Satish pays obeisance at Dev Sathan Balli, announces Rs 30 lakh for development

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JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Information Technology, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today paid obeisance at the revered Dev Sathan Balli on the eve of the annual religious congregation and prayed for peace, harmony and prosperity of the people of the region.

Following the religious ceremony, the Minister addressed a huge public gathering at Kharah Balli, where he held detailed interaction with the local residents, religious leaders and representatives of various sections of society. He reiterated that the Omar Abdullah-led government is firmly committed towards ensuring inclusive, equitable and people-centric development, particularly in border and rural areas that have remained vulnerable and underserved for decades.

Cabinet Minister Satish Sharma during visit to revered Dev Sathan Balli.

The Minister was accompanied by MLA Chanapora, Mushtaq Guru besides senior civil and police officers during the visit.

The Minister also conducted an on-the-spot inspection of the playfield at Balli, which is currently under construction.

Stressing the importance of sports for youth empowerment and positive engagement, he directed the concerned departments to expedite the work and ensure that the facility is completed at the earliest with proper quality standards.

Giving a major boost to development in the area, the Minister announced ?30 lakh from his Constituency Development Fund (CDF) for undertaking various development works in Block Kharah Balli. These works will include improvement of local infrastructure, strengthening of civic amenities and creation of community-friendly facilities to enhance the quality of life of the people.

Highlighting the strategic importance of Chhamb, Satish Sharma said the area has witnessed several wars in the past and continues to face challenges due to cross-border shelling and firing". He acknowledged the resilience and sacrifices of the people living in the border belt and assured them that the government is fully sensitive to their concerns and is working towards improving the infrastructure, safety measures, connectivity and basic services in such vulnerable areas.

The Minister underlined that the present government is guided by the politics of development, which, he said, will rise above all other political ideologies. "Sustainable development, peace and prosperity of the people will always remain our foremost priority. Through focused governance and transparent implementation of schemes, we aim to bring lasting change to every region, especially border and rural belts," he said.

Satish Sharma also appreciated the active participation of the local people in the religious congregation and public interaction programme. He assured them that their genuine grievances and developmental aspirations would be addressed on priority.

Poonch Brigade flags off national integration tour to Delhi & Amritsar

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POONCH: The Poonch Brigade under the aegis of Ace of Spade Division of White Knight Corps flagged off the National Integration Tour from Poonch to Delhi and Amritsar on 03 January from the ALG Ground, Poonch. The tour was formally flagged off by Brig Sachindra Joshi, VSM, Commander, Poonch Brigade.

The National Integration Tour is being organised with the objective of broadening the educational and cultural exposure of young students from border areas. A total of 22 students including 13 Boys & 09 Girls along with 02 Teachers from Shri Krishan Chander Government Degree College, Poonch are participating in the tour, which is scheduled from 03 to 12 January.

During the visit, the delegation will have the honour of meeting the Honourable President of India, witnessing Republic Day parade practice, and visiting prominent national and historical landmarks including the National War Memorial, Jallianwala Bagh, and the Golden Temple, along with other places of cultural and national importance in Delhi and Amritsar.

The initiative aims to familiarise college students with India's rich cultural diversity and create awareness about the wide range of academic and career opportunities available to them after completing their higher education. The students and accompanying teachers expressed great enthusiasm and excitement at the flag-off ceremony, highlighting the positive impact and relevance of such outreach programmes.

The National Integration Tour continues to be a key initiative of the Indian Army, strengthening bonds with youth from border regions and empowering them through exposure, awareness, and inspiration, thereby contributing to national integration and inclusive growth.

DC Ramban reviews progress of Digitization, Land Record Reforms

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of digitization and freezing of Jamabandi, updation of cadastral maps as the base layer on PM Gati Shakti, conduct of Digital Camp Surveys and implementation of the Maker-Checker-Approval protocol across the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Varunjeet Singh Charak and other concerned officers, while Sub-Divisional Magistrates and Tehsildars participated.

The Deputy Commissioner conducted a tehsil-wise review, assessed achievements, identified gaps and issued necessary directions to concerned officers to expedite the process.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Revenue department to complete the digitization process for small, medium and large villages strictly within the prescribed timelines. Emphasising the importance of accuracy, transparency and accountability, he instructed the Tehsildars to personally supervise the Maker-Checker-Approval mechanism and closely monitor daily progress at the field level.

Briefing the officers regarding the significance of these initiatives, the DC said that digitized and updated land records are critical for transparent land administration, dispute-free records and effective developmental planning. "Accurate cadastral mapping integrated with PM Gati Shakti will strengthen infrastructure planning and decision-making," he stressed.

The Deputy Commissioner called for coordinated and concerted efforts from all concerned officers to achieve time-bound and error-free implementation, ensuring that the benefits of digital land reforms reach the public in an efficient and reliable manner.

Jammu police holds police-public meet at Allah

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JAMMU: As a part of a public outreach programme and to improve the Police- Public relations, efficiency, transparency and accountability in Policing at the grass root and to develop confidence and synergy with citizens today on 03-01-2026, a Police-public meeting chaired by SP headquarters Jammu, Irshad Hussain Rather-JKPS at BPP Allah in the jurisdiction of Police Station Arnia and was also attended by Police Officers including SHO Arnia,Inspector Dilawar Kumar;IC BPP Allah,PSI Harjinder Singh & IC BPP Sai,PSI Yasar Arafat.

Police officials during the meeting at Arnia.

About 200 persons including youth,Ex-Sarpanchs/ex-Panchs/Numberdars as welll as prominent/senior Citizens of the area participated in the said meeting.

IC BPP Allah & SHO Arnia briefed the audience regarding the steps regarding the steps taken by Jammu Police in curbing the crimes in the area and ensuring safety, security of general public.

SP Headquarters Jammu after extending New Year greetings nd best wishes to participants,briefed the participants regarding importance of good Police-Public relations in maintaining peace, tranquility and public order for welfare of society at large, at the same juncture it was lucidly conveyed to them that the Police will walk an extra mile for ensuring effective Policing in the area.

Participants were briefed regarding the effective steps taken by the Jammu & Kashmir Police in Controlling Drug menace and other crimes and sought cooperation of the people in curbing drug peddling and other social crimes.

Participants were briefed regarding increasing Cyber Crimes and safety need to taken to prevent such crimes.He urged the participants to cooperate with Police and Civil administration in maintaining law & order in their areas as well as in identifying anti-social elements like drugs peddler, bootleggers, thieves,etc.

The participants were also briefed/advised to keep a supervision over the routine activities of their children and they If notice any thing unusual immediately try to cross check it. They were also informed that if any one who is drug addict and wants treatment can come to Police Drug De-addiction Centre Channi Jammu and all assistance/treatment shall be provided to the addict persons.

Participants were briefed to follow the traffic rules and were also advised not to hand over their vehicles to minors/unknown persons and always use Seat belts while driving their vehicles, also use helmets while riding two wheelers and avoid triple ridding/rash driving etc.

Moreover, the public was also sensitized that the area falls near International border and in view of present security scenario, drone activity/tunnels is the immediate challenge and the people need to remain watchful regarding such attempts.

The participants were further briefed that keeping in view of sensitivity of the area, remain extra vigilant in their area and were also advised that if they notice anything suspicious or any suspicious person/vehicles roaming in their respective areas, bring Immediately it to the notice of the nearest Police unit.

The participants were also advised to share the information of drug peddler and other criminal elements if noticed in their area & for ensuring proper tenant verifications

Participants were assured by SP Headquarters Jammu that issues pertaining to police will be redressed on priority and those pertaining to civil administration will be taken up with the concerned quarters for the speedy disposal.It deserves to be mentioned here that towards the end of the meet, the public was fervently urged to become stake holders in Policing by coming up with fruitful ideas, so as to refine Policing in the larger interest of general public. The meeting ended with positive gestures and the public was thankful for organizing such interaction meets.

7-day-old baby beats the odds at Narayana Hospital

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KATRA: For the parents of a seven-day-old newborn, hope seemed to fade with every passing hour. Referred from a Hospital in Jammu, the baby arrived at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, Katra, on bag and tube ventilation after nearly eight hours of critical respiratory support. The condition was grave. The newborn was cyanosed, with oxygen saturation hovering around 82 percent, and was fighting severe sepsis with respiratory failure and shock.

Immediately on arrival, the baby was shifted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and placed on mechanical ventilation. The situation was challenging even for experienced clinicians, as managing a critically ill outborn newborn after prolonged bag and tube ventilation requires precision, speed, and round-the-clock expertise.

The case was taken over by Dr Sanjeet Singh and the dedicated NICU team. Over the next several days, the baby remained under continuous monitoring and advanced life support. Gradually, signs of improvement began to appear. After one week, the newborn started responding to treatment, and over the course of a 22-day NICU stay, showed steady recovery.

When the baby was finally discharged, stable and breathing independently, it marked not just a clinical success, but an emotional victory for a family that had almost lost hope.

"Initially, the parents were completely hopeless," said Dr Sanjeet Singh. "This was a very challenging case. The baby had been critically ill for several hours before reaching us. Managing such an outborn neonate needs a strong NICU setup, trained nursing staff, and specialists available round the clock. This recovery belongs to the entire team."

Dr M M Mathavan, Facility Director, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, highlighted that complex pediatric and neonatal cases are now being successfully treated because of robust support systems. "Advanced NICU infrastructure, continuous availability of specialists, and highly trained nursing care make the difference in saving such fragile lives. Quality care is not just about equipment, it is about systems working seamlessly for the patient," he said.

Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Executive Director, SMVDIME said "Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board's support in developing world-class healthcare infrastructure has enabled the hospital to manage the most critical cases locally, reducing the need for families to travel outside the region in moments of crisis".

Extending his commitment to child healthcare beyond the hospital, Dr Sanjeet Singh has also started free pediatric OPDs at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Multi-Speciality Clinic, located at 4 C C Greenbelt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. These free consultations are held every Saturday at 4 PM, aimed at ensuring accessible, quality pediatric care for children across Jammu.

Stories like this newborn's recovery reflect how timely intervention, compassionate care, and strong institutional support can turn despair into relief. At Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspeciality Hospital, every saved life reinforces a simple belief that no child should be denied a chance to survive and thrive.

DC Poonch reviews status of work on NH-144A, R-T-S road projects

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: A review meeting was held today under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma to discuss issues related to NH-144A and R-T-S road works as per the scheduled agenda.

All agenda points were discussed in detail and were duly cleared by the Deputy Commissioner.

The Deputy Commissioner took a serious view of delays affecting Highway project progress. He ordered immediate clearance of the acquired Right of Way (RoW). The DC categorically directed to initiate action against non-compliance by agencies/individuals.

Further, the concerned departments were asked to expedite shifting of utilities along NH-144A to avoid any hindrance to ongoing and proposed works.

The Deputy Commissioner also issued strict instructions for demolition and removal of obstructing structures at Kala-Nallah on the R-T-S Road, emphasizing that no obstruction hampering road construction and public safety will be tolerated.

The concerned departments were asked to ensure time-bound compliance of the directions issued failing which accountability will be fixed as per rules.

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Case FIR No. 04/2022 under Section 420 IPC r/w 66-D IT Act is under investigation with Police Station Economic Offences Wing of Crime Branch Kashmir. The individual whose description is given below, is involved in the said case is evading his arrest to scuttle the due process of law.

Please have a sharp look out, if the accused is traced /found he be apprehended/detained and this agency be informed accordingly, on phone No. 0194-2471836.

The description of the accused individuals is as under:

Particulars of the person	Ranjeet Prasad Singh S/o Samdeo Prasad R/o Maksudpur Thana Unchkagaon Sasmusa Gopal Ganj, Bihar-841505
Aadhar No.	332012307079
Pan No.	DEPDPP2809L
Election ID No.	NA
Date of Birth	11.06.1990
Height	5-6′
Hair	Black
Identification mark	Mole on the face

DIP/J-9789/25
Dated:- 03/01/2026

Sd/-
Senior Superintendent of Police,
Economic offences Wing,
Crime Branch Kashmir.

Land Compensation was pending form 12 Yrs in a main Link Road of Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: Residents of Hidyal and Wazir Mohalla Kishtwar have appealed to the district administration and the Public Works Department (PWD) to expedite repairs on the Link Road from Hidyal to Gurain via Killa Top.

The road has become a lifeline for locals, especially when the main route was closed for two weeks during the construction of a drain from Sir Iqbal Academy to Main Bazar Kishtwar.

Randeep Bhandari, a local resident, expressed concern over the road's poor condition, stating that despite repeated appeals, the department has taken no action.

He also highlighted that landowners have been awaiting compensation for 12 years and urged DC Kishtwar to look into it.

Locals have urge authorities to address their concerns.

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Udhampur delegation meets Jal Shakti Minister; seeks resolution of drinking water issues

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JAMMU: A delegation of public representatives from various villages of Udhampur district, including Makyani Chanoonta, Dhannu and Majalta, on Tuesday, met Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, and apprised him of drinking water issues affecting their respective areas.

The delegation was led by Abdul Ghani Teli, Chairman OBC Cell of the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (JKNC).

During the meeting, the members raised concerns regarding irregular drinking water supply, the need for upgradation of existing infrastructure and replacement of old and damaged pipelines. They also stressed the importance of augmentation of water sources and preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to address the long-standing water scarcity and infrastructure-related challenges in their villages.

Senior officers of Jal Shakti Department present on the occasion included Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti Jammu; Superintending Engineer, Udhampur; Executive Engineer, Udhampur, along with Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) and Junior Engineers (JEs) of Jal Shakti Division Udhampur.

Taking serious notice of the issues raised, the Minister asked the Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti, to personally visit all the habitations and ensure regular and adequate water supply. He further instructed for formulation of DPRs for permanent restoration of damaged water supply infrastructure in the affected areas at the earliest.

Meanwhile, the department was directed to put in place appropriate temporary and alternate arrangements to ensure uninterrupted water supply.

The Minister also directed the department to immediately prepare a DPR for a comprehensive water supply scheme for Dhannu Thathi, aimed at providing a long-term and sustainable solution to drinking water problems faced by the residents of the area.