

Satish Sharma holds public grievances redress camp at Khour

Reviews development works, departmental functioning

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KHOUR: Reaffirming government's commitment towards citizen-centric governance and accessible administration at the grassroots level, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA); Information Technology; Transport; Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, on Sunday convened a public darbar-cum-grievances redressal camp at Khour, drawing a massive participation from the local residents.

The outreach programme served as an important platform for the public to voice their concerns, submit grievances and seek intervention on issues impacting everyday life. The people highlighted matters relating to ration distribution, transport facilities, road connectivity, drinking water availability, youth-related infrastructure, digital services and local development gaps.



Sports Minister Satish Sharma speaking at public darbar-cum-grievances redressal camp.

The camp was attended by sectoral officers from all departments including FCS&CA, Transport, IT, PHE, PWD, PDD, Rural Development, Revenue, Agriculture, Horticulture, Social Welfare, Animal Husbandry, Education, Youth Services & Sports with updated data, records and field reports. This ensured immediate response to several issues on the spot.

During a detailed review

of the grievances presented by the public, the Minister directed the officers to ensure early and time-bound resolution of all genuine complaints. He also asked for timely follow-up with concerned field functionaries and regular monitoring of public service delivery in their respective jurisdictions.

"Improved coordination between the departments for resolving interlinked issues should also be done besides enhanced visibility

and accountability of government offices at the local level," maintained the Minister.

He cautioned that delay in addressing the public concerns would not be tolerated. He directed the officers to maintain a proactive approach in attending to the needs of the people, especially in rural and border belt areas like Khour. He also directed for ensuring that all the quality parameters are strictly adhered to.

The Minister also interact-

ed with various delegations, local representatives and community leaders who apprised him of sector-specific challenges and ongoing developmental requirements. He assured them that their issues would be taken up at the appropriate levels and addressed in a phased and result-oriented manner.

Satish Sharma, while interacting with media, said that the government is committed to resolve the issues raised by KAS aspirants, sportspersons demanding jobs under SO 12 and all other public welfare issues. He said that we are also abreast with the problems of the people especially those living in the border areas. He said that emphasis is being laid on development of border tourism, which would give fillip to economic activities and also create job avenues for them.



Director Sainik Welfare pays homage to 1971 Martyrs on Flag Day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: On the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day, Director Sainik Welfare Department J&K, Brig Pankaj Chib (Retd) paid homage at the War Memorial of 22 PUNJAB, commemorating the supreme sacrifice of the soldiers who laid down their lives in the 1971 Indo-Pak War at ChakAmru.

The visit coincided with the unit's observance of "ChakAmru Day"- making the event especially poignant.

The Director paid floral tributes at the memorial in the presence of Ex-Servicemen and locals of the area. A contingent from 22 PUNJAB also arrived to present a Guard of Honour, honouring the martyrs of the operation. It may be recalled

that during the 1971 operations, 22 PUNJAB valiantly fought and decisively vanquished the 23 Frontier Force Regiment.

After the wreath-laying, the Director addressed the gathering, narrated a brief account of the battle of ChakAmru, and highlighted its strategic significance in the 1971 operations. He emphasised the remarkable courage, grit, and sacrifice displayed by the soldiers of 22 PUNJAB and underscored how such memories inspire future generations of armed forces personnel.

Speaking to the veterans from the surrounding areas, Brig Pankaj Chib called upon the community to remain committed to the nation-

building vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047". He urged them to contribute through discipline, leadership and community service-qualities deeply rooted in the ethos of the armed forces.

SDM Hiranagar also attended the ceremony and interacted with veterans. The event witnessed heartfelt participation from serving soldiers, retired personnel and local residents, reinforcing the bond between the armed forces and the community.

Armed Forces Flag Day is observed annually to honour the sacrifices of soldiers in the defence of the nation and to support the welfare of Ex-Servicemen and their families.

BJP stresses robust organizational, political work in office bearers, prabhari, seh-prabhari meet



J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul speaking at a party workers meeting.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir, held a significant review meeting of State Office Bearers, District and Moreha Prabharis and Seh-Prabharis at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Meeting was chiefly addressed by J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, who conducted a comprehensive review of ongoing and forthcoming party programmes across Jammu & Kashmir.

Leader of Opposition (LoP) Sunil Sharma also addressed the meeting alongwith, J&K BJP Vice-President & DDC Chairperson Jammu Bharat Bhushan, General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra, Baldev Singh Billawaria,

Gopal Mahajan and Anwar Khan.

While addressing the senior leaders, Ashok Koul outlined the road map for strengthening the party structure at the grassroots level. He emphasized meticulous implementation of flagship programmes including Atma Nirbhar Bharat, Sardar Patel @150 events, and the upcoming Assembly-wise Sammelans being organized across J&K. He stressed that the ongoing Atma Nirbhar Bharat activities would culminate on Sushasan Diwas on 25 December, to be observed at every booth. He further informed that a Swadeshi Mela will be held separately in Jammu and Srinagar, promoting local enterprise and cultural vibrancy.

Koul also urged all leaders to ensure maximum

public participation in Mann Ki Baat, reiterating its importance as a direct connect between the Prime Minister and citizens. He called for stronger coordination between District units and Morehas to achieve deeper outreach. Sunil Sharma, in his address, said that while the BJP is working with commitment to ensure peace, development and empowerment in J&K, the NC-led government continues to pursue regressive tactics that hinder progress and attempt to divert public attention from its failures. He urged the cadre to counter such negativity through organization-driven outreach and by highlighting the transformative initiatives of the BJP.

Presiding over the meeting, Bharat Bhushan,

said that the party's organizational strength must translate into dedicated public service and welfare-oriented action, which remains the central theme of today's deliberations. Sanjita Dogra detailed the ongoing Atmanirbhar Bharat activities and women-oriented empowerment drives by the party cadre in the ongoing campaign.

Baldev Singh Billawaria briefed the party leadership on the Sardar Patel @150 outreach efforts with the involvement of civil society. Gopal Mahajan emphasized measures for robust organizational coordination across districts.

Anwar Khan highlighted upcoming district-level initiatives and delivered the vote of thanks.

WR to run special train between Mumbai Central & New Delhi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI: Western Railway has announced the operation of a special superfast train between Mumbai Central and New Delhi to cater to increased passenger demand. As per the press release issued by Vineet Abhishek, Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, the train will run for two special trips on special fare.

Train No. 04003 Mumbai Central - New Delhi Superfast Special will depart from Mumbai Central on Monday, 8th December 2025, at 23:30 hrs, reaching New Delhi at 20:50 hrs the following day. In the reverse direction, Train No. 04004 New Delhi - Mumbai Central Superfast Special will leave New Delhi on Sunday, 7th December 2025, at 22:40 hrs and arrive at Mumbai Central at 21:00 hrs the next day. The special train will provide halts at key stations including Borivali, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Nagda, Kota, and Mathura in both directions, ensuring connectivity for passengers along the busy route. The service will consist of AC 3-Tier (Economy) coaches, offering comfortable long-distance travel. Bookings for Train No. 04003 are already open and can be made at all PRS counters or through the IRCTC website. Passengers have been advised to check the official Indian Railways enquiry portal for detailed information on timings, halts, and coach composition.

Innerwheel Clubs of Jammu hold marathon rally to support "Orange the World" Campaign



Innerwheel Club Sampark Jammu members posing for a photograph.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Innerwheel Clubs of Jammu joined the UN initiative "Orange the World" to raise awareness against violence faced by women and girls at workplaces and homes.

Wearing orange, symbolizing a future free from violence, members held a Marathon Rally at Greenbelt Park, Gandhi

Nagar, displaying placards and banners promoting safety and dignity for women.

Around 100 members, including 20 from Innerwheel Club Sampark Jammu, participated and took a collective pledge to combat violence. Club President Rattan Prabha congratulated all participants for their commitment and enthusiastic involvement in the cause.

Radha Rukmani Temple : Only Temple where Lord Krishna is worshipped with both Rukmini and beloved Radha



■ MAALU SHARMA
The City of Temples has kept a secret and scared Temple near Tawi River and it is the 200 yr-old Radha-Rukmini Krishna Temple in Pakki Dhakki. Unlike the innumerable shrines where Krishna is worshipped with his beloved Radha or his brother Balam, this only place is the only one in North India where Lord Krishna stood beside both Radha and his wife Devi Rukmini.

The temple itself was modest in structure, yet deeply spiritual, during the reign of Maharaja Gulab Singh Ji. Even though it was situated only 04 kilometers from the main bus stand and located near the historic Mubarak Mandi Palace, it's still a hidden jewel that went unnoticed by government attention.

The secret of its continuing sanctity lay in its aristocratic patrons. The queens and their attendants, staying in the sprawling Mubarak Mandi Palaces, often used to go down to the Tawi River for their ritual baths and on their way back, they never missed to pay obeisance at this shrine.

Inside the main hall are the beautiful deities, a dark, serene idol of Lord Krishna, Devi Rukmini and Radha. Still, the true mystery was architectural in nature. Concealed in the structure of the temple was the presence of a secret passage, a route leading directly up to the royal palace. While the physical passage to the palace is closed today, the spiritual significance of the temple has only grown deeper.

The priest of the temple Vimal Khajuria while talking to STATE TIMES shared, "This is the first such temple in North India where Shri Krishna is with Rukmini. It is 200 years old. The steps leading from the Tawi allowed the queens to bathe and then worship here." Every year, on Krishna Janmashtami, the temple comes alive. A large number of devotees visit the temple daily and get their wishes fulfilled.

He further shared, "Childless couples who visit the temple are believed to be blessed with Children. The offering of Bansuri and Makhan to Lord Krishna is believed to fulfill the wishes of all devotees who offer the with sincere love and devotion."

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Khatana slams Humayun Kabir for naming mosque after Babri, calls move "socially disruptive"

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI : Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Gulam Ali on Saturday strongly criticised suspended TMC MLA Humayun Kabir for constructing a mosque in Murshidabad and naming it after the Babri Masjid, a decision that has triggered a fresh political row across West Bengal. The foundation stone for the structure was laid earlier this week, drawing sharp reactions from multiple quarters and prompting administrative alertness in the district.

Gulam Ali termed Kabir's move "provocative and contrary to the spirit of communal harmony," adding that the act appeared designed to evoke charged emotions rather than promote peace. He said such



decisions undermine ongoing efforts to maintain stability and goodwill among communities.

The MP grounded his criticism in Islamic scripture, pointing to the Quranic caution in Surah At-Tawbah, Ayat 108, which warns believers against standing in or supporting any place of worship established with the potential to spread discord. "The Quran is very clear," he said. "A mosque must be founded on righteousness and

unity. When motives appear dubious or when the outcome threatens to create chaos, Muslims are instructed to refrain. This project fails that very test." Gulam Ali further stressed that responsible leadership requires sensitivity to social impact, especially in regions with diverse populations. "Any move that risks creating chaos in society must be shunned and rejected in toto," he said, urging community leaders, clerics and local influencers not to lend support to initiatives that could inflame public sentiment or disturb the social balance. Humayun Kabir, who was suspended by the Trinamool Congress earlier this month over the controversy, has defended the project as a community-driven initiative.

However, the move has already led to heightened security measures in parts of Murshidabad. Police deployment has been stepped up, with officials citing precautionary concerns amid the political and emotional sensitivity surrounding the issue. Gulam Ali said the situation calls for vigilance from both authorities and the public. "Peace cannot be compromised for political symbolism," he remarked, adding that religious institutions should strengthen their social harmony rather than become flashpoints.

As political reactions continue to pour in, the controversy shows signs of widening, with Gulam Ali's strong remarks placing renewed focus on the broader implications of Kabir's decision.

Intellectual women demand reservation in Gurudwara Management

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A historic and inspiring gathering took place at Gurudwara Sri Chathi Patshahi Tahlil Sahib, Talab Tillo, where various Sikh women intellectuals from Jammu and Kashmir assembled to felicitate Bibi Harpreet Kaur on her appointment as the Mukh Sewadaar of the Gurudwara.

This marks the first time in the history of Jammu and Kashmir that a woman has become the president of any Gurudwara committee, creating a proud moment



Sikh women intellectuals from Jammu and Kashmir felicitating Bibi Harpreet Kaur.

for the Sikh community. During the event, prominent Sikh woman leader Bibi Sandeep Kaur of Sikh Naujawan Sabha Kashmir welcomed the decision of DGPC

Jammu and the Sadh Sangat. She strongly demanded reservation and adequate representation for women in Gurudwara management and religious

affairs. Speaking with conviction, she stated that today's woman has already proven that she is "not a step less than a man," highlighting the need for gender inclusivity within Sikh institutions.

Balbir Kaur, a dynamic former Sarpanch of Treva village, also felicitated Bibi Harpreet Kaur. She expressed that a woman

leading a Gurudwara committee is a remarkable and progressive step, one that will inspire countless others within the community.

She added that Bibi Harpreet Kaur's appointment is not merely an achievement but a historical milestone for Sikh women.

Several Istri Satsang Sabhas, social committees, and activists, including Quldeep Kaur, were present to extend their heartfelt congratulations, celebrating this symbolic moment of empowerment and change.