

Dr Jitendra meets devotees reaching Ayodhya by Special Train from Katra

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AYODHYA: As a very solemn gesture, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh was personally present here on Wednesday to meet and welcome the devotees travelling in Special "Aastha" Train from Katra-Vaishnodevi who reached the holy city this morning to pay obeisance at the newly constructed Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Mandir.

The first Special Train of pilgrims from Katra reached Ayodhya this morning and carried devotees mostly from Udhampur and Reasi besides Jammu. This is the first of the special 'Aastha' trains originating from Katra station, operated by the Northern Railways to facilitate this sacred journey. "Aastha Specials" trains, each comprising 22 coaches, have been announced by the



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh with devotees from J&K congregated at Shri Ram Mandir Ayodhya to offer prayers on the occasion of Basant Panchmi, on Wednesday.

Indian Railways connecting 66 locations across the country, to facilitate pilgrimage to Ayodhya following the inauguration of the Ram Temple on 22nd January 2024.

Devotees from Udhampur, Reasi and Jammu districts were pleased to have among them the Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who also

lauding the consecration of the Ram Temple at Ayodhya, Dr Singh recalled that Prime Minister Modi has a special bond with Mata Vaishno Devi shrine.

Soon after being named as Prime Ministerial candidate for the 2014 general election, Narendra Modi had kicked off his election campaign after paying obeisance at the Mata Vaishno Devi temple, revealed Dr Jitendra.

And again, after being sworn in as the Prime Minister in May, 2014, one of the first major programmes attended by him was the inauguration of the Katra -Vaishno Devi Railway Station.

Soon after, on the directions of PM Modi, Katra Railway Station was converted to solar-power because of the rich sun-

shine that it receives, said Dr Jitendra, adding that several other railway stations of the country also followed the same precedent. Dr Jitendra, who represents Udhampur constituency in the Lok Sabha, said, similarly, under Prime Minister Modi, Katra Vaishno Devi got Express road corridor from New Delhi, two instead of one Vande Bharat Express trains and Katra was included in the PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) scheme.

While the devotees will have an opportunity to pay obeisance at Ayodhya, they will be also carrying the blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi all the way to the Ram Lalla Temple in Ayodhya, said Dr Jitendra.



BJP J&K President releases Neha Lahotra's short film 'Pulwama' to honour CRPF Martyrs

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JAMMU: Ravinder Raina, BJP J&K president, released 'Pulwama,' a short film dedicated to paying tribute to the CRPF martyrs of the Pulwama attack in 2019 on Wednesday.



BJP J&K president, Ravinder Raina paying tributes to Pulwama martyrs during release of 'Pulwama,' a short film by Neha Lahotra.

The film, directed and produced by renowned actress and director Neha Lahotra from Jammu, revolves around the story of a newly wedded couple.

The CRPF Jawan in the convoy heading towards Kashmir was attacked in 2019 while his wife was planning to celebrate their first Valentine's Day on February 14.

The film, available on Neha Lahotra's YouTube channel here (<https://youtu.be/rqmTAG1SYA?si=cBm00Jf9PwgEmUK>), serves as a poignant reminder of the tragic Pulwama attack orchestrated by a Pakistan-sponsored terror organization.

Ravinder Raina expressed his condolences to the Martyrs stating, "This film has reminded us

about the barbaric attack on our CRPF Jawans by Pakistan sponsored terror organization. We pay our sincere tribute to the soldiers and assured their families that the entire country is standing with them."

He also commended Neha Lahotra for her selfless efforts in creating this short film, emphasizing that she not only paid tribute to the CRPF martyrs but also set an example for the youth to contribute to nation-building in their respective fields.

The film received high praise from those present in the auditorium. Neha Lahotra, in her address, shared, "That incident touched me a lot, and by this movie, I tried to present the part of the women whose life was affected by this incident."

She expressed that the film is her way of paying tribute to the martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice for the country.

Other contributors to the film include Ashish Sharma & Sonika Jamwal as actors, video shoot and editing by Vikran Mehta of Trinetra Production, concept by Amit Khajuria, and costume & makeup by Sunita Chopra, with management by Sahil Chopra.

Sham Sharma leads memorial initiative in Pulwama

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PULWAMA/ANANTNAG: Sham Lal Sharma, State Vice President of BJP and State Convener of Beneficiary Sampark Abhiyan, alongside party colleagues, including National Executive Member Bilal Parey, State Spokesperson Altaf Thakur, and District President Pulwama Latif Ahmed Bhut, paid heartfelt tributes at the Pulwama memorial.



Vice President BJP J&K, Sham Lal Sharma paying floral tributes to Pulwama martyrs.

Flowers were placed at the exact spot of the unfortunate incident, honoring the bravery of those who sacrificed their lives for our nation. In a poignant moment, Sham Lal Sharma announced the party's commitment to building a memorial at the same location.

This initiative, supported by the State organization,

aims to ensure that the sacrifice of our heroes is forever remembered. Sham Lal Sharma personally contributed Rs 1,00,000 towards this noble cause.

Following the tributes, a workshop of Anantnag Parliamentary Constituency regarding Beneficiary

Sampark Abhiyaan was conducted at DAK Bungalow, Anantnag.

The meeting was headed by National Executive Member/Co-Convenor J&K, Bilal Parrey.

A detailed description regarding the ongoing Labharti Abhiyan was pre-

sented in the meeting.

Sham Lal, as the State Convener, emphasized the importance of connecting with the people at the grass-roots level, addressing their concerns, and ensuring that the benefits of government schemes reach every deserving individual.

Sham expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support received during the memorial tribute and encouraged party members to actively participate in the Beneficiary Sampark Abhiyan.

The commitment to both honoring the sacrifice of our armed forces and serving the community reflects the party's unwavering dedication to the welfare of the people, he said.

State Spokesperson/Parbhari PC Anantnag/Rajouri, Altaf Thakur, Sangathan Mantri/Incharge Anantnag/Rajouri, Veer Saraf, District President Anantnag: Adv Wajahat Hussain, District President Kulgam: Zubair Ahmed Ganie District President Shopian: Mohd Yousuf Bhat, District IT Team and Convener and Co-Convener of all the Mandals were present in the meeting.

Congress always stands for rights of J&K people: Bhalla



JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla with newly joined members.

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JAMMU: JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Wednesday said that his party will always stand for the rights of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said that development, dignity and peace in J&K top priorities of Congress.

He said that both Jammu and Kashmir are equal in every respect and Congress will also fight for the rights of the people of Jammu.

He assured the people of J&K that his party will always fight for the restoration of statehood to J&K.

Expressing disappointment over the statehood issue, he stressed upon the need for restoring a popular government in J&K as soon as possible.

Bhalla said Congress is always for the welfare of the people of J&K and thus will always be committed to the goal of serving the people.

"Congress agenda has always been the restoration of statehood, development, dignity and peace in J&K," he added.

He said that any laws which do not safeguard the interests and rights of people of J&K would be unacceptable to Congress.

"Better would have been such laws of urgent nature should have been left to or dealt with in consultation with the duly elected gov-

ernment in Jammu and Kashmir," he remarked.

Urging people to vote for Congress in the upcoming elections, Bhalla said, "Congress has a straightforward and transparent agenda. We do not make pretentious statements but instead commit to working towards achieving peace, prosperity, and development in Jammu and Kashmir. Give us a fair chance to serve you. I, again promise that Congress will not let you down." He said his party is committed to ensuring a shining future for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and its people.

He vowed that if the Congress receives the public mandate through the democratic process, it will ensure the social, political, and economic empowerment of the J&K people and protect their constitutional rights.

'e-Courts' project aims at transforming Indian Judiciary by implementing ICT: Justice Javid Iqbal

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JAMMU: The J&K Judicial Academy, in collaboration with the e-Committee of the Supreme Court of India, organized a One-Day Training Programme on "eCourts" for Advocates in Jammu Province at the J&K Judicial Academy, Janipur, Jammu on Wednesday.



Justice speaking at a One-Day Training Programme on "eCourts" at Jammu.

The training programme was inaugurated by Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Member of the Governing Committee for J&K Judicial Academy, in the presence of Anoop Sharma, Registrar Computers, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, and U.K. Jalali, Senior Advocate, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, who served as resource persons in the training programme.

In his inaugural address, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani highlighted that the e-Courts Project is a Mission Mode Project of the Government of India aimed at transforming the Indian Judiciary by implementing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in its functioning. The eCourts project aims to provide a litigant-centric, affordable, accessible,

efficient, cost-effective, transparent, and accountable justice delivery system in a time-bound manner. The services under the project cater to all key stakeholders, including the High Courts, the District and Subordinate Courts, and the citizens, litigants, lawyers, and advocates. The automation of Case Management has increased visibility and helps courts in the speedier disposal of cases.

Y.P. Bournay, Director of J&K Judicial Academy, presented the welcome address and gave an overview of the programme. He stated that technology has proven to be a significant accelerant in almost all aspects of human lives, including the dispensation of justice, and e-courts represent a more viable alternative to conventional courts,

utilizing technology to facilitate legal proceedings.

He underlined that the primary benefit of e-courts is their accessibility from the remotest location, allowing individuals from far-flung areas or those unable to physically attend court to still avail legal remedies. He stated that e-Courts have the potential to revolutionize the administration of justice, particularly for underprivileged and marginalized communities facing barriers to traditional court systems, by reshaping access to justice and enhancing efficiency, transparency, and fairness.

The first technical session was chaired by Anoop Sharma, who introduced the e-Courts Project and educated advocates about e-initiatives and management tools

under e-Courts for advocates. The session covered topics such as e-filing, e-Filing Portal, registration of advocates on the e-filing portal, and the process of e-filing.

In the second technical session, U.K. Jalali emphasized the importance of strong advocacy skills and adherence to professional ethics for advocates to effectively represent their clients and uphold the justice system. He encouraged continuous improvement in both skills and ethical conduct through training programs, feedback from peers, and reflection on practice.

Advocates actively participated in all sessions, sharing experiences, discussing various aspects of the subject topics, and raising queries, which were satisfactorily addressed by the resource persons.

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