

Jugal tours Chhamb Constituency, hosts Sammelan at VB GRAM G

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AKHNOOR: Member of Parliament from Jammu Reasi Parliamentary Constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma, along with former MLA Rajeev Sharma, Dr. Krishan Lal Bhagat, Ex-ve Kissan board Daljeet Singh Chib, District Development Council (DDC) members Suresh Sharma, Bhusan Bral, District President BJP Kuldeep Sharma and other local leaders, embarked on a tour of the Chhamb constituency today. The visit primarily focused on holding Sammelans at VB GRAM G, including inauguration of Library building at Shaheedi Sthal Jourian, as well as addressing key local issues.

The tour began with a visit to the Sheheedi Sthal Jourian, where Jugal Kishore Sharma and his team paid homage to the martyrs of Chhamb, acknowledging their sacrifices for the nation's freedom. Member of Parliament along with the other dignitaries inaugurated the Library Building at Jourian, constructed under the MPLADS (Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme), aimed at enhancing educational opportunities in the region.

Jugal Kishore Member of Parliament hosted Sammelans held at VB GRAM G, at Jourian, Dhouchak and Pallanwala,



MP Jugal Kishore Sharma and others during the Sammelan.

and also a series of interactive community gatherings designed to engage residents and discuss important policy changes. During the Sammelans at VB GRAM G, Jugal Kishore Sharma took the opportunity to explain the recent amendments to the MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) modified to Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin). He emphasized how the program has been updated to reflect current needs, highlighting key reforms such as the transition of MGNREGA into VB GRAM G. Sharma noted that the amendments aimed to eliminate fund leakage, increase the number of working days from 100 to 125, timely payments to labourers and raise administrative expenses from 6% to 9% for smooth execution of development works. Moreover, the introduction of online Gram Sabhas and enhanced monitoring would

ensure better transparency and accountability in the implementation of the scheme. Taking a strong stance against false propaganda spread by the Congress Party, Sharma clarified that there is no intention to eliminate Mahatma Gandhi's name from the scheme. "It is unfortunate that some are misleading the public by claiming that Mahatma Gandhi Ji's name has been removed. The change in name to VB GRAM G is part of the amendment procedure and stands for Viksit Bharat Gram G, reflecting the nation's commitment to development and progress. This amendment is about evolving and strengthening the program, not erasing history," he said.

In addition to addressing these key issues, Jugal Kishore said that area has a long pending demand for Construction of Indri Pattan to Pargwal Bridge at River Chenab now addressed in

Modi Government and bridge is under construction. He said that he is deeply concerned with the burning issue of the area, Widening of Jourian to Pallanwala road, & soon people will see its tendering work in process and its work will get started. He said that the area would witness a large core network of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna and get rural connectivity of far flung areas.

Sharma took time to listen to the concerns and grievances of the people regarding compensation of land, firing range and many local issues of people present at the Sammelans. Responding to their issues, he said that all their issues would be re-addressed. Listening to the demand of people he announced Rupees 5 lakh under MPLADS for the development of a cremation ground at Douchak village and Rupees 2 lakh for construction of lane. Demand for arrangement of equip-

ments at Library building Jourian and also at Pallanwala have been raised by the public, he assured people that their request for equipment would be fulfilled under the MPLADS.

Reiterating his commitment to the development of the region, Sharma remarked that under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, villages would receive a greater share of development, bringing much-needed progress to the area. "The BJP-led government at the center is dedicated to ensuring that every corner of our society benefits from development and that no village is left behind," Sharma said.

Senior Leaders of BJP Manmohan Singh, Pawan Choudhary, Subash, Pritam, Yograj, Chairman Municipality Madan, Deputy Ram, Ex Bdc Neha Rajput, Anuradha, Sushma, Mandal Presidents Neeraj Shastri, Ankush Choudhary, Gourav Singh, Geeta Rajput, Bodh Raj, District General secretary Surinder Singh, District Vice President Ajay Singh, Suresh Sharma, Suraj Singh, Rocky Gupta, Sukhdev Laali, Sham Lal, Sarpanches Pathan Singh, Tarseem Lal, Sham Lal, Swarn Singh, Varinder, Tara Devi, Sonu Slathia and others also present at the occasion.

Anti Crime NGO promotes spirit of service and social harmony



NGO members serving Langar among people at Uttar Behni.

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JAMMU: Uttar Behni witnessed a meaningful display of social service and communal harmony as Anti Crime (NGO), under the guidance of its Chairman Sham Lal Gupta, organized a Langar for the local residents. The noble initiative was carried out in association with Gourav Sharma, Manjeet Sharma and Arun Sharma of Bari Brahmana, reflecting the collective commitment of the organizers towards serving humanity selflessly.

The Langar was organized with the objective of extending support to people from all walks of life and reinforcing the age-old Indian tradition of sharing food without any discrimination of caste, creed or status. A large number of locals, including elderly people, youth

and children, participated in the Langar, which was served with humility and devotion by the volunteers of the NGO.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Sham Lal Gupta said that Anti Crime (NGO) believes in working beyond its core mandate by actively participating in social welfare activities that strengthen the bond between communities. He emphasized that such initiatives help in promoting values of equality, compassion and brotherhood, which are essential for building a peaceful and inclusive society.

Gourav Sharma, Manjeet Sharma and Arun Sharma also expressed their gratitude to the volunteers and supporters who contributed towards the successful organization of the Langar. They stated that

community service is a shared responsibility and encouraged people, especially the youth, to come forward and engage in humanitarian activities.

Several prominent citizens were present during the programme, including Sahil Gupta, Former Corporator, Sheetal Sharma, Tushar, Vansh, Rattan Lal, Manmohan Singh, Amar Nath Ji (Managing Caterer), Viraj Mahajan, Rakesh Kumar, Rakesh and Rohit and others. The presence of these individuals added significance to the event and highlighted the collective support for social causes.

The event concluded on a positive note, with participants appreciating the efforts of Anti Crime (NGO) for continuously working towards social upliftment and welfare of the society.

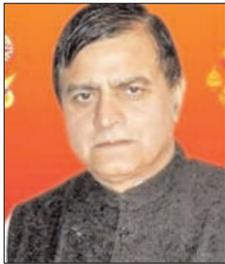
DDC Chairman thanks PM for Rs 4,000 Cr PMGSY Projects

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KATHUA: Chairman of District Development Council (DDC) Kathua, Col Mahan Singh (Retd), expressed sincere gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for sanctioning development projects worth over Rs 4,000 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the Udhampur-Kathua Lok Sabha constituency. The e-inauguration and foundation stone laying of more than 150 projects was conducted yesterday by Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Col Mahan Singh informed that out of the sanctioned projects, four bridges and 13 roads, worth more than Rs 400 crore, fall within Kathua district. These include one road and one bridge in Hiranagar, two bridges and one road in Jasrota, one crucial bridge in Kathua town, four roads in Bani, and seven roads in Basohli Assembly Constituency.

He further stated that the total length of the 23 approved roads will be



approximately 122 kilometres, directly benefiting more than 10,000 families living in remote and far-flung areas. Under PMGSY Phase IV, a total of 165 road projects will be developed in Kathua district, while the remaining works will be executed in subsequent phases (Batch 2.3 and 4) by PMGSY Divisions Kathua and Billawar.

The DDC Chairman stressed the need for high-quality construction and timely completion of these infrastructure projects to ensure long-term benefits for local communities. He also appreciated the active participation of local MLAs and DDC Members in identifying development priorities of public importance.

Grand Hindu Sammelan at Badyal Brahmana highlights unity, cultural values and social responsibility

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RS PURA: A grand Hindu Sammelan was organised today at Badyal Brahmana in R.S. Pura, bringing together saints, social activists, and a large number of local residents to deliberate on issues of social harmony, cultural awareness, and collective responsibility. The event was organised under the guidance of Respected Akshay Ji, Pracharak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), along with Sant Narendra Das Ji Maharaj, Sant Radhe Radhe Ji, and Ms. Preeti Chaudhary, who heads the Shakti Udgosh Foundation. The Sammelan witnessed enthusiastic participation from people across age groups, reflecting strong community involvement and commitment.

The programme was meticulously organised by Shri Mitra Pal Ji, with co-organisers Teerath Ram Ji, Balkrishna Lal Ji, Sohan Lal Ji, and Ramesh Kumar



Dignitaries during the Hindu Sammelan at Badyal Brahmana.

Ji (Bhola Ji) and other prominent personalities of Badyal Brahmana. Their collective efforts ensured the smooth conduct of the event, including arrangements for the gathering, coordination with speakers, and engagement of the local community. Participants lauded the organisers for creating a meaningful platform for dialogue, reflection, and social interaction.

Addressing the gathering, Akshay Ji, Pracharak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, delivered an impactful address on the relevance of unity, discipline, and

moral values in contemporary society. He emphasised that Hindu Sammelans serve as important forums to reconnect people with their cultural roots while encouraging responsible citizenship. He urged the youth to imbibe values such as selfless service, integrity, and social commitment, stating that a strong society is built on character and collective effort.

Akshay Ji further highlighted the continuous work of the RSS in nurturing a sense of national duty and social harmony. He called upon people to rise above

narrow divisions and work together for the welfare of society and the nation. Stressing the importance of community participation, he said that such gatherings help awaken social consciousness and inspire individuals to contribute positively in their daily lives.

Sant Narendra Das Ji Maharaj and Sant Radhe Radhe Ji, while addressing the Sammelan, spoke on the importance of spiritual awakening, compassion, and harmony. They reminded the gathering that spiritual values provide the foundation for a peaceful and

balanced society. Emphasising service to humanity as the highest form of devotion, they encouraged people to uphold dharmic principles and extend support to the needy and marginalized.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Preeti Chaudhary of the Shakti Udgosh Foundation highlighted the role of social organisations in empowering communities, especially women and youth. She stated that platforms like Hindu Sammelans help spread awareness on social issues, encourage volunteerism, and promote inclu-

sive development. She added that collective cultural initiatives play a significant role in building confidence, leadership qualities, and social sensitivity among young people.

The speakers unanimously underscored the positive impact of Hindu Sammelans, noting that such events strengthen cultural pride, promote social cohesion, and create awareness about pressing social and national concerns. They observed that regular community interactions help counter social evils, reinforce ethical values, and foster a spirit of unity and service among citizens. The Sammelan concluded on an inspiring and optimistic note, with participants expressing gratitude to the organisers and speakers. Attendees reaffirmed their resolve to work towards social harmony, cultural preservation, and the collective progress of society, carrying forward the message of unity, service, and shared responsibility.

DC Kishtwar reviews progress on digitisation of land records



Deputy Commissioner, Pankaj Kumar Sharma chairing meeting.

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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner, Pankaj Kumar Sharma today reviewed the progress of digitisation and freezing of Jamabandis in district Kishtwar in the presence of Special Secretary (Revenue), Ghulam Rasool. The officers at the meeting evaluated the on-ground implementation of Revenue

Department reforms. The department was asked to carry out the process strictly in accordance to the prescribed guidelines.

Tehsildar Nirbhay Sharma, while giving a Power Point presentation, highlighted the overall progress achieved in the digitisation and freezing of Jamabandis. It was informed that district profile reflects a substantial workload, comprising 156 revenue villages/Jamabandis and a total of 1,84,004 khasra numbers.

It was informed in the meeting that villages have been categorised as small, medium and large, based on the number of khatas. Clear village-wise timelines have been set for the correction of identified errors, entry of mutation backlog, record-

ing of grievances and final freezing of updated live Jamabandis, extending up to March 15, 2026 for large villages.

Briefing on the current progress, it was informed that 4 tehsils have been completed. So far 1,66,242 khasra numbers (90%) have been completed at Maker Level, 1,53,102 Khasra Nos (83%) at Checker Level and 1,45,752 Khasra nos (79%) have been approved at Approval Level.

Similarly, Jamabandis have been frozen in 108 out of 156 villages (69 percent). Grievances collection has been initiated in 74 villages, with digitisation, verification and grievances redressal activities progressing simultaneously across the district.

Several tehsils have achieved near-completion or

complete digitisation, while focused and targeted interventions are underway in tehsils with relatively lower progress to accelerate outcomes.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed that accurate and comprehensive digitization would significantly improve land records and streamline revenue-related services.

Emphasizing the importance of quality checks, the DC directed the officers to maintain close coordination among field functionaries to expedite the process while ensuring accuracy.

The Deputy Commissioner also highlighted the sustained efforts put in by the revenue officers and field functionaries in achieving substantial milestones despite the district's difficult terrain and dispersed settlements.

He further stated that regular monitoring and focused interventions in lagging areas would continue to ensure strict adherence to prescribed timelines and the successful implementation of revenue reforms in letter and spirit.

The Special Secretary also conducted a comprehensive review of the status of khasra approvals, Jamabandi freezing and Grievances redressal mechanisms based on the latest updated position.

He underscored the importance of strict adherence to the policy framework laid down under Standing Order 23-A, including the Maker-Checker-Approver mechanism, effective utilisation of the Revenue Plus and BISAG-N platforms and mandatory redressal of public grievances prior to freezing, with no deviation from the prescribed procedure.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pawan Kotwal; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Kishtwar, Idrees Lone; Sub-Divisional Magistrate Chatroo, Nayeem-ur-Rehman; Tehsildar Kishtwar, Nirbhay Sharma; Tehsildar Nagseni and other officers of the Revenue Department Kishtwar attended the meeting.

DDC member inaugurates Road in Chowki Choura



DDC member Suresh Sharma inaugurating road.

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AKHNOOR: BJP leader and District Development Council (DDC) member Suresh Sharma inaugurated the link road from Chowki Choura main market to Rajput Mohalla. This road was a long-pending demand of the local residents, which has now been fulfilled.

The road has been constructed from the District Development Council fund of Suresh Sharma. While addressing the gathering, he said that over the past five years, several roads have been constructed in Block Maira Mandrian and Chowki Choura, and the continuous effort is to connect every village and mohalla with proper paved roads.

Suresh Sharma said that under the visionary leadership

of the country's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a new transformation.

Mega projects, expressways, and railway projects have made long-distance travel easier. He cited the example of the Jammu-Poonch National Highway, which is being constructed at a war footing, and said that two major tunnels are also under construction in the Chowki Choura block. After completion, the travel time from Chowki Choura to Jammu will be reduced to just one hour. He said the entire credit for this development goes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He further added that following the same vision, continuous efforts are being made to connect every back-

ward and remote area with

proper road infrastructure, and these efforts will continue in the future as well. The villagers thanked Suresh Sharma for the construction of the road. He also informed that the tenders for the Turgala road and Kharla Mohalla road in Chowki Choura have been finalized, and the work of laying tar will be completed before March.

On the occasion, BJP Mandal President Ashok Kumar Sharma, former Sarpanch Ravi Kumar, former Sarpanch Ramesh Lal, former Panch Deep Singh, Ajay Kumar, Nambardar Vakil Singh, Shamsheer Singh, Chain Singh, Sikandar Singh, Ashok Kumar, Rashpal Sharma, Madan Lal Sharma, and other prominent persons were present.

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