

Satish Sharma meets Railway Minister, discusses dev issues



J&K UT Transport Minister Satish Sharma calling on Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav.

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NEW DELHI: Minister for FCS &CA, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Information & Technology, Science and Technology, ARI and Trainings, Satish Sharma, on Monday called on Union Minister for Railway Information Broadcasting and Electronic and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnav and discussed various critical matters pertaining to Railway, Information Technology and allied sectors.

Satish Sharma thanked the Union Minister for his support

in all round development of J&K. He also discussed various development issues including Railway Line from Jammu to Poonch via Akhnoor, Chhamb, Sunderbani and Nowshera onwards, extension of Railway line to Uri and Kupwara from Baramulla onwards, IT Corporate parks in Jammu and Srinagar to generate job avenues for thousands of IT trained professionals.

The Minister also urged for establishment of Data centres at District and Tehsil Headquarters, establishment of State Emergency Operation

Centre, State Wide Area Network 2.0 to cover remaining PoPs left under SWAN 1.0 for better internet connectivity between all districts, augmentation of CSCs and setting up of electronic manufacturing units by MNC key players in J&K, creating facilities in JK on the lines of CDOT, Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) for all the departments of J&K, besides Content Delivery Network (CDN)

Satish Sharma also urged for introduction of new programmes to supplement the developmental initiatives being undertaken by the Government. He called for broadening the ambit of developmental projects so that the benefits could reach to the maximum populace. He said that this would also ensure that the people get the necessary and requisite facilities and they are brought at par with the metropolitan cities of the country.

The Union Minister said that the central Government is committed to expedite the pace of development in J&K and assured to consider the issues/demands raised by Satish Sharma.

Priya chairs "Samvidhan Gaurav Abhiyaan" programmes meeting

Criticizes Congress for sidelining Dr. Ambedkar's legacy



Priya Sethi, BJP National Executive Member (NEM), chairing a party workers meeting.

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JAMMU: Priya Sethi, BJP National Executive Member (NEM), chaired a meeting of prominent activists of Jammu South district at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here, as part of the "Samvidhan Gaurav Abhiyaan" initiative.

She was accompanied by Ayodhya Gupta, District Prabhari; Rekha Mahajan, District President; Neha Mahajan, Mahila Morcha General Secretary; Rakesh Sangram, Incharge of the Abhiyaan for District South; and Amit Sharma.

The meeting, convened by Rekha Mahajan, focused on detailed discussions about the programmes under the "Samvidhan Gaurav Abhiyaan."

Addressing the gathering, Priya Sethi highlighted the party's intent to showcase the contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in various fields through a series of programmes scheduled across the Union Territory from January 11 to 25.

She criticized the

Congress party for sidelining Dr. Ambedkar's legacy during its 55 years of rule, stating, "While Congress awarded Bharat Ratna to its first family leaders and built their memorials, it deliberately deprived Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar of his due recognition."

Priya Sethi lauded the Modi Government's initia-

tive to honor Dr. Ambedkar by developing five key sites associated with his life into "Panchteerth."

These include his birthplace in Mhow, the London residence where he stayed, Deekshabhoomi in Nagpur where he embraced Buddhism, Mahaparinirvan Sthal in Delhi where he attained

eternal peace, and Chaitya Bhoomi in Mumbai where he was cremated.

She emphasized that this campaign reflects the Modi government's commitment to preserving the legacy of leaders who championed social justice and equality.

"This recognition not only honors Dr. Ambedkar but also inspires younger gen-

erations to uphold the principles of equality, liberty, and fraternity enshrined in our Constitution," she added.

Priya Sethi outlined the upcoming activities under the initiative, including constituency-level public meetings involving local MLAs, district teams, and SC Morcha leaders, with state leaders serving as keynote speakers. A grand public meeting under the slogan "Our Samvidhan, Our Swabhiman" will be organized by the SC Morcha in Jammu.

Educational activities such as debates, essay writing, and speech competitions on the theme "Our Constitution, Our Pride" will be conducted in schools, colleges, universities, and SC hostels, spearheaded by Yuva Morcha. Social Media teams will organize online essay competitions and quizzes, while district teams will conduct quiz competitions in a minimum of two and a maximum of ten schools in each constituency.

On January 25, BJP workers and supporters across all mandals will gather to recite the Preamble and Directive Principles, followed by a brief talk on their significance.

Ayodhya Gupta praised Dr. Ambedkar's monumental contributions, commending the party's decision to organize such impactful programmes.

Ankur, Vikram, Gaurav nominated BJP spokespersons

JAMMU: Sat Sharma, President, BJP J&K in con-



sultation with Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary, BJP & Prabhari, J&K BJP, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), BJP J&K, and other senior leaders of the party nominated new spokespersons for the party.

Adv. Ankur Sharma, Vikram Malhotra, and Gaurav Gupta have been nominated as the BJP spokespersons for Jammu & Kashmir, in addition to the existing Spokespersons of the party.

While nominating the new spokespersons, Sat Sharma stressed that the BJP holds the recognition of raising the issues of public interests and the party spokespersons are entrusted with the responsibility to raise all the vital issues after discussions with the senior leaders of the party.

'Chai With Cop' an initiative for better police-public relations held at Janipur



SHO Janipur, Inspector Vikram Sharma interacting with prominent citizens.

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JAMMU: Newly joined SHO Janipur, Inspector Vikram Sharma invited respectable of the locality to Police Station under a new initiative started by SDPO City West "Chai With Cop" for interaction and better coordination for free flow of information regarding any cognisable activity taking place in the jurisdiction of

Police Station Janipur. A Police Community Partnership Group meetings are held regularly by concerned SHOs and senior officer for face to face interaction with law abiding citizens for the better service delivery.

In the meeting various participants viz. Ganesh Dutt Sharma, Ashok Babbar Vice President,

Raman Bakshi Chairman, Ramesh Chander Bali President Janipur Market Association, Vikshyat Vaid Secretary, Vishal Verma, Gurnam Singh NC Block President and others were present.

Participants highlighted various issues like street light of areas which are hotspot for drugs and alcoholics, traffic jamming dur-

ing evening hours, better coordination among police and public to fight menace of drugs etc to be addressed on priority. SHO Janipur, while extending vote of thanks, also briefed participants to remain alert about the security of the area to fail the nefarious designs of anti-nation elements and frequent reporting of crime well in time keeping in mind the approaching of Republic Day celebrations and present security scenario. They were also requested to remain in contact with Police station regarding any kind of grievances and mishappenings.

Public which is law abiding and follow discipline are the eyes and ears of police as law enforcement agency. Their participation is highly appreciable and need of hour.

State Taxes Enforcement team conducts surprise inspection at Dalogra



Dy Commissioner, State Taxes Enforcement Wing, Sanjay Gupta conducting surprise inspection at Dalogra in Rajouri on Monday.

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RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner, State Taxes Enforcement Wing Samba Sanjay Gupta conducted a surprise inspection here on Monday at Dalogra Rajouri.

During the inspection conducted on the directions of the Commissioner State Taxes P.K. Bhat and under the close supervision of Additional Commissioner State Taxes Jammu Namrita Dogra, the team intercepted several vehicles to verify their e-way bills and tax invoices to ensure compliance with tax regulations.

Highlighting the department's efforts to curb tax evasion, Sanjay Gupta informed that a total penalty of ₹19.56 lakh was imposed and recovered from tax evaders in Samba, Rajouri, and Poonch districts during December 2024. The cumulative penalty realized from April 2024 to December 2024 stands at an impressive ₹1.48 crore, with 2,92,922 e-way bills verified during this period.

As part of the inspection today, a few vehicles were detained for physical verification and detailed scrutiny of documents to ascertain compliance with tax laws.

The DC State Taxes emphasized that no GST evasion shall be tolerated and urged all dealers and transporters to ensure strict com-

pliance with GST regulations. Such operations demonstrate the department's unwavering commitment to ensuring tax compliance and deterring evasion through rigorous enforcement measures.

The inspection was conducted in the presence of STO Enforcement Rajouri-Poonch Range, Farooq Choudhary; Inspector Anil Sharma; Sub-Inspector Shahbaz Ahmed; and other officials of the State Taxes Department.

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JAMMU: Ranvijay Singh, the Great Grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh ji, lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the historic inauguration of the new Jammu Railway Division, calling it a game-changer in the development and integration of Jammu and Kashmir into the national framework.

In a press statement issued here today, Ranvijay Singh emphasized that the inauguration of the Jammu Railway Division reflects PM Modi's vision of a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India), where every region experiences equitable growth and connectivity. "This milestone is not just about infrastructure; it's

about empowerment, inclusivity, and unprecedented opportunities for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The world's highest railway bridge over the Chenab River and the engineering marvel of Anji Khad Bridge symbolize the aspirations of a modern India," he said.

Highlighting the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) as a beacon of progress, Ranvijay Singh noted how the Prime Minister's commitment to 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' has materialized through such transformative projects. "The USBRL not only connects people but also bridges hearts. This development is

set to revolutionize trade, tourism, and employment in J&K, while extending benefits to Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Ladakh," he added.

Ranjay Singh praised PM Modi's decade-long efforts in modernizing Indian Railways, citing achievements such as 30,000 kilometers of railway electrification and the operational success of over 50 Vande Bharat trains. "PM Modi's vision has made the Indian Railways a global leader. The Jammu Railway Division will serve as a catalyst for socio-economic transformation, empowering lakhs of youths with jobs and creating opportunities for education and business," he

stated. Ranvijay Singh also acknowledged the broader impact of rail infrastructure projects in fostering regional connectivity and boosting tourism. He highlighted the Central Government's focus on futuristic initiatives like bullet trains and metro expansions, underscoring that these developments are paving the way for a truly developed Bharat.

He extended his gratitude to the Prime Minister for prioritizing J&K's development. "Under PM Modi's leadership, J&K is not just witnessing development but is becoming a key contributor to the nation's growth story," he added.

Jammu Railway Division paves path for Viksit Bharat: Ranvijay

Dr. Rameshwar lays foundation stone for New CHC Bani Building worth Rs 1.5 cr

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BANI: In a significant step towards improving healthcare infrastructure in the region, Dr. Rameshwar Singh, MLA Bani, laid the foundation stone for the new building of the Community Health Centre (CHC) Bani. The project includes the construction of an OPD complex, parking area, and a conference hall at an estimated cost of Rs 1.5 crore.

The project is funded by the NHPC Department, which approved and released the necessary funds to address this long-pending demand of the region.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Rameshwar Singh expressed his gratitude to NHPC for their support and reaffirmed his commitment to addressing the public's needs. "This initiative marks a crucial step in fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Bani. I thank NHPC for their cooperation and assure the public that the work

will be carried out with utmost dedication and transparency," he stated. Dr. Rameshwar Singh highlighted his unwavering commitment to the welfare of the people living in hilly and remote areas, emphasizing that their long-standing demands and challenges remain a top priority in his development agenda. He assured the people that every effort would be made to address their concerns and ensure the timely completion of



MLA Bani, Dr. Rameshwar Singh laying foundation stone for new building of the Community Health Centre Bani.

projects aimed at improving their quality of life. Block Medical Officer (BMO) Bani, Dr. Dev Raj, also extended his appreciation to the NHPC and Dr. Rameshwar Singh for their proactive approach. He highlighted additional requirements of the health facility and presented them to the MLA for consideration. District Development Council (DDC) Bani, Reeta Devi, graced the occasion with her presence and lauded the efforts being made

to enhance the region's healthcare services. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the local community, who expressed their optimism about the improved medical facilities that will soon be available in the area. This initiative underscores the collaborative efforts of the government and organizations like NHPC in ensuring the welfare and development of rural and remote areas.

Dy CM participates in Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Jayanti celebrations at Nowshera

Reviews Rs 4.75 cr parking project in Nowshera

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NOWSHERA: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, on Monday paid a visit to the revered Gurudwara in Nowshera to join the celebrations of 358th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. While interacting with the devotees and people, he extended his heartfelt greetings and prayed for peace, harmony and prosperity to all on this auspicious occasion.

Later, the Deputy CM inspected the ongoing construction work of car parking facility being developed by the Municipal Committee Nowshera at the Bus Stand. The project, being raised with an estimated cost of Rs 4.75 crore, is a significant step towards addressing parking challenges in the area.



Dy CM, Surinder Choudhary paying obeisance at Gurudwara in Nowshera.

During the inspection, Surinder Choudhary directed the executing agency to expedite the construction work, ensuring its timely completion. He emphasized that this facility will greatly benefit locals and visitors by providing a convenient and organized parking space. "This project is a much-needed initiative to cater to the growing demands of the region. Once completed, it will improve the

overall traffic management and ease the lives of commuters," said the Deputy CM. The visit underscored the government's commitment towards improving urban infrastructure and promoting communal harmony through meaningful engagements and development initiatives. ADC Nowshera, Babu Ram Tandon and senior officer accompanied the Dy CM during this inspection.