

Billawaria starts development project in Hari Vihar



Former Dy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria starting developmental work.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Continuing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas," BJP Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria, on Friday started developmental work for laying paver tiles and repairing drains at Ward 55, Hari Vihar in the RS Pura-Jammu South Assembly constituency.

Billawaria was accompanied by BJP Jammu South District President Naresh Jasrotia, Mandal President Ajay Pratap Singh, State Executive Member Rajinder Chib (Poppy), Sushpal Choudhary, Sandur Chambyal, Sandeep Sharma, Sahil Jamwal, departmental officials, and prominent locals. The project, estimated

to cost approximately ₹23 lakh, will be executed under the supervision of the Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Speaking on the occasion, Billawaria said that residents of Hari Vihar had long been facing inconvenience due to deteriorated road stretches and damaged drains. Their repeated demands for smooth roads and a proper drainage system, he noted, were finally being addressed through this initiative. He expressed satisfaction that the long-pending civic needs of the area were now being fulfilled.

He added that once completed, the upgraded roads and drainage infrastructure would provide major relief to residents, especially during the rainy season, ensuring safer mobility and preventing

waterlogging. Billawaria emphasized that under the leadership of local MLA Dr. Narinder Singh, development priorities of the constituency are being addressed systematically to improve living standards and enhance overall civic amenities.

Highlighting the BJP's commitment to equitable development, he said that party MLAs across Jammu and Kashmir are actively working to implement projects catering to public needs. He assured that more such initiatives would be executed across all regions in a transparent manner.

Billawaria instructed contractors and officials to maintain high-quality standards and adhere to safety norms to ensure durable and long-term benefits.

IIM Jammu hosts academic visit for students from APS Miran Sahib, Gurukul Public HSS Reasi

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu hosted an enriching academic visit and campus tour for students from Army Public School Miran Sahib and Gurukul Public Higher Secondary School Reasi.

The delegation from Army Public School comprised 46 students of Classes XI and XII, accompanied by Jaspreet Kaur and Shivali Kumari, while Gurukul Public School was represented by 26 students of Classes XI and XII, along with Jawahar Pandita, Chairman and Principal, and teachers Pratibha Jamwal and Vishal Kumar.

The visitors received a warm welcome at IIM Jammu, beginning their tour at the institute's iconic Clock Tower. This was followed by a comprehensive campus walk covering key facilities such as the Grand Reception Area, Mandapam Auditorium, Vedanta MDP Block, Smart Classrooms, Nalanda Library, Rangmanch Amphitheatre, and Jalpan Kendra.

At the Vedanta MDP Centre, the students were briefed on IIM Jammu's Executive Education and Consultancy Division, its



Students with faculty members during visit to IIM Jammu.

specialized training modules, and various professional development programs. They also viewed the detailed campus-scale model illustrating the institute's world-class infrastructure and future expansion blueprint.

During the academic interaction, the delegation learned about IIM Jammu's diverse academic portfolio, Centres of Excellence, research-led initiatives, and community-oriented programs.

The visit to the Nalanda Library provided insight into the institute's advanced digital learning environment featuring modern reading spaces, extensive online resources, and Bloomberg Terminals for real-time financial analytics-reflecting IIM

Jammu's adherence to global education benchmarks. Students also watched audio-visual presentations highlighting the institute's journey since its establishment in 2016, its rapid rise in academic stature, and its contribution to national development. They explored IIM Jammu's official website and social media channels to stay informed about

admissions, scholarships, placements, and student-driven initiatives. The delegation was briefed on IIM Jammu's prestigious international accreditations-BGA Institutional Accreditation and EFMD Programme Accreditation for its MBA program-placing it among the top five IIMs with such distinction and the only second- or third-generation

IIM to achieve it. The institute's progress toward AACSB Accreditation was also highlighted. The visit concluded with an interactive counselling session focused on careers in management, entrepreneurship, finance, analytics, and leadership. The programme was coordinated by the Media and Publications Division, IIM Jammu.

SRLV Charitable Trust launched; Northeast Poetry Anthology released



SRLV Charitable and Welfare Trust members with others releasing book.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Shakuntla Roshan Lal Vohra (SRLV) Charitable and Welfare Trust was formally inaugurated on Friday with the launch of its official website and the release of the book "Looking Through the Window: Northeast Poetry Anthology."

The volume, edited by Prof. Anupama Vohra and Dr. Prasanta Chakraborty, was unveiled by Chief Guest Anuradha Gupta, Director General, Youth Services and Sports, J&K UT.

She was joined by Guest of Honor Prof. Lalit Mangotra, Padma Shri awardee, and Special Guest Prof. Javed Rahi, Additional Secretary, JKAACL, in the presence of SRLV Trust members and an illustrious gathering.

During the event, Prof. Kshamata Chaudhary from

VMOU, Kota, and Dr. Koshika Sharma from the Directorate of Hindi, University of Jammu, presented critical papers on the anthology, highlighting the diverse themes explored by emerging poets from Northeast India.

Prof. Anupama Vohra, President of the Trust, introduced the audience to the vision and objectives of the SRLV Trust.

She explained that the initiative, launched under the patronage of Veena Suri, is a tribute to the cherished legacy of her parents, Shakuntla and Roshan Lal Vohra, whose lives inspired the ethos of community service and cultural promotion.

In her address, Chief Guest Anuradha Gupta congratulated the editors and Trust members for the successful launch of both the

book and the Trust. Prof. Lalit Mangotra, offering his blessings, elaborated on potential philanthropic endeavours that the Trust could undertake in the future. Prof. Javed Rahi emphasized the importance of literature in fostering cultural understanding, assimilation, and appreciation of diverse traditions, rituals, and languages.

The programme began with a welcome address by Prof. Jasbir Singh, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Sindhuja Gupta, Treasurer, SRLV Trust. Veena, Patron of the Trust, presented mementoes of gratitude to the guests.

The event was attended by faculty, officers, scholars from the University of Jammu and Cluster University Jammu, as well as writers, poets, and members of civil society.

Innerwheel Club Jammu Tawi extends care, support to elderly at Home for Aged & Infirm

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a heartwarming display of service, humanity, and social responsibility, a team from the Innerwheel Club Jammu Tawi, under the leadership of its President Vanita Kohli, visited the Home for the Aged & Infirm (Vridh Ashram), Ambphalla, Jammu. The visit reflected the Club's unwavering commitment towards community welfare and its mission to bring comfort to the elderly.

The distinguished visiting team included Vanita Kohli, President; Jaswant Kour, Secretary; Paramjit Kour, Former President; Dr. Santosh Gupta, Former President; Suresh Bala, Editor; Anju Khajuria; Harvinder Kour; and Dr. Arti Bakshi. Their presence filled the atmosphere with warmth and positivity.



Innerwheel Club Jammu Tawi members with inmates at Home for Aged & Infirm.

The team spent quality time with the residents, engaging them in conversations, listening to their experiences, and sharing moments of joy. As a thoughtful gesture of love and respect, the team distributed various daily-use items to the inmates. The elderly residents deeply appreciated

this act of kindness, which brought smiles to their faces and strengthened their sense of belonging. Adding a special charm to the programme, inmates Rajinder Singh Rajput and Shiv Kumar showcased their artistic talents, entralling the visitors with their per-

formance. Their display of creativity drew appreciation from all and highlighted the vibrant spirit that thrives within the Home.

On behalf of the Home, Dr. Dinesh Gupta, Secretary; Vijay Gupta, Joint Secretary; Pankaj Gupta, MCM; and Rajinder Singh, Life

Member, extended heartfelt gratitude to Vanita Kohli and the entire Innerwheel Club Jammu Tawi team for their visit. They acknowledged the Club's noble gesture, expressing that such compassionate interactions significantly uplift the morale of the elderly and contribute to their emotional well-being.

The Managing Committee further appreciated the Innerwheel Club's continuous dedication to social causes and expressed hope that such meaningful engagements would continue to inspire others to contribute towards the welfare of senior citizens.

The visit concluded with mutual warmth, gratitude, and the shared belief that small acts of kindness can create lasting happiness and dignity in the lives of the elderly.

DLSA Jammu reviews preparations for 4th National Lok Adalat scheduled for Dec 13



STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: R. N. Watal, Principal District & Sessions Judge and Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Jammu, held an interaction with media personnel today to raise public awareness about the upcoming 4th National Lok Adalat scheduled for December 13, 2025. During the session, he highlighted the objectives, scope, and expected outcomes of the event, reaffirming the judiciary's commitment to accessible and expeditious justice.

A review meeting regarding preparations for the National Lok Adalat was conducted in the office chamber of the Worthy Chairman. Judicial

Officers attended the meeting, which focused on ensuring that all arrangements are in place for the smooth conduct of the Lok Adalat.

Discussions included identifying suitable pending cases, finalising logistical arrangements such as venue and staff deployment, and strengthening awareness efforts to inform the public about the benefits of dispute resolution through Lok Adalats. Another meeting was convened the same day at 4:00 PM with Bank Managers, their Advocates, Divisional Managers of various Insurance Companies, and their legal representatives.

The session was attended by Khem Raj, Presiding Officer MACT Jammu; Amarjeet Singh Langeh, Presiding Officer Fast Track Court Jammu & Incharge Addl. District Judge Bank Court; Rajni Sharma, Addl. Sessions Judge Anti-Corruption Jammu; and Maleeka Sharma, Secretary DLSA Jammu. Insurance company officials were urged to pursue amicable settlement of pending cases during the Lok Adalat.

The Chairman emphasized collective responsibility in ensuring the success of the National Lok Adalat, a significant initiative that eases the burden on courts and provides citizens with an efficient mechanism for dispute resolution. His proactive oversight reflects the DLSA's continued commitment to promoting access to justice for all.

Law School, JU concludes National Conference on SDGs and Human Rights

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Law School, University of Jammu, in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, successfully concluded its two-day National Conference on SDGs and Human Rights for an Equitable Future: A Prismatic Perspective at the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium. The valedictory session marked the culmination of insightful deliberations, interactive discussions, and creative expressions.

The session began with a powerful theatrical performance by Law School students, directed by dramatist Sumeet Sharma and coordinated by Harmannant and Geetansh. The performance highlighted the value of voting, linking it to international and national legal frameworks, while emphasizing its role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Chief Guest Prof. JP



Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG, JSK Range with JU faculty and students.

Singh Joorel, Dean Academic Affairs, lauded the performance and emphasized the universality of SDGs, underlining the importance of integrating human rights with SDG targets. Guest of Honour Shiv Kumar Sharma, DIG, JSK Range, J&K Police, addressed issues of elderly care, drug abuse, and women's safety, highlighting the police's role in upholding human rights, particularly under SDG 16. Special Guest Prof. Aman Amrit Cheema, Former Director, UILS, Panjab University, spoke on

justice in political, economic, and social spheres, citing contributions of luminaries such as Justice P.N. Bhagwati, Justice Krishna Iyer, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Kapila Hingorani, and Advocate M.C. Mehta.

Conference Convener Prof. Seema Rohmetra described the event as a "collective endeavour to bridge the gap between law, policy, and lived realities," examining intersectional forms of discrimination. A plenary session themed 'Monitoring, Remediating, Delivering:

How National Human Rights Systems, Policies & Schemes Make the SDGs Work for All' featured Prof. Vishav Raksha, Prof. Sarika Manhas, Prof. Deepika Sathia, and Dr. Ajay Sharma, SP South, who emphasized sustainable models inspired by Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

The conference hosted around 150 presentations across nine technical sessions, including one virtual session. The proceedings were coordinated by Dr. Nitan Sharma, Dr. Monica Narang, and Dr. Monika

Bhardwaj, who presented the report and vote of thanks, acknowledging the support of the J&K Anti-Corruption Bureau and J&K Police. The event was also graced by dignitaries including Shri Subash Gupta, Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Prof. Parkash Anthal, Dr. Rashid Manhas, and Advocate Uma Kapahi.

The conference successfully provided a platform to explore the nexus of human rights and sustainable development, fostering dialogue on equity, justice, and inclusive progress.

From Gita to Defence, Modi-Putin Summit marks a new era: Gaurav

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: BJP spokesperson and Convener for International Affairs (J&K UT), Gaurav Gupta, described President Vladimir Putin's state visit to India as a moment "etched in history, emotion, strategy and unwavering friendship," marking a dramatic rise in India-Russia relations under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. Gupta said the tone of the visit was set the moment Prime Minister Modi personally accompanied President Putin in the same car-an image that, he noted, symbolised exceptional trust



between the two nations. Gupta stressed that this gesture was not ceremonial but a powerful declaration that India and Russia "stand together through every geopolitical challenge and every test of loyalty." He added, "When two world leaders step into the same car, they step into the same destiny." He highlighted

the emotional depth of the visit, noting Prime Minister Modi's presentation of a Russian edition of the Bhagavad Gita to President Putin, calling it a reaffirmation of the civilisational bond between the two nations. Gupta said the summit evolved into one of India's most significant diplomatic engagements, with the adoption of the Vision 2030 Strategic Roadmap, aimed at achieving USD 100 billion trade by 2030, boosting industrial cooperation, and increasing rupee-ruble trade to shield both economies from global turbulence. Defence cooperation, Gupta said, was

the "beating heart of the summit," with agreements on joint R&D, aircraft programmes, upgraded BrahMos systems, AI-driven aerospace technology, and enhanced support for S-400 systems. He noted that the S-400 has played a key role in countering "cowardly drone attacks" from Pakistan, particularly in Jammu & Kashmir. "When Pakistan plots, Russia protects, and India stands firm," he remarked. Gupta also praised Russia's assurances of uninterrupted energy supplies, progress at the Kudankulam Nuclear Plant, and cooperation in advanced nuclear technologies.

BSF School excels in U-17 Athletics

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The BSF School Jammu felicitated the young athletes for their exceptional achievements in the just concluded inter-district UT level under-17 boys athletics meet which held under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS). The young athletes from the school demonstrated their talent with Toyiab Shad winning gold in 100 meters and 200 meters events. Toyiab was also part of the 4x100 meters Relay team which against won gold.



BSF School Jammu faculty felicitating winner students.

Another promising athlete from BSF School, Momin Mirza clinched

gold in 400 meters event and later helped Jammu district won first place in

4x100 mtrs Relay. Besides Momin, Shez Ali and Anshuman Aryan were also part of the gold winning 4x400 Relay team. Shez Ali of the same school won gold in 800 meters race thus earned a name for the institution. Principal of the BSF School Jammu, Dr SK Shukla congratulated the champion athletes. He also appreciated the efforts of the Sports Incharges, Amarjit Singh, Rohini and Neha for nurturing the students for different sports events.