

# Div Com takes stock of passenger facilities at Jammu Railway Station; discusses redevelopment plan

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer on Sunday visited Jammu Railway Station and took a first hand appraisal of passengers facilities and an overview of the station redevelopment plan.

Divisional Traffic Manager (DTM), Mahesh Yadav gave an overview and apprised the Div Com regarding the upcoming station redevelopment project of Jammu railway station. It was informed that Jammu Railway Station has been identified by the Railways Ministry for redevelopment on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The facilities proposed under the redevelopment plan include congestion free non-conflicting entry/exit to the station premises, segregation of arrival/departure of passengers, adequate concourse without overcrowding, integration with other modes of transport systems-bus and metro etc., user friendly international signage, well illuminated circulating area and sufficient provision for drop off, pick up and parking etc.

The meeting also discussed the upcoming metro project



Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer visiting Jammu Railway Station.

alignment. The Railway authorities requested for developing the metro station nearby the existing railway station for easy access to the passengers.

The Additional Divisional Railway Manager Jammu briefed the Div Com regarding cancellation/short termination of inbound & outbound trains due to farmers' protest in Punjab. The Railway authorities apprised the Div Com that local trains as per need are being run by the Northern Railways between Katra - Amritsar section for the benefit of the passengers.

Dr Langer also reviewed security arrangements at the station and the SSP Railways Arif Reshu briefed him regarding security aspects and other measures in place at the Railway Station.

The Station Director lauded the role of Police authorities and cooperation being extended to them.

Additional DRM Jammu apprised the Div Com that in the long run cargo terminal is planned to be shifted to Bari Brahmna station and oil terminal to Bajalta. This will make the passenger move totally hassle free at the

Jammu Railway Station in times to come.

The Div Com directed ADC Jammu to ensure that information regarding cancellation/short termination of trains is disseminated through the Information Department, while the public should be made aware to check the status of their trains through NTES (National Train Enquiry System). Railway authorities were told to share daily schedules with the information department for circulation in the media for information of the public.

Meanwhile, the Div Com

also interacted with the staff present at testing counters. The team of doctors on duty apprised the Divisional Commissioner about the arrangements being put in place by the district administration and the health department at the railway station for prevention and control of Covid-19. It was informed that a total 70 staff including doctors and paramedics has been deputed for testing at Railway station.

"Around 1000 to 1100 RAT sampling and 150 to 250 RT PCR is done on an average, while there is a very low Positivity Rate" the health officials informed. It was informed that presently the influx of travelers is low. It was further informed that medical teams are available 24x7 and all the passengers are being sampled at the platforms.

The Div Com was accompanied by Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Station Director Railways, Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu, SSP Railways, SDM Jammu South, CMO Jammu, Nodal Officer Railway, Tehsildar Bahu besides other concerned officers.



## Gurmat Samagam held to commemorate martyrdom of 'Char Sahibzade'

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JAMMU: A Gurmat Samagam in remembrance of martyrdom of 'Char Sahibzade' of Guru Gobind Singh and Mata Gujjar Kour was held on Sunday at Gurdwara Guru Angad Dev, Preet Nagar, Jammu.

Eminent Ragi Jathas including Bhai Sahib Jagir (Jammu wale), Bhai Gurpreet Singh (Ludhiana wale), Bhai Bahadur Singh (Jammu wale) were also present on the occasion and enlightened Sangat by reciting Shabad Kirtan. Eminent Paracharack Bhai Satinder Singh threw light on teaching and sacrifices of Sikh Gurus especially Guru

Gobind Singh. Tejinder Pal Singh (Chairman, Sikh Youth Sewa Trust) was also present on the occasion and was felicitated by management. Manjeet Singh (Chairman) highlighted contributions of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Sabha. Harmanjot Singh, President of Sabha, Amarpreet Singh and Harshdeep Singh also spoke on the occasion. Harpreet Singh (Secretary) presented formal vote of thanks and urged participants to follow teachings of Sikh Gurus and martyrs. Devotees in large number attended the Samagam and took blessing of Guru Granth Sahib.

## Dogra Rattan Rishi Kumar Kaushal's statue installed at Reasi; main chowk renamed



BJP State General Secretary (Org) Ashok Koul unveiling statue of Rishi Kumar Kaushal at Reasi.

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REASI: BJP State General Secretary (Org), Ashok Koul on Sunday unveiled the statue of Dogra Rattan Rishi Kumar Kaushal at Reasi.

Besides Ashok Koul and other senior BJP leaders, the ceremony was attended by family members of late Rishi Kumar Kaushal including his sons Raman Kaushal, Dr Vipin Kaushal, Vivek Kaushal and a large number of prominent citizens of district Reasi.

Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Koul said, "Late Rishi Kumar Kaushal always adopted a human approach rather than political considerations while working for the people."

"Rishi Kaushal also worked for rehabilitating and providing relief to the up-rooted persons of Rajouri and Reasi Tehsils. The late leader led the agitation for 27 years to restore the district status of

Reasi in the nineties and early twenties and vowed that he will not shave his beard and hair till the fulfillment of the demand," Koul said adding that the services rendered by the late leader for the cause of his constituency in particular and J&K in general will always be remembered by the generation to come.

"In 1962, Rishi Kumar Kaushal was first elected to the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly from Reasi and was re-elected in 1972 and 1977 as a Jana Sangh candidate, as he was a hugely popular mass leader," he said; To honour the contribution, Koul said that the famous Chowk of Reasi has been renamed as Rishi Kumar Kaushal Chowk.

Late Rishi Kumar Kaushal was one of the towering personalities of Jammu & Kashmir, who fought for the

cause of people throughout his life, Koul said adding that prior to his political career, Rishi Kaushal served the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) for about 8 years and held prestigious positions in the organisation.

He was General Secretary of the organisation from 1958 to 1967, Vice-President Pradesh Jan Sangh in 1967-69, Pradesh Secretary, Jan Sangh from 1969-72, and Secretary & whip of the Jan Sangh Legislature group 1962-67, Koul said adding that besides this, Rishi Kumar Kaushal was the President Beopar Mandal Reasi in 1951-53, elected Chairman TAC Reasi from 1954-61. He was closely associated with provincial and local Sanatan Dharam Sabha activities and was a staunch supporter of 'Bhartiyata' preached by Swami Vivekananda and Dr. Syama Prasad Mukerjee. He was also imprisoned six times for two and half years in connection with the Praja Parishad and Jan Sangh movement in the erstwhile state.

"Veteran leader had a distinguished political career and was known as the true leader of the masses. He not only worked for his Constituency but was known for extending his helping hand beside, using his good offices for the redressal of grievances faced by common man," Koul added.

## Civil, Police Admn joining hands to provide maximum facilities to masses

### ■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: As a part of public outreach programme and to strengthen relationship between administration and general public, a series of meetings and interactions were held in Srinagar, Baramulla and Ganderbal. According to the officials, these meetings were held to further improve co-ordination between civil and police administration and relationship with general public.

The district administration in collaboration with Srinagar Municipal Corporation and local police is working to provide hassle-free transport system, removing encroachments by shopkeepers and vendors besides removing roadside car parking under supervision of SMC Commissioner Athar Amir Khan. Further, civil and police administrations are joining hands to provide maximum facilities to general public in Srinagar. In this regard, a civil-police coordination meeting was held at DC office complex under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Muhammad Aijaz Assad. Senior Superintendent of Police, Rakesh Bahwal was also present on the occasion. The meeting discussed various issues related to market checking, COVID enforcement, prevention of drug menace and illegal constructions, anti-encroachment drives and other public service delivery matters. On the occasion, officers of Police and Civil Administration officers gave detailed feedback to Deputy Commissioner about basic concerns of people in their respective jurisdictions. Speaking during the meeting, DC said that Civil Administration as well as Police have a common goal of working for welfare of the people. He also directed for constituting Revenue Patrolling squads to check illegal constructions and land conversion besides other concerns in larger interest of public. The DC also asked for conducting a joint capacity building workshop for

senior officers of police and civil administration to ensure better relationship with masses.

SSP Srinagar also spoke on the occasion and stressed on better coordination between police and civil administration for eradicating social evils from society and efficient tackling of law & order situations.

On the other side, Police in Baramulla facilitated another Police-public interaction meeting at Police Post Palhalan. The meeting was chaired by SSP Baramulla Rayees Mohammad Bhat in presence of other officers. A number of people including eminent citizens, PRLs, members of Aungal committees, Numberdars, Chowkidars, traders' federations and various market associations also attended the meeting. A similar interaction meeting was held in Ganderbal which was attended by a number of eminent personalities from different walks of life.

Earlier, Army and civil administration, on Saturday conducted a Gram Sabha at Davar in Gurez on occasion of 'National Good Governance Day'. The event was attended by over 70 persons including Sarpanchs, Panchs, public representatives, and officials of civil administration and Army. During this meet locals were informed about various initiatives undertaken jointly by the administration and Army for development of tourism, infrastructure, self-employment and improvement of quality of living in Gurez. On the occasion, progress on points discussed during previous Gram Sabha meeting was discussed while plans & initiatives for development and progress of Gurez were discussed. A lecture on 'Health Management & Preventive Care during winters' was delivered by a team of doctors led by BMO and problems at the grass-root level and grievances of locals were heard by concerned authorities.

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