to ensure timely relief, rehabilitation and assistance to the affected individuals," he said.

Rana also called for enhanced coordination between administrative officers and on-ground response teams to streamline rehabilitation and restoration efforts.

He urged for expedited preparation of compensation

proposals and long-term rehabilitation plans, ensuring they reflect the real needs of the victims.

Rana issued clear instructions for prompt follow-up actions and regular progress reviews to monitor implementation on ground.

GDC RS Pura observes Wildlife Week

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R S PURA: The Department of Environmental sciences in collaboration with the Eco-Club of Government Degree College R.S. Pura organized a special lecture on the theme Human and Wildlife Coexistence.

The program was inaugurated by the principal of the college Dr. Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour, who highlighted the importance of conserving biodiversity for ecological balance and sustainable development. In her address, she emphasized that students, as future custodians of nature and must play a proactive role in spreading awareness regarding protection of



flora and fauna.

The event aimed at sensitizing students about the urgent need to protect biodiversity and safeguard natural habitats. The keynote lecture was delivered by Dr. Muzafar A. Kichloo, who enlightened the students about highlighted the importance of wildlife in maintaining eco-

logical balance, the threats posed by habitat destruction, poaching, and climate change, and the role of youth in spreading awareness for conservation.

As hort documentary related to biodiversity conservation was also screened on the occasion. Students actively participated in the interactive session, sharing

their views on the role of community involvement in wildlife conservation. The programme concluded with a pledge to protect nature and spread awareness in society.

The program was coordinated by Dr. Sudesh Kumar (Convener, Eco-Club), Prof. Priya Darshni (HOD, Environmental Sciences), Dr. AkrityParihar (Co-Convener, Eco-Club), Prof. GeetikaGoswami, Dr. Hari Singh, Dr. Renu Sharma. The faculty members Prof. Raj Kumar, Prof. VijetaAnand, Prof. Lukesha, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mangoch, Prof. Rajinder Singh, Gurleen and Roma graced the event.

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BADC demands advance winter stocking for hilly & border areas

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JKBADC), a registered organization working for the welfare of border residents and tribal communities of J&K, led by Dr. Shazad Ahmed Malik, former Vice Chancellor has urged the government of J&K and the Union

Government to start an Advance Winter Stocking (AWS) system for remote and hilly border areas on the pattern of successful model in Ladakh.

This AWS system has been widely praised for ensuring essential supplies reach isolated communities on time.

Every winter, many remote villages in districts

like Rajouri, Poonch, Kupwara, Bandipora, Parts of Reasi, Doda, Udhampur and remote villages of Kathya distreit remain cut off for months due to heavy snowfall. Residents are left without power, gas, fuel, fodder, medicines, and road access, facing severe hardship in daily life.

JKBADC stated that

stocking ration and other essential supplies before winter is the only way to help people survive and avoid critical shortages.

Besides calling for providing air lifting services also, in case of any medical emergency, Dr Shazad stressed on the requirement of proper stocking system of essential items in these areas.

He said, Local storage points and depots should be ready in advance so that no village is left without essential commodities and assistance during winter, especially families with children, elderly people, and those with medical conditions.

The BADC Chairman emphasized that the AWS system in Ladakh must be

replicated for border and mountainous areas of Jammu and Kashmir. He added that frontline residents must receive timely supplies before winter.

Dr Shazad also stated that victims of border shelling and those affected by monsoon rains should be provided compensation and proper shelter before the winter season to

ensure they can face harsh conditions safely.

It is important to note that the government ensures pre-stocking of food, medicines, and fuel in Ladakh every year before winter. JKBADC has urged that the same system be applied to all remote, hilly, and border areas of Jammu and Kashmir.