

Randhawa initiates blacktopping of road in Ward 2 Cantonment Board

Pledges to make Bahu a Model Constituency

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JAMMU: In a significant step toward improving infrastructure across the Bahu Constituency, MLA Vikram Randhawa on Saturday kick-started the blacktopping of a long-awaited road work in Colonel's Colony, Ward No. 2 of the Cantonment Area. The initiative was initiated in response to the longstanding demands of local residents for better road connectivity and reflects the MLA's commitment to enhancing civic amenities in the region.

After starting the road work, Vikram Randhawa expressed gratitude to the residents of the Cantonment Board area, acknowledging their overwhelming support in the recent Assembly polls. "The people of Cantonment Board have shown immense trust in us, and it's my responsibility to ensure their voices are heard and their



MLA Vikram Randhawa starting blacktopping of road work in Colonel's Colony.

needs met. I assure the residents of all seven Wards of Cantonment Board that their civic issues will be addressed with utmost priority," he stated.

Randhawa highlighted his

commitment to fulfilling various local demands, particularly concerning essential infrastructure like lanes, drains, electrical cables, and consistent access to clean drinking water. He under-

scored the significance of these developments, not only in improving daily living conditions but also in fostering long-term growth and connectivity within Bahu Constituency.

Speaking about the larger vision for the region, Randhawa credited the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for spearheading transformative initiatives under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He noted that these efforts were a testament to the Central Government's dedication to uplifting local communities and addressing pressing civic challenges with a systematic approach.

Later, Vikram Randhawa interacted with people of Cantonment Board, listening to their concerns and suggestions. Residents voiced issues related to water supply, sanitation, and street lighting, to which the MLA assured prompt action.

He reiterated his commitment to making Bahu Constituency a model area for infrastructure and service delivery.

Raghunath Trust's Diwali celebration promotes mutual harmony, festivity



Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner with others at Diwali celebration.

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JAMMU: Raghunath Trust celebrated a vibrant Diwali, focusing on mutual harmony and the festival's essence-the triumph of light over darkness. The event was honored by Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain, the State Yoga Commissioner, who received a welcome from Trust leaders including B.D. Gupta, Chairman, and other dignitaries. The festivities began with the lighting of 511 lamps

at the Statue of Comrade Dhanvantri in Municipal Park, symbolizing hope and prosperity. Dr. Jain inaugurated this beautiful display, setting a reflective tone for the occasion.

He also shared a self-composed poem, encapsulating Diwali's spirit and encouraging attendees to embrace love and harmony.

Dr. Jain praised the Raghunath Trust for its commitment to social welfare,

commending its office bearers for their dedication.

The gathering concluded on a high note, fostering a sense of unity and compassion among participants.

Other notable attendees included Madan Lal Gupta, Sukhdev Sharma, Vijay Kumar Gupta, Vipin Gupta, Ashok Sharma, Raman Sharma, P.P Singh and several others, all contributing to the celebration of Diwali's values.

Uppal Neuro Hospital launches "Mission Brain Attack" in Amritsar



Doctors from Uppal Neuro Hospital talking to reporters.

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JAMMU: Uppal Neuro Hospital in Amritsar has launched "Mission Brain Attack" during the observance of World Stroke Awareness Month. This initiative, spearheaded by Dr. Ashok Uppal, the founder of the hospital, and Dr. Salil Uppal, Treasurer of the Indian Stroke Association, aims to educate the public and local healthcare professionals about the critical aspects of stroke prevention and treatment.

The mission follows a nationwide campaign that began in Varanasi, led by ISA President Dr. Nirmal Surya and his team, and marks a dedicated effort to

improve awareness in the Amritsar region.

Dr. Salil Uppal shared alarming statistics highlighting the prevalence of stroke, revealing that one in four individuals is at risk, with an average of three strokes occurring every minute worldwide.

He stressed the importance of recognizing the symptoms of stroke using the "B-FAST" acronym, which stands for Balance (loss of balance), Eyes (blurred vision), Face (facial drooping), Arms (weakness in arms), Speech (slurred speech), and Time (the urgency for immediate medical attention).

The hospital has also emphasized the importance of timely

medical care, noting that patients who are treated within the critical four-and-a-half-hour "golden period" significantly reduce their risk of long-term disability.

Dr. Uppal pointed out that TPA injections represent a vital treatment option for stroke patients, while physiotherapy plays an essential role in rehabilitation.

In addition to these measures, Dr. Shikhil Uppal, a neurosurgeon at the hospital, highlighted the availability of mechanical thrombectomy for patients arriving within six to eight hours post-stroke, offering advanced treatment options to improve outcomes.

To further enhance patient care, Dr. Ashok Uppal announced the introduction of a pre-stroke care ambulance service. This specialized ambulance will be equipped with medical personnel and state-of-the-art monitoring facilities, enabling early assessment and treatment of stroke patients even before they arrive at the hospital.

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JAMMU: Ropeway project on Tarakot route of Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Yatra will be the attack on the real form of yatra, religious faith along with employment and business, which cannot be tolerated, stated by Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) Jammu Kashmir unit.

In a press conference held on Saturday at the party's state central office, state chief Manish Sahni said that he has no objection to facilitates and development, but religious faith, employment, business should not be affected under their guise.

He said that already the development of road and rail route between Jammu-Katra has made the Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Yatra incomplete by separating Holy Kol Kandoli

Shiv Sena appeals not to spoil present form of SMVD Yatra, full support to Katra traders

Keep religious beliefs in mind while developing facilities



Manish Sahni, President, Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K talking to reporters.

(first Darshan) and Deva Mai (second Darshan) temples.

The present form of the Yatra will be affected by the ropeway project.

Holy places like Ban Ganga, Charan Paduka, Ardhekumari, Garbhjoon will be separated from the yatra route and devotees will not get the opportunity to get blessings of these Holy places.

At the same time, thousands of people providing

services on the yatra route are afraid of unemployment and business shut-down.

Sahni appealed to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (who is the Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board) to cancel this ropeway project keeping in mind the religious faith and the impact on the local people and to spend the budget of Rs 250-300 crore set for this on the

BSS distributes blankets to needy during Diwali celebration

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JAMMU: In a heartwarming gesture during Diwali, the Jammu and Kashmir branch of Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS) organized Bhandara and distributed blankets to Sadhus and underprivileged families at its Panjgrain Ashram in Nagrota. The event, led by Swami Satyamitrnananda, Secretary of the Jammu branch of BSS, was graced by former Jammu Municipal Corporation Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta and former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh as special guests. The distribution ceremony began with a traditional puja, performed by the dig-



Former DyCM Dr. Nirmal Singh distributing blankets at BSS Ashram, Panjgrain, Nagrota.

nitaries in the temple of Bharat Sevashram Sangha within the ashram. The blankets were distributed by Swami Satyamitrnananda in the presence of several Swamis and prominent fig-

ures from across the country, including Swami Mrimoyannada, Swami Samidhananda (Puri), Swami Souravananda (Nabadwip), Swami Shibsundarananda (Malda), Swami

Shivamitrnanada (Kolkata), and Swami Sarbesananda (Prant Pracharak), along with other senior members from New Delhi, Uttarakhand, and Bihar. Former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta praised the Sangha's initiative, emphasizing that such acts of kindness reflect the ethical values that drive society forward. Dr. Nirmal Singh expressed his admiration for BSS's unwavering dedication to humanitarian service, noting that organizations like BSS play an essential role in uplifting the marginalized sections of society. He congratulated the Sangha and highlighted the importance of selfless

service in building a compassionate community. Addressing the gathering, Swami Satyamitrnananda Maharaj shared the BSS's commitment to charitable work, inspired by the ideals of their founder, Swami Pramanandaji Maharaj. He highlighted BSS's ongoing campaigns to provide warm clothing to those in need, particularly as the winter season approaches. This Diwali initiative by Bharat Sevashram Sangha underscores its continued dedication to supporting the needy, spreading warmth, and fostering compassion in society.

Maj Gen Anupinder assumes appointment of ADG NCC Directorate, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh

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JAMMU: Major General Anupinder Bevi, assumed the appointment of Additional Director General of NCC Directorate Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh on Friday.

Major General Anupinder Bevi, an alumni of the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla, Indian Military Academy, Dehradun and National Defence College, New Delhi is a third generation Army Officer.

With a chequered military career spanning over



three decades, he has excelled in all facets.

The General Officer has tenanted prestigious command and staff assignments, including tenures in active operational areas such as Siachin, Op Vijay (Tiger Hill), Counter

Terrorist operations in J&K and North East.

The General Officer assumes the appointment at a time when the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir as well as Ladakh are undergoing major changes and the NCC itself has shifted focus to enrolment of youth from the remote far flung areas of Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh while integrating them into National building.

With his immense experience and leadership, the Directorate is all set to achieve higher glory and laurels.

BIBA opens showroom at Wave Mall



Chief Guest, Y V Sharma, former CCI president inaugurating an outlet.

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JAMMU: BIBA, India's leading name in ethnic wear for women, announced the opening of its latest premium showroom at Wave Mall, Jammu.

The new store, offering an exquisite array of ready-made ethnic wear, was inaugurated with a ceremonial ribbon cutting by Chief Guest, Y V Sharma, former president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Jammu. Joining him were Raj Kumar Padha, president of the Chamber of Tourism Trade and Industry, Katra, along with distinguished guests Rajni Kant and Ravinder Sharma.

Their presence marked a sig-

nificant milestone in BIBA's ongoing commitment to bringing high-quality, beautifully designed ethnic fashion to Indian women and girls.

Y V Sharma commended the efforts of promoters for opening premium BIBA showroom at Wave Mall Jammu.

As the first-ever brand in India to introduce ready-made ethnic wear for women, BIBA has redefined the ethnic fashion landscape by blending tradition with contemporary style.

With decades in the retail industry, BIBA continues to set the benchmark for ethnic wear, combining craftsmanship, innovation, and a deep understanding of Indian culture.

The Wave Mall showroom will showcase the latest designs that reflect the evolution of Indian ethnic wear, offering an impressive range of garments suited for every occasion-from everyday elegance to festive celebrations. BIBA launches two distinct collections each year, in sync with the latest trends and fashion seasons, while remaining true to the brand's rich heritage. Visitors to the new Wave Mall showroom can expect a premium shopping experience and a chance to explore BIBA's curated range of salwar suits, kurtas, and festive wear, all crafted to enhance the grace and beauty of Indian women and girls. Raj Kumar Padha informed that BIBA has been a pioneer in the Indian ethnic fashion industry, creating timeless collections that marry traditional Indian aesthetics with modern designs. With an unwavering dedication to quality and affordability, BIBA continues to empower the modern Indian woman with versatile, ready-to-wear ethnic clothing that embodies elegance and style.

The new BIBA showroom at Wave Mall welcomes everyone to experience firsthand the artistry and heritage of Indian ethnic wear, now available with the convenience and style that BIBA is renowned for.

Vishwakarma Day celebrated with devotion at Vishwakarma Sabha



Vishwakarma Sabha members performing Puja at Vishwakarma Temple, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu.

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JAMMU: Vishwakarma Day was celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm at the Vishwakarma Sabha in Bakshi Nagar, Jammu.

The event began with the traditional Hawan ritual, bringing together members of the Vishwakarma community and people from diverse backgrounds to honor Lord Vishwakarma, the divine architect of the universe. The day-long celebrations took place at the temple complex of Vishwakarma Sabha in Chowk, Bakshi Nagar.

The event saw the pres-

ence of notable dignitaries, including MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, MLA Jammu West Arvind Gupta, former Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, former Minister Sat Sharma, former Vice Chairman OBC Rashpal Verma, former OBC Vice Chairman Kuldeep Raj Verma, ex-Corporator Gourav Chopra, ex-Corporator Surinder Singh Choudhary, President of Trader Association Shakti Nagar Manmohan Singh, Pradesh Vishwakarma Sabha President Shashi Verma, Team Jammu Chairman Zorawar Singh Jamwal, and several other

prominent leaders.

The special guests highlighted the life and contributions of Lord Vishwakarma, acknowledging the Sabha's efforts in organizing the grand celebration. They pledged continued support for the Vishwakarma community and its causes. Rakesh Chalotra, President of the Sabha, along with General Secretary Jagdish Kargotra, spoke about Lord Vishwakarma's legacy as the creator and master architect of the universe and expressed gratitude to the guests and attendees.

Prominent participants in the event included Sabha Chairman Kuljeet Rai, Rattan Lal Changotra, Ashok Kumar, Om Parkash, Sanjay Kumar, Ajay Chalotra, Romesh Lal, Pawan Salgotra, Vinod Jaral, Naresh Kumar, Sanjay Kumar, Pawan Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Neelam Mahotra, Sanjay Sagar, and Tarsem Lal. The program concluded with blessings and prayers for peace and prosperity, making it a memorable celebration for all who attended.

High Court upholds detention of Heroin smuggler

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court, presided over by Justice Rajnesh Oswal, has upheld the detention of Mohd Dilawar, an alleged heroin smuggler; under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT-NDPS) Act.

The decision came after a comprehensive examination of the case details submitted by the authorities.

The court noted that the dossier presented to the respondent was carefully evaluated, leading to the conclusion that Dilawar's continued involvement in narcotic drug trafficking posed a significant threat to public order and the health and welfare of the community. Despite previous proceedings under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, Dilawar reportedly resumed his illicit activities even after being granted bail, demonstrating a clear disregard for the law.

During the execution of the detention order, the relevant documents, including the grounds for detention, were provided to Dilawar in a language he understood-be it English, Urdu, Hindi, or

Dogri. He was also informed of his right to make a representation against the detention order to the Government and the detaining authority.

In his ruling, Justice Oswal addressed the concerns raised by the petitioner regarding the specificity of the allegations against him, which included selling heroin on two specific dates in January 2024. The judge concluded that the grounds of detention were neither vague nor unfounded, reaffirming the validity of the detention order.

Furthermore, the petitioner argued that his case had not been referred to the Advisory Board within the stipulated five-week period. However, the court found that the Advisory Board had indeed reviewed and opined in favor of the detention shortly after the case was referred, effectively dismissing this contention as well.

The court deemed the detention order, identified as PIT-NDPS 06 of 2024 and dated January 22, 2024, as justified and upheld it, stating that there was no merit in the petition filed by Dilawar.

The ruling reinforces the commitment of the judicial system to curtail drug trafficking and protect public health.