

Sunil Sharma meets Nitin Nabin, congratulates on appointment as BJP's Youngest National Working President

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NEW DELHI: Leader of Opposition and senior BJP leader Sunil Sharma on Thursday met Nitin Nabin at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi and extended his heartfelt congratulations on his appointment as the youngest National Working President of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

The meeting was marked by warmth and mutual respect, with both leaders reaffirming their commitment to strengthening the party's organisational framework and democratic values.

During the interaction, Sunil Sharma lauded Nitin Nabin's remarkable political journey and leadership qualities, describing his elevation as both a personal milestone and a reflection of the party's faith in young and dynamic leadership.

"Becoming the youngest National Working President of the BJP is not only a significant personal achievement, but also a testament to Nitin Nabin's dedication, strategic vision and ability to inspire people across generations," Sharma said. He added that Nabin's consistent efforts to encourage youth participation in politics have set a benchmark for emerging leaders within the party.



Sharma further emphasized that Nitin Nabin's appointment reflects the BJP's commitment to nurturing young talent and empowering progressive leadership at the national level. "In a rapidly evolving political landscape, youth leadership plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of India. Nitin

Nabin embodies the energy, innovation and resolve required to take the party forward and connect meaningfully with the aspirations of young Indians," he said.

Expressing his gratitude, Nitin Nabin thanked Sunil Sharma for his warm wishes and acknowledged the guidance and support of senior leaders and grassroots workers in shaping his political journey. "It is an honour to serve as the National Working President of the BJP. I am deeply humbled by the trust placed in me by the party leadership and supporters across the country," Nabin said, pledging to uphold the party's core values and vision.

The two leaders also discussed strategies to strengthen grassroots engagement and expand the party's presence across regions, with a special focus on youth empowerment. Nitin Nabin reiterated that inclusive politics and active youth participation are essential for national progress. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to democratic ideals and collaborative efforts toward socio-economic development and political inclusivity.

Kreeda Bharati holds Kabaddi meet at Shopian



Participating teams with officials posing for a photograph.

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JAMMU: Kreeda Bharati Jammu and Kashmir, in support with District Kabaddi Association, organised championship at Shopian in Kashmir. The event was organised to promote the Indian sport of Kabaddi at the grass root level and also to spot the talent for their further grooming into national and international stuff.

In total, eight teams participated in this district-level event, featuring Sub-Junior and Junior boys events. In the Sub-Junior final,

Poterwal Kabaddi Club defeated MMEET Kabaddi Club while in Junior category, Syed Jaffar Kabaddi Club beat Shopian Hunters to claim the trophy.

Meanwhile, general secretary of Kreeda Bharati J&K, Ashutosh Sharma expressed satisfaction over growing popularity of the Kabaddi sport in J&K. He thanked the J&K Amateur Kabaddi Association and the respective district units for extending a helping hand in successful conduct of the activities in J&K.

Javid Dar calls for awareness campaign on agriculture, allied schemes



Agriculture Minister Javid Ahmad Dar visiting a stall.

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JAMMU: Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Cooperative and Election Department, Javid Ahmad Dar, on Thursday addressed the Multi-Stakeholder Platform Meet-2 under the Jammu & Kashmir Comprehensive Agricultural Development Programme (JKCIP/HADP) at Kisan Kendra, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

The Minister highlighted the importance of such platforms in bringing together the farmers, FPOs, government departments, agri-entrepreneurs, financial

institutions, researchers and civil society to collectively work for growth of agriculture and allied sectors. He reiterated that agriculture remains the backbone of Jammu & Kashmir's economy and stressed the need to empower the farmers for sustainable regional development.

He emphasized the launching of a vigorous awareness campaign on agriculture and allied sector schemes to ensure maximum outreach and benefits to the farming community. He underlined the need to promote market-driven production, strengthen market linkages, reduce dependency

on middlemen, encourage public-private partnerships and foster inclusive decision-making involving small and marginal farmers, women and youth.

The Minister also called for replication of successful innovations and technologies in agriculture and horticulture, stating that the goal is to transform the traditional farming into a modern, income-oriented and market-driven system.

Later, the Minister visited the Rural Development Department Jammu, interacted with the officials and reviewed the progress of ongoing developmental works in Jammu division.

The event was attended by the Mission Director JKCIP/HADP, Directors of Agriculture,

Horticulture and Animal Husbandry, MD JK AGRO, experts from SKUAST-J and Universities, representatives of financial institutions including J&K Bank and PNB, members of the Kissan Advisory Board, farmers, FPOs and budding entrepreneurs.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Battal, Dheema and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 19 from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Jaurian, Troti, Muthi, Mara, Bakora, Rakh Muthi, PHE, BSF, Border Migrant, Sohal, MES and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 19 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to MES Batote, Dharmound, Siraj, Sanasar and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 19 from 9 am to 4 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Biaspur, Kotli, Kalyana, Sai Kalan, Khana Chak, Kang, Abdullahian, Rahiyani, Purana Pind and its adjoining areas will remain affected on December 19 from 12 noon to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to R/Station: Chenani, Kud, Sudh Mahadev, Dhuma and adjoining areas will remain affected on December 19 from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

Cybercrime Awareness Programme held at JU



Chief Guest, Prof. J. P. Joorel, Dean of Academic Affairs, JU being felicitated.

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JAMMU: A one-day awareness programme titled "Cybercrime Unmasked: Protecting Yourself in the Digital Age" was successfully organised by Science Clubs, Utsaah, in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Science, Technology & Innovation Council (JKST&IC), DST, on December 18, 2025 at the University of Jammu.

The programme aimed to equip participants with essential knowledge and practical skills to stay safe in the digital world. Over 100 students, research

scholars, faculty members, staff, employees and community members participated in the event.

Expert-led sessions focused on identifying and preventing cybercrimes such as phishing, identity theft, ransomware and online fraud. Cybersecurity specialists from JKST&IC and digital forensics experts shared real-life case studies, interactive demonstrations and practical tips on maintaining digital hygiene.

The Chief Guest, Prof. J. P. Joorel, Dean of Academic Affairs, University of

Jammu, appreciated the initiative and emphasized the growing relevance of cyber awareness.

He shared real-life examples of cyber fraud cases involving people from elite sections of society and urged participants to remain alert and informed.

Guest of Honour, Prof. Romesh Kumar, Professor and Head, expressed strong support for the initiative, stating that collaborations like these help extend the benefits of science and technology for public good and encourage citizens to adopt best practices against

cybercrime.

Special Guest, Shruti Khanna, Assistant Director and DST Coordinator, JKST&IC, appreciated Science Club Utsaah and expressed plans to expand such programmes to schools and colleges. Invited speaker Prof. Subhanandan Singh Jamwal delivered an interactive lecture on Cybersecurity and Digital Hygiene, while Kiran Thakur, Advocate and Legal Consultant, spoke on Cyber Crime and Cyber Safety. Dr. Nitam Sharma, Assistant Professor, The Law School, University of Jammu, highlighted legal aspects related to cyber offences, and panelist Mr. Subham Kotwal inspired youth to become responsible digital citizens.

Earlier, Prof. Meena Sharma, Chairperson, Utsaah, welcomed the participants. Dr. Chinnmoyee, Coordinator, Science Club Utsaah, delivered the vote of thanks. The event concluded with a cyber safety pledge, distribution of certificates and resource kits, and enthusiastic participant engagement.

Satish reviews functioning of key departments in Kupwara

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KUPWARA: In continuation with the government's public outreach programme, Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, IT, Science and Technology, Satish Sharma, along with Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani on Thursday reviewed the progress and performance of several departments during a meeting held at Kupwara.

The meeting was attended by MLA Kupwara Mir Mohammad Fayaz, MLA Karnah Javid Ahmad Mirchal, MLA Langate Khurshid Ahmad Sheikh, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara Shrikant Suse, ADC Handwara, RTO Kashmir, Joint Director FCS&CA and Joint Director Youth Services & Sports, Chief Planning Officer and other concerned district officers.

While reviewing the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, the Minister was informed that a total of 6,67,755 beneficia-

ries have been registered under NFSA and non-NFSA categories in the district. It was further informed that 267.81 metric tonnes of rice have currently been stocked at the main FCS&CA depot at Bumhama. Adequate stock of rice, atta and sugar have already been pre-positioned in border and snow-bound areas, including Karnah, Machil, Keran, Budnamal, Jumbund and Kumkadi, which are being serviced through 170 centres.

The Minister emphasized the need to ensure an uninterrupted supply of essential commodities, particularly in snow-bound and hard-to-reach areas, so that the residents do not face any inconvenience during harsh weather conditions.

Reviewing the Transport Department, the ARTO Kupwara apprised the Minister of the number of passenger buses, trucks and cabs operating in the district. It was informed that ₹15.91 crore have been realized during the ongoing financial

year 2025-26 through fees, taxes, fitness and passenger tax. Additionally, ₹5 lakh have been disbursed under the Road Accident Victim Fund during the current year.

Responding to demand of public representatives, the Minister announced the issuance of government buses to all Assembly Constituencies of the district to facilitate daily commuting for the public.

Regarding solarization of government buildings, it was informed that 398 buildings have been solarized so far, and smart meters have been installed in 17 buildings. Additionally, 2,798 solar street lights have been installed during the financial year 2024-25 while 344 more have been proposed for installation in the current financial year. It was also informed that 13 solar agriculture pumps have been allotted in the district, of which, 10 have already been installed. He also directed the concerned officers to ensure installation of solar

lights in all shrines and stadiums of the district. Meanwhile, various solar lights were issued on the spot to all 6 constituencies of the district.

Regarding Hydro Power Plants, the Minister stressed upon the concerned agencies to speed up the execution of work on these projects, which shall augment the power scenario in the district.

Regarding formulation of plans, the Minister enjoined upon all the officers to ensure utmost coordination with the concerned MLAs while making plans for different works.

The Minister also reviewed the activities of the Youth Services & Sports Department in the district.

The Advisor to Chief Minister, while speaking on the occasion, asked the officers to work in close synergy with the elected representatives while formulating and executing the government schemes and initiatives.

Earlier, the Chief Planning Officer Kupwara presented a detailed district profile of Kupwara.

NR safety committee inspects station, operational facilities in Jammu

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JAMMU: A high-level safety committee from the Northern Railway headquarters on Thursday conducted a detailed inspection of the railway station and various operational facilities in Jammu, officials said. The inspection was led by the principal chief safety officer, accompanied by divisional railway manager Vivek Kumar, and other senior officers of the Jammu division were present during

the inspection. Officials said that the committee carried out a comprehensive review of passenger safety and operational preparedness, examining key facilities, including the Jammu station yard panel, lobby and coaching depot. The inspection also covered the signalling system, the maintenance of railway tracks and the technical aspects related to train operations, they said.

During the visit, the Northern

Railway officers interacted with ground-level staff and counselled them on safety norms, sensitising them about the precautions to be followed during rail operations to ensure strict compliance with safety standards.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Uchit Singhal said that the primary objective of the inspection was to ensure proper maintenance of safety infrastructure.

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Delhi Blast case exposes the enemies inside

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JAMMU: The Chairman of Al-Falah Group, Jawad Ahmed Siddique, now in ED custody, has confessed that his university's "Accreditation" was fictitious, NAAC scores were forged, UGC claims fabricated, nearly Rs.400 Cr were siphoned into family businesses, and shell companies proliferated like spores. This was not an educational institution... This was a daughter unit of the #ISI operating quietly on Indian soil, using all high precision techniques of #Hamas. Al-Falah

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