

## BJP leaders meet CCI office-bearers, listen to problems of business community

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Senior BJP leaders interacting with CCI office-bearers at Chamber House, Jammu.

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He raised the issue of lease deed of fruit market, Sabzi Mandi, Bahu Plaza and Shiv market situated outside Jammu Railway Station.

Another important issue which came for discussion was related to SRO issues with regard to Nazool land.

The CCI President also said that the issue for survival and revival of sick industry is also

very important as new industrial package has limited scope for rejuvenating the existing industry of Jammu.

He urged the BJP leadership to take up the matter with HMO and Union Finance Minister besides also appoint a local Advisor to the Lt. Governor to discuss their issues and have liaison with Government.

The Chamber also raised the issue of extraordinary hike in the electricity tariff of industrial units.

The CCI President said that 30 per cent hike is too much and therefore he demanded that government should assure that the tariff will be frozen for the next three years

with no proposal for any further hike.

Besides, he also demanded that the electricity duty for industrial units should also bring down upto 5 percent.

After listening to the issues of the business community of the Jammu region the visiting leaders of the BJP assured to take up all the matters with the concerned quarters and vowed for the positive outcome in all the issues taken up during the meeting.

CCI office bearers including Rajeev Gupta, Junior Vice President CCI, Gaurav Gupta, Secretary General, Rajesh Gupta Secretary and Rajesh Gupta Treasurer were also present.



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Khushal Jammu Kashmir:

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## Billawaria starts blacktopping work of road



Deputy Mayor, Baldev Singh Billawaria along with Corporator Ward 12 Jeet Kumar Angral after starting blacktopping work.

Corporation is committed to provide better infrastructure and other basic facilities to the people of Jammu City.

District Secretary Jatinder Kour, Mandal Vice President Dr Surjeet Singh, Barinder Dogra, Swarn Sambyal, Kuldeep Kumar, Ramesh Kumar, Man Mohan, Suneet Thakur, Amrik Singh, GS Thakur, Ajay Kumar Udhams, Bhuri Singh, Parshotam Lal, Rahul, Sunil Karan Singh and Bachan Singh were also present.

The Deputy Mayor said that after completion of this road, the commuters will get relief from various problems. He further said that the Municipal

## Sub-zero temperature & worst power situation in Valley

### SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Kashmir Valley is under the grip of severe cold wave from past 20 days and the temperature hits sub-zero levels in Kashmir continuously, power crisis has further deepened notwithstanding the 'curtailment schedule' which Jammu & Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JKPDCL) had recently issued, showing 31-hour to 56-hour per week power curtailment. Days after people received their revised monthly bills, with a hike of 8 to more than 22 per cent from October onwards. The curtailment schedule is being grossly violated by JKPDCL as people shiver in absence of heating appliances and running hot water amid the bone-chilling cold. However, reports from across Kashmir informed that situation has gone even worse after the curtailment sched-

ule was issued, in metered as well as non-metered areas of the valley. "They have made a mockery of the curtailment schedule. They supply the electricity in 15-minute streaks even during the time wherein we are supposed to get uninterrupted power supply," local residents, told STATE TIMES. Several media houses received similar complaints from parts of the summer capital Srinagar as well as other districts in south Kashmir and many areas in north Kashmir. People complained that they have never seen such a dire power crisis in Kashmir. "This is unprecedented. We have seen extreme load shedding during the winter season, but this season beats all the previous records. And the insult to the injury is the attitude of the PDD administration; they act as if they are supplying non-stop power sup-

ply," a resident of Srinagar told People lamented that the administration has escalated power tariffs in unmetered areas, despite the pathetic state of the power scenario. "And then they have the audacity to blame the general public for using heating appliances. Where is the electricity to use the appliances? And even if we do, don't we pay for it?" a resident of south Kashmir said.

Earlier this month, power consumers received inflated power bills after the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) of Jammu and Kashmir approved an 8 to 22 per cent hike in domestic, industrial, commercial and agriculture power tariffs across the union territory. Chief Engineer JKPDCL, had recently told, "We will be able to stabilise power supply, but cannot say the scenario will get better. The scenario will remain as it has been during winters in previous years," he added but JKPDCL has failed on this front as well.

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## Good Governance Week: DC takes stock of quality, distribution of ration in Rajouri

### STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: To take stock of the Public Distribution System, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Monday inspected the Fair Price Shop in Ward No 8 Rajouri town. The DC visited the FPS to confirm that it was operating properly and that the dealer delivering the food grains was adhering to the all prescribed standards.

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ice delivery at FPS, and transparency as well as grievance redressal mechanism implemented on the ground level.

The DC also inquired about the ration distribution process while interacting with beneficiaries at the Fair Price Shop. The beneficiaries informed the DC that they are receiving the rations as per the fixed rate and scale under various departmental schemes such as NFSA and PMGKAY.

The public also appreciated the department for implementing Aadhaar-enabled distribution, saying that the system has enhanced transparency and accountability in the distribution process and that they are receiving ration supplies on time and without difficulty.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Imran Rashid Kataria; Assistant Director FCS&CA, Arief Lone, and officials of the FCS&CA besides Councillor Rajesh Gupta was also present on the occasion.

## Dr Darakhshan inspects Waqf properties at Kathua, meets DC



Chairperson JKWB, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi interacting with officials at Kathua.

She held a discussion with local Waqf Board officials and later held a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Panday.

She also met many public delegations from different blocks of Kathua and discussed many issues related to the Waqf properties and their management.

"Waqf properties in Kathua are well managed and I am happy that with public support local Waqf management is looking after the assets and the Sufi shrine very well. The Board will take up new projects in the district soon", said Dr Darakhshan.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In order to have firsthand knowledge about the problems and issues faced by the traders in Jammu region, senior BJP leaders including BJP National Secretary Narinder Singh, former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, J&K BJP Vice President Yudhvir Sethi, Seh-Prabhari Vinay Gupta and Corporators Lucky Puri and Narinder Singh visited Chamber House and held interaction with Chamber of Commerce and Industry office bearers.

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JAMMU: Hundreds of prominent people including BDC chairmen, Sarpanches, political leaders, panchayats and social activist belonging to Rajouri, Reasi and Udhampur today joined Bharatiya Janata Party in the presence of Ravinder Raina, president at a function organized by former MLA and BJP leader Balwant Singh Mankotia here at party headquarters Triloka Nagar.

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Similarly, the power supply to Akalpur, Udhaywala, Sangrampur, Lale-De-Bagh, Nagbani, DPS School Manorma Vihar, Adhewala, Anand Nagar, Domana, Lower Machhian, Nagbani and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 20 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Rabta, Sarote, Mathwar, Lift Irrigation Ranjan and adjoining areas shall remain affected on December 20 from 10 am to 3 pm.

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Shakeela Andrabi, corporator of Ward 12, Jeet Kumar Angral, welcomed the newly joined members.

Devyanshi Bakshi, a student of Class 10th from Jammu Sanskriti School (JSS) Kathua, has brought laurels to the school and to the Kathua district by clinching the Prize of Excellence in the Rhetorics: The Young Orators Championship which was organised during the CBSE Adolescent Summit on Life Skills, Mental Health, Safety and Well-Being 2022 at the venue National Bal Bhawan, Delhi between December 15 to 17, 2022. For the championship, the young orator had to compete against her veterans. She was pitted against over 300 elite schools pan India and yet secured the first position among her peers.

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