

Wazir leads charge for transporters' welfare, holds comprehensive meetings with J&K Authorities

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JAMMU: Karan Singh Wazir, the Chairman of the All J&K Transport Welfare Association, has embarked on an ambitious journey to address the long-standing issues facing transport operators across Jammu and Kashmir.

In a series of key meetings with top officials, Wazir is working to bring much-needed reforms and support to the region's transport community, which has long struggled with procedural delays and operational challenges.

Wazir's first significant engagement was with the Divisional Commissioner's office, where he presented a comprehensive list of concerns affecting both long-distance and local transport operators.

Emphasizing the need for a more collaborative approach between government departments, Wazir highlighted issues ranging from bureaucratic delays to operational obstacles that hinder the smooth func-



Chairman AJKTWA, Karan Singh Wazir led delegation meeting with Transport Commissioner.

tioning of the transport sector.

The Divisional Commissioner responded positively, assuring full support and expressing a strong interest in addressing these concerns in a synchronized manner.

Wazir also met with the Transport Commissioner, where the focus shifted to procedural barriers in obtaining permits, a long-standing issue for transporters across various sectors, including trucks, buses, e-rickshaws, and mini-buses. Wazir called for a more

efficient, streamlined permit issuance process to eliminate unnecessary delays and create a fairer, more accessible policy for all transport operators. He pledged to submit a detailed representation outlining the needs of the transport community in the coming days.

In his meeting with the SSP Traffic (Rural) and DIG Jammu-Kathua-Samba Range, Wazir proposed regular workshops and awareness sessions to educate drivers on traffic regulations and road safety

practices. These initiatives, he believes, could play a crucial role in reducing accidents and promoting responsible driving throughout the region.

Further strengthening his vision for the sector, Wazir announced plans to form a core committee under the All J&K Transport Welfare Association. This committee, made up of experienced professionals, will work closely with authorities to address the challenges faced by transport operators, ensuring that their voices are heard and

their concerns are acted upon.

Accompanied by prominent transport leaders, including Vijay Chib, President of the All J&K Transporters Welfare Association, and Ranjit Singh, President of the Oil Tankers Association, Wazir's efforts reflect a strong sense of unity within the transport community.

In a personal reflection, Wazir acknowledged the legacy of his father, who initiated the movement for transporters' welfare in the region.

With dedication and leadership, Wazir is determined to carry this legacy forward, ensuring a brighter, more secure future for transporters in Jammu and Kashmir.

Through proactive engagement with officials and a clear vision for reform, Wazir's leadership promises to usher in much-needed changes to the region's transport sector, improving conditions for operators and fostering a spirit of unity and progress.

JU Officers body calls on VC, felicitate newly-appointed officers



JUOWA members meeting with Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu.

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JAMMU: The Jammu University Officers Welfare Association (JUOWA) called upon Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor (VC), University of Jammu and extended their heartfelt gratitude for filling its three key administrative positions of Registrar, Controller of Examinations, and Finance Officer which were lying vacant since decades.

The JUOWA led by its President, Dr. Sumita Sharma and her team called upon and felicitated the newly appointed Registrar, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Controller of Examinations, Sanjeev Mahajan and Finance Officer, Dr. Jatinder Khajuria here today in their respective office chambers and felicitated them by presenting bouquets to them.

She lauded the services rendered by the officers in

their respective fields prior to their elevation and hoped that the University would surely achieve success and set new records with their immense experiences.

Among others who were present on the occasion included Dr. Saranpreet Broca, Dr. Pankaj Khajuria, Manoj Kumar, Dr. Rajkumar, Dr. Rainoo Bhai, Kuldeep Sharma and Jeevan Singh, Sham Lal Sharma and others.

Asian Kids School celebrates its Annual Day



Asian Kids School faculty honoring chief guest, Kamal Gupta, Chairman JKPSA Jammu.

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JAMMU: Asian Kids School celebrated its Annual Day with enthusiasm and excitement. The event was held at the newly constructed auditorium in Asian Kids School and saw a gathering of students, parents, teachers, and distinguished guests.

Kamal Gupta Chairman J&K Private School Association Jammu (JKPSA) was the Chief Guest and Deepak Handa Senior Vice President JKPSA was the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

The Annual Day celebration showcased the exceptional talents of our students through a series of captivating performances.

The event opened with a welcome by Chairman of Jamwal Education Trust, Kulbinder Singh Jamwal followed by the lighting of the lamp and a address that underseored the school's achievement achieved during the previous year.

Students from different classes participated in Ganesh Vandana, Saraswati Vandana along with a cultural

presentation. Kamal Gupta praised the school for its role in fostering a nurturing and creative environment and encouraged students to continue striving for excellence.

Awards were distributed to recognize outstanding achievements in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities, acknowledging the hard work and dedication of students.

"We are incredibly proud of our students and their achievements," said Vishal Jamwal Director of the School. He added, "The Annual Day is a wonderful opportunity to showcase their talents and celebrate the spirit of our school community."

Principal and Trustee of the School, Pooja Jamwal along with Head Administrator Nitu Singh and Preeti Singh were also present.

The vote of thanks was presented by Er Varun Arora.

J&K witnessed equitable development under Modi Regime: Randhawa

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JAMMU: Vikram Randhawa, MLA Bahu Constituency, on Monday strongly criticized the successive regimes headed by Congress and the National Conference in Jammu and Kashmir for their failure to ensure equitable development for the people of the Jammu region.

He highlighted that the successive regimes neglected Jammu for more than 60 years, leaving people of Jammu region deprived of essential infrastructural growth and support that should have been the right of every resident.

The senior BJP leader was speaking after kick starting developmental projects for lanes and drains in Sector 8 of Ward 43 of Bahu Constituency. The developmental works will be completed with an estimated costs of Rs. 70 lakhs, aim to improve



MLA Bahu Constituency, Vikram Randhawa inaugurating development work.

the living conditions of local residents by addressing longstanding issues with sanitation and public pathways. On the occasion, Ex Corporator Surjeet Choudhary and his team were also present.

Randhawa said, "We are committed to modernizing

the constituency and providing essential infrastructure that meets the standards our people deserve."

He said, "For decades, the Jammu region was subjected to discriminatory practices that favored a select few, overlooking the needs and aspirations of our peo-

ple. However, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government at the helm, the approach has shifted significantly. Every section of society, regardless of caste, color, or creed, is now being treated equally, with fair access to development opportunities and

resources." Randhawa expressed gratitude for Prime Minister Modi's vision, emphasizing that the Union Territory has witnessed a transformative era of growth and social cohesion under his leadership.

"Modi's commitment to Jammu and Kashmir has not only bridged the gap left by previous administrations but has also laid the foundation for a new era of prosperity," he added.

Later, Randhawa interacted with local residents, listened to their concerns, and assured them of continued efforts to address their needs effectively. He affirmed that under his representation and the unwavering support of the central government, Bahu Constituency would continue to witness growth, equity, and a commitment to inclusive development for all.

GDC Marh hosts Maiden Computer Literacy Programme

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JAMMU: On the auspicious occasion of National Education Day, Department of Computer Applications, Government Degree College Marh has organised a six-day Maiden Basic Computer Literacy Programme for adopted students from Government Middle School, Dhateryal (6th to 8th class students).

The event started under the guidance of the Principal, Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, and aimed at equipping young students with fundamental computer skills, fostering early digital literacy, and inspiring a future-ready generation. Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul emphasized the college's commitment to rural outreach and holistic development in his address. He remarked, "Education is the solid foundation of a progressive society, and digital literacy is now an integral component of that foundation."

Through initiatives like the Basic Computer Literacy Programme, we aim to



GDC Marh faculty during a programme at Government Middle School, Dhateryal.

bridge the digital divide and provide rural students with the skills they need to succeed in a digital world." Under the mentorship and expertise of Dr. Rahul Sharma, Head of the Department of Computer Applications at GDC Marh, students will receive hands-on training and guidance in foundational computer skills. The program offers an

invaluable learning opportunity for underprivileged students by providing hands-on workshops that equip them with essential computer skills. The programme has meticulously designed sessions aimed to be engaging, interactive, and age-appropriate, ensuring that students could confidently grasp basic concepts.

Dr. Sharma highlighted the

importance of early exposure to technology, noting, "It is essential to prepare students for a world where digital fluency is as important as traditional literacy. Through this programme, we are planting the seeds for a lifetime of digital learning and empowerment."

The programme was tailored to introduce essential computer knowledge,

enabling students to explore the digital world with confidence. Organized in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), this initiative aligns with the college's mission to advance quality education and community outreach. Prof. Imtiaz Shahid, expressed optimism for future collaborations, saying, "Our goal is to create sustainable programs that evolve with the students' needs. By monitoring feedback and outcomes, we aim to refine our approach and make a greater impact on the community."

The Basic Computer Literacy Programme, marking National Education Day, stands as a testament to GDC Marh's commitment to educational excellence and social responsibility and optimum use of infrastructure available in the college. By fostering digital literacy at an early age, the college is taking vital steps towards building a skilled, confident, and connected generation, ready to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving world.

Health-cum eye check-up camp held for vehicle operators

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JAMMU: Motor Vehicles Department Jammu in collaboration with Health Department organized a free health-cum eye check-up camp and awareness camp on Road safety here on Monday at Ware house Jammu.

The camp was organized on the directions of Transport Commissioner Bhawani Rakwal and under the overall supervision of RTO Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra.

As many as 300 drivers and conductors participated in the camp and availed the facilities like eye check-up for colour-blindness, defect in eye sight, test to check BP, Diabetes, Hb etc.

Speaking on the occasion, representatives from MVD informed the participants that aim of organizing such medical camps is to spread awareness among drivers about significance of personal health and hygiene for welfare of society. They



MVD Jammu in collaboration with Health Department organizing free health-cum-eye check-up camp.

added that such camps will be organized on regular basis in future for the drivers as they hold the responsibility to ensure the safety of passenger so they should often keep their health in good condition and well monitored. The organizers also expressed gratitude to the Drivers for their greater participation and informed that due to the over business the drivers are not able to look after their Health and the basic

purpose of the camp is to facilitate them. ARTO also briefed about the Road Safety Parameters to be followed by the Drivers and imparted awareness about the Significance of road safety for safety of human lives.

Chief Medical Officer Jammu, Joint Transport Commissioner J&K, ARTO (Hq), ARTO BOI (P&B) and Representatives of Transport Union were present on the occasion.

Tribute to brave soldiers Martyrdom should not be tolerated anymore: Shiv Sena Sudden increase in terrorist attacks matter of deep investigation: Sahni



Shiv Sena J&K unit members paying tributes to martyr.

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JAMMU: Leaders of Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit paid tearful tributes to Naib Subedar Rakesh Kumar who made the supreme sacrifice in an encounter with terrorists in Kishtwar district yesterday.

Along with this, expressing deep concern over the increase in terrorist attacks, warned the terrorists to stop their nefarious and cowardly

acts, advising the intelligence agencies to perform their duties with more sincerity and the central government to focus on J&K and increased the deployment of the army.

During the tribute program organized at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that the martyrdom of soldiers and terrorist attacks on innocent and unarmed

people must be stopped. He said that from October till now, 20 innocent people including 14 civilians, 3 security personnel, 3 VDG members have died. However, Indian soldiers have also sent 9 terrorists to hell.

Sahni asked the Modi government at the Center that till how long we will tolerate the martyrdom of our brave soldiers?. Sahni demanded strong military action against Pakistan and to increase the deployment of the army in Jammu and Kashmir, give them free hand and strengthen the intelligence agencies.

On this occasion Meenakshi Chhibber, Jai Bharat, Vikas Bakshi, Balwant Singh, Raj Singh, Geeta Lakhotra, Dimple, Sunita and many others were present.

Congress facing crisis of credibility: Rekha

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan has appealed to BJP party cadres in Hakkal Panchayat of Gadigarh Mandal in Jammu South to amplify activities at the grassroots level, emphasizing the significance of promoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership achievements for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The program was organized under the presidentship of Mandal President Vijay Sharma in coordination with Shaktikendra Parmukh Ravinder Singh Charak.

Rekha Mahajan highlighted the Modi-led government's numerous schemes aimed at empowering various segments of society,



BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan speaking at party workers meeting.

including women, youth, and marginalized communities. These initiatives, she stressed, have transformed lives and fostered inclusive growth. She emphasized the importance of party workers connecting with the people, understanding their concerns, and showcasing the government's accomplish-

ments. She encouraged booth-level workers to take ownership of promoting the party's vision and achievements. By intensifying grassroots engagement and promoting the Modi government's achievements, the BJP aims to strengthen its presence in Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring the

party's message resonates with the people, she added.

Rekha said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the party was a symbol of credibility, whereas the Congress Party was facing a crisis of credibility. She listed the welfare schemes and the infrastructural develop-

ment works executed by the central government. She said whenever the Congress came to power, either at the center or in the States, the nation and the States concerned faced economic challenges. Rekha asserted that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, the BJP has introduced transformative initiatives, empowering citizens and fostering growth. By highlighting these achievements, the party aims to build a stronger, more prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

During the program Rattan Lal, Sanjeev Sharma, Abhi Sharma, Pooja Devi, Sanjiv Singh, Yashpal Singh, Surjit Singh, Ramlal, Devyanshu Sharma and other prominent karyakartas were present on the occasion.