

## Yudhvir Sethi starts Rs 50 lakh blacktopping work in Ware House area of Jammu East Constituency

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu East constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, kick-started the much-awaited blacktopping project worth Rs 50 lakh at Ware House and adjoining localities in Jammu today.

Speaking on the occasion, Sethi said the development of basic infrastructure remains a top priority, and the initiative aims to provide long-pending relief to residents and traders who have been demanding road upgradation for years.

Yudhvir Sethi stated that improving road connectivity is fundamental to boosting trade and easing public movement in one of Jammu's busiest commercial zones.

He expressed confidence that the project will enhance the overall infrastructure of the area and



MLA Jammu East constituency, Yudhvir Sethi starting blacktopping project at Ware House.

support business activities that rely heavily on smooth transport facilities. "Our effort is to ensure quality development with complete transparency so that people get long-term benefits," he said. The work was for-

mally inaugurated in the presence of AEE PWD Vikesh Kumar Chadgal and JEE Sanjay Kotwal, who briefed the locals about the technical aspects and assured timely completion with strict adherence

to quality standards.

The engineering team also emphasized that the upgraded road surface will help reduce traffic issues and improve safety for commuters.

Prominent members of the Ware House Traders Federation and local stakeholders were present during the ceremony. Those who accompanied included Deepak Gupta (President Ware House Traders Federation), Abhimanyu Gupta (General Secretary Ware House Traders Federation), Dheeraj Mahajan (Senior Vice

President Ware House Traders Federation), and senior member Naresh Pardhan.

They expressed gratitude to Yudhvir Sethi for addressing a long-standing civic concern and acknowledged his consistent outreach to the business community.

Other distinguished persons present were Karunesh Gupta, Atul Khanna, Charanjeet Singh Raina (Director Citizen Cooperative Bank), Kanchan Singh Raina, and Gurmeet Singh, who welcomed the development initiative and highlighted that improved infrastructure will directly benefit traders, workers, and visitors coming to the area daily.

The gathering appreciated the commencement of the blacktopping work and affirmed that such developmental projects contribute significantly to the progress and modernization of Jammu city.

Yudhvir Sethi reiterated his commitment to advancing public welfare initiatives and assured that more developmental works will be taken up in the constituency to further strengthen civic facilities.

## JKAACL, Parivartan present Dogri play "Shah-Shahni"



Senior artists with dignitaries at Dogri play Shah-Shahni at Abhinav Theatre.

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JAMMU: The J&K Cultural Academy, in collaboration with Parivartan, staged the Dogri play Shah-Shahni at Abhinav Theatre, receiving overwhelming appreciation from the audience and culminating in a standing ovation. Written by Rajneesh Gupta, the script sensitively explores the unspoken layers of Partition-era suffering—moving beyond the commonly recalled violence to reveal the silent sacrifices, emotional ruptures, and unheard stories of those who were uprooted in 1947 from Jammu-Poonch and surrounding regions.

Director Romi Sharma, a noted television and stage artist who has acted in nearly 400 serials and authored three books, said that the production seeks to bring raw human emotion to the forefront.

She added that being a child of a family forcefully migrated during 1947, and having interviewed many eyewitnesses of that era, the subject remains deeply personal for her. "This play is a tribute to everyone who suffered in 1947," Romi Sharma said.

She is also widely recognised for reuniting Partition-separated families across the LoC through social media. Senior artists Madan Rangeela, Rajneesh Gupta, Rekha Sharma, Meera Tapasvi, and Rishabh Manhas, Amanjit Verma, Arun Sharma, delivered soul-stirring performances.

Their intense portrayal of grief, resilience, and longing moved many in the audience to tears. Lights and sound were operated by Rajesh Raina and Yuvraj Gupta, Pankaj Sharma, Back stage was handled by John Peter,

Kannu Sharma. The authentic Dogra vocabulary, the detailed set design, and the emotional depth of each scene transported viewers back to the forgotten landscapes of pre-Partition Jammu-Poonch.

The event was attended by eminent personalities from Jammu, including Padma Shri Dr. S.P. Varma, Harvinder Kour (Secretary, J&K Cultural Academy), B.M. Sharma (Cultural Secretary), Dr. Mukund Lal Sharma, Gen. Rakesh Sharma, Historian Lalit Gupta, Dr. Javaid Rahi, Dr. Nitan Sharma, Ravinder Koul and other distinguished guests.

Shah-Shahni was widely appreciated for reviving a poignant Dogra narrative and presenting a heartfelt depiction of a painful chapter that continues to echo through generations.

## Rekha inaugurates 'Numaish Winter & Wedding' Exhibition



BJP Vice President Rekha Mahajan inaugurating Numaish - two days Winter & Wedding Exhibition.

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JAMMU: BJP Vice President Rekha Mahajan inaugurated the Numaish - two days Winter & Wedding Edit Exhibition at Zone By The Park, marking a vibrant start to the season's premium showcase of fashion, jewellery, and home décor. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, Rekha Mahajan praised the initiative and said that platforms like Numaish empower women entrepreneurs, artisans, and local designers by giving them visibility and opportunities to grow.

She added, "Events like this highlight the creativity of our people and promote self-reliance in lifestyle and fashion. It's wonderful to see so many young and talented entrepreneurs showcasing their work with confidence and professionalism."

She appreciated the organisers for curating a vibrant display that reflects both traditional elegance and contemporary style.

The event features a wide array of stalls offering designer wear, luxury jewellery, festive accessories,

handcrafted décor, beauty essentials, and lifestyle products. Exhibitors from across the region and beyond have brought their latest collections, making it a one-stop destination for winter and wedding shopping.

Shika, the organiser of Numaish, expressed delight at the overwhelming response.

She said, "Our aim is to curate a space where shoppers can experience premium fashion and décor trends while giving a platform to emerging brands. We are grateful for the support from our chief guest and everyone who helped make this edition special."

She added that Numaish will continue to host curated exhibitions that celebrate creativity and innovation.

The exhibition will remain open throughout the day, offering visitors an engaging winter shopping experience filled with elegance, style, and festive inspiration.

## GDC Kunjwani organizes Career Counselling Seminar-cum-Interactive session on "The Paths to Building Careers"

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JAMMU: The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Career Counselling Cell of Government Degree College (GDC) Kunjwani organized a seminar cum interactive session focused on career path development and competitive examination preparation. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 200 registered students. The program was graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. Dr. Manisha Sarup Kohli, Principal of GDC Kunjwani, who delivered an encouraging address to students. In her remarks she emphasized the importance of utilizing time judiciously and shared valuable insights on future career



GDC Kunjwani students and faculty at a seminar.

planning, inspiring students to pursue their goals with dedication and strategic planning.

Dr. Arti Pandoh Gupta, Convener of the Career Counselling Cell, delivered the welcome address and coordinated the proceedings of the program, ensuring a smooth and productive ses-

sion. The seminar featured expert resource persons from B r e a k t h r o u g h X p e r t s Classes, Jammu, including Bhavika Jamwal, Tarun Kumar, and Manager Aryan Slathia. Bhavika Jamwal led the session with an elaborate and informative lecture, providing comprehensive information about various competitive examinations available to students. The resource

persons offered detailed guidance on different competitive exams and motivated students to pursue their dreams and aspirations with confidence. The session included an interactive question-and-answer segment where students actively engaged with the experts, clarifying their doubts about various competitive examinations and application procedures. The ses-

sion was highly informative and beneficial for students seeking clarity on their career paths and competitive examination options.

Prof. Baljinder Kour presented the formal vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all participants and organizers. The event was also graced by distinguished faculty members including Prof. Shafiqat Ahmed, Prof. Deepika Sharma, Dr. Sehrish Gazal, Dr. Seema, Prof. Ambika Rajput, Prof. Neeru Sharma and Bhanu Priya.

The overwhelming response from students underscores the importance of such career guidance initiatives in helping young minds make informed decisions about their professional futures.

## GCW Parade equips future communicators with Practical AI Skills Through ADiRA Training Program

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JAMMU: The Department of Mass Communication and Multimedia Production (MCMP), Government College for Women (GCW), Parade Ground, in collaboration with ADiRA (AI for Digital Readiness and Advancement)—an initiative by DataLEADS—organized workshop titled "Preparing the Indian Workforce for the AI Future."

The program is part of a nationwide effort to equip media professionals and healthcare workers with hands-on, practical AI skills essential for navigating an increasingly AI-driven world.

The session began with a formal welcome by Dr. Alpna Vohra, Head, MCMP Department, who emphasized the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence on communication, governance, healthcare, and professional ecosystems.

"AI is no longer a distant concept. It is shaping newsroom workflows, redefining public communication, and



GCW Parade students and faculty posing for a photograph.

transforming how societies function. Preparing our students and professionals for this shift is not optional—it is essential," she said.

The resource person, Dr. Ravia Gupta, delivered an engaging and comprehensive lecture that introduced participants to the evolving landscape of AI, its real-world applications, and its rapidly

growing relevance in journalism, content creation, digital communication, and public health.

Dr. Gupta highlighted the importance of responsible AI usage, hands-on experimentation, and continuous learning to remain industry-ready. Through interactive discussions, demonstrations, and relatable examples, she sim-

plified complex concepts—enabling students to understand how AI tools can enhance productivity, research, storytelling, and decision-making.

She also encouraged participants to embrace emerging technologies, stating, "AI is not here to replace human creativity—it is here to enhance it. The future

belongs to those who can combine human insight with technological intelligence."

The workshop included live demonstrations of popular AI platforms used for content generation, data analysis, creative production, and communication tasks.

The session was coordinated by Akash Kumar, Faculty, MCMP Department, who ensured smooth conduct of the event and emphasized the need for practical, skill-based learning within academia.

Other faculty members present during the program included Dr. Gurpreet Kour and Dr. Neha Gupta, who applauded the initiative and its relevance for preparing students for future professional landscapes.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to Dr. Ravia Gupta as well as DataLEADS for extending ADiRA to GCW Parade Ground and enabling students to gain critical competencies in an evolving digital ecosystem.

## GGNF facilitates compensation distribution to families affected in Op Sindoor



Mahant Manjeet Singh handing over cheque to President Gurdwara Committee, Poonch.

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JAMMU: The Global Guru Nanak Foundation (Regd.), in collaboration with the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), facilitated the distribution of compensation cheques to families affected by the tragic attack during Operation Sindoor in Poonch. The cheques were formally handed over to the President of the Gurdwara Committee, Poonch, by the managing body of the Foundation as part of its continued commitment to humanitarian service. The occasion was blessed by the presence of Mahant Manjeet Singh, head of Dera Nangali Sahib Poonch, who supervised the proceedings and extended spiritual support to the bereaved families.

Members of the Global Guru Nanak Foundation expressed deep gratitude to the DSGMC for their timely assistance, particularly acknowledging the dedicated efforts of Bupinder Singh Gami, Member DSGMC, and Gurmeet Singh, who travelled to Poonch to personally meet the affected families. Their visit offered emotional strength and ensured that the concerns of those who lost loved ones in the line of duty were addressed with dignity and compassion.

Reaffirming its commitment to social justice and community welfare, the Foundation high-

lighted its ongoing initiatives to promote Sikh history at school and university levels. It emphasised that the supreme martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, observed on 11th November 1675, stands as a timeless message of human rights, freedom of conscience, and resistance against tyranny. Remembered as the "Srishti Ki Chadar," Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji sacrificed his life at Sis Garj Sahib, Delhi, defending the rights and faith of others against forced conversions, making his martyrdom one of the greatest sacrifices in world history. Since 2022, the Global Guru Nanak Foundation, J&K, has been observing Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's Shaheedi Diwas at Gurdwara Sis Garj Sahib, Delhi, with deep reverence. This year too, members and devotees gathered to pay homage and reflect on the Guru's message of compassion, equality and fearless resistance to injustice.

The Foundation reiterated its global appeal to recognise 11th November as a Day of Conscience and a Day of Freedom at the United Nations level, honouring the Guru's unparalleled sacrifice for humanity. It urged world leaders and international institutions to join in commemorating this day, ensuring that future generations continue to draw inspiration from Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's message of peace, justice and universal brotherhood.

## CCI President urges CM to address pending issues, demands land for CCI Business Club

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JAMMU: Arun Gupta, President of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI), met the Chief Minister of J&K UT to deliberate on a range of developmental, trade, and industrial concerns impacting Jammu. He began the meeting by expressing gratitude to the Chief Minister for resolving the long-standing issue and reviving the Annual Darbar Move, a step he said would help maintain communal harmony and boost economic activity in both regions of the Union Territory.

During the discussion, Gupta highlighted that several key developmental projects have been repeatedly brought to the government's attention but still remain incomplete. He pointed to the slow pace of work on the Tawi River

Front beautification, the Artificial Lake Project, and the restoration of the historic Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex.

He also stressed the urgent need to begin the second phase of the Tawi River Front development from Bikram Chowk to Gujjar Nagar without further delay.

The meeting also focused on land, trade, and policy-related matters. Gupta raised the long-pending issue of plot bifurcation in Gandhi Nagar and Channi Himmat, along with the need for developing new residential colonies and commercial markets in Jammu.

The pending execution of lease deeds for allottees of Shiv Market Railway Station and Bahu Plaza was highlighted, particularly since the pay-

ments had already been made.

He also sought early renewal of expired lease deeds for Sabzi Mandi and Fruit Mandi, and resolution of matters concerning properties under the J&K Housing Board and Jammu Municipal Corporation. Issues involving the finalization of the Jammu Master Plan, Liquor Policy regulations, and the long-pending Gair Mumkin Khad matter were also discussed.

On industrial concerns, the CCI President pressed for timely SGST refunds, extension of turnover incentives, removal of the negative list, and additional benefits for existing industry units. He stressed that these steps were essential for improving industrial growth and ensuring a competitive

business environment in the UT.

A major request placed before the Chief Minister was the allotment of land for establishing a dedicated CCI Business Club. Gupta said that the business community currently lacks a suitable and spacious venue outside the Chamber House for meetings, dignitary interactions, networking, and professional engagements. He urged the government to identify and allot at least 25 kanal of land in or around Jammu city for this purpose.

Responding to the issues raised, the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah assured that a high-level meeting involving departmental heads and the CCI would soon be convened to address and resolve the pending matters.