

## MLA Pawan Gupta inaugurates blacktopping work on 1.75 KM Sundrani road



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UDHAMPUR: Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Pawan Kumar Gupta on Wednesday inaugurated the blacktopping work on 1.75-kilometre Sundrani to Dhannu via Nangle and Thawal Modha road. The upgrading of the road project is expected to provide a major boost to connectivity and ease of travel for the local resi-

Addressing the gathering, MLA Gupta emphasized that providing basic amenities such as roads, electricity, and water to every village remains his topmost priority. He added that this road will not only connect remote villages to major routes but will also contribute to the socio-economic uplift of the area. A large number of vil-

lagers, local representatives and government officials were present on the occasion. The local residents expressed gratitude to the MLA for meeting their long-pending demand and appreciated his commitment to rural development. Gupta directed the concerned officials to ensure timely completion of the work with strict adherence to quality standards.

## Joint Enforcement drive conducted at RS Pura to curb traffic violations



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RS PURA: A joint enforcement drive was conducted on Wednesday at RS Pura by a team of officers and officials from the District Administration, Motor Vehicles Department and Police Department to ensure strict compliance with traffic rules and regulations. During the drive, approximately 250 vehicles were checked, out of which 52 vehicles were challaned for various violations under

the Motor Vehicles Act. Additionally, 7 vehicles were seized for serious infractions. The expected fine amount from the Challans stands at Rs 27,700. The enforcement team comprised Tehsildar RS Pura, Chandar Shekhar; ARTO Jammu, Mohd Saleem; SHO Police Station RS Pura, Ravi Singh Parihar; Motor Vehicle Inspector Azad Hussain along with other staff from the concerned department.

## Students imparts traffic awareness among road users

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SAMBA: An awareness programme was conducted by Dy. SP Traffic Samba-Kathua Sukhdev Singh at Border road Samba in which students of Govt. Higher Secondary school Samba were engaged. The students were practically brought on the road who further conducted awareness among the drivers and the road users regarding the safety measures to be taken while driving. The students involved were NCC cadets of Govt. Higher secondary school Samba. Moreover, DTI Sunderbani Inspr Manzoor Ahmed Kohli also conduct-



NCC cadets educating biker about traffic rules.

ed an awareness programme at Govt. Higher School Sot and awarded the students & staff members of the school about safety measures to be taken while

driving. The awareness activities and practical exposures to the students regarding traffic measures shall continue in future as well. In order to ensure the

## Manyal starts construction work on Abtal to SM Pura road

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RAMGARH: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of inclusive and infrastructure-driven development, MLA Ramgarh and Former Minister for Health and Medical Education, J&K, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal kick-started the construction of the much-awaited road from Abtal to SM Pura. The project is being undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.70 crore. The ceremony saw the pres-



MLA Ramgarh Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal starting road work.

ence of District Development Council (DDC) Member Ramgarh, Anita Choudhary, who, along with Dr. Manyal, emphasized the significance of the project in boosting local connectivity and easing transportation challenges faced by residents. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Manyal reiterated his commitment to the development of the Ramgarh constituency and stated, "This road project is a part of our broader vision to strengthen infrastructure across the region. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Modi, we are focused on accel-

erating growth and improving the quality of life for every citizen." Present on the occasion, Mandal Pardhan Ramgarh Nancy Choudhary, Former Mandal President Shiv Kumar Sharma, General Secretary Sunil Choudhary, and Sarpanchs Mohan Lal Sharma, Tejinder Singh, Anil Gupta Tilak, Binder Singh, Subash Verma, and Vijay, among others. The local populace welcomed the initiative and expressed gratitude to the administration for addressing long-pending developmental needs.

## RAMP Scheme implementation takes off in Jammu & Kashmir

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UDHAMPUR: In a significant move towards creating a feasible ecosystem for the growth of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME), the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme was launched on Wednesday in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory with the successful conduct of the first District-Level RAMP Awareness Workshop in Udhampur.

The event, held here at the ITI college, was jointly organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) and Grant Thornton Bharat LLP (SPIU for RAMP), in collaboration with the District Industries Centre (DIC). The event marked the beginning of a series of district-level outreach programs designed to build awareness and capacity among MSMEs, stakeholders, and implementing agencies under the RAMP initiative. The RAMP scheme, an initiative of the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, supported by the World Bank,



is a strategic intervention aimed at revitalizing the MSME sector across India. With a national outlay of ₹6,062.45 crore till FY 2026-27, the scheme focuses on improving market access, financing, digital adoption, greening enterprises, streamlining compliance, and enhancing institutional capacity. Jammu and Kashmir has been allocated ₹74.03 crore under the scheme, including ₹66.63 crore as the central share and ₹7.40 crore as the UT's contribution. The Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Jammu and Kashmir, has been entrusted with the responsibility of the scheme across the UT. The Jammu and Kashmir Trade

Promotion Organization (JKTPO) has been nominated as the Nodal Agency for overall coordination and execution and Implementation of RAMP-related activities. Managing Director, JKPTO Sudarshan Kumar underlined the strategic significance of the RAMP scheme for the UT. "This scheme directly addresses the on-ground challenges faced by MSMEs, from access to credit and markets to skilling and formalization. Under the guidance of Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, we are committed to ensuring that the RAMP scheme becomes a game changer for MSMEs across Jammu and Kashmir."

The SPIU Team delivered a detailed presentation, outlining the approved interventions under the RAMP scheme in J&K. These interventions include the formalization of MSMEs through Udyam Registration in the UT of J&K, MSME packaging and publicity of GI/ODOP/DEH/unique products from J&K, and the establishment of producer companies/associations for GI/ODOP/DEH/unique products under cluster development programmes. Additionally, the scheme encompasses buyer-seller meets (BSMs) and reverse buyer-seller meets (RBSM), the Jammu & Kashmir MSMEs Health Clinic, the J&K Ramp M&E Dashboard, Entrepreneurship and skill development programmes (ESDP), Management Development and upskilling of existing entrepreneurs (MDPs), and the penetration of digital financing. The workshop witnessed active participation from MSME entrepreneurs, officials, and stakeholders. Key functionaries present included

Kishor Singh Katoch, General Manager, DIC Udhampur, and Sourabh Sharma, General Manager, JKPTO. SPIU consultants and officials from the Department of Industries and Commerce and ITI Udhampur responded to various stakeholder queries, reaffirming the government's commitment to grassroots-level implementation. Furthermore, Management Development Programmes (MDPs) have been initiated in 15 districts across J&K by JKEDI starting from April 15, 2025. Moreover, the Directorate of Industries & Commerce, Kashmir has launched a dedicated Awareness cum Formalization Drive today, targeting unregistered enterprises in the Kashmir division, thereby paving the way for broader inclusion under government schemes. The event concluded with a collective commitment from all stakeholders to maximize the benefits of the RAMP scheme across districts, ensuring that J&K's MSMEs emerge stronger, more competitive, and more resilient.

## PMSHRI HSS Seri unveils first edition of school magazine

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NOWSHERA: PMSHRI Higher Secondary School Seri launched the inaugural edition of its school magazine "Mangla Patrika" (Vol. 1) in a grand unveiling ceremony that celebrated creativity, talent, and the power of student expression.



CEO Rajouri Iqbal Husain and others unveiling school magazine.

The occasion was graced by Iqbal Husain, Chief Education Officer, Rajouri, as the Chief Guest, accompanied by a galaxy of visionary leaders from the education fraternity.

Distinguished guests included; Muslim Wani, Principal, BHSS Rajouri; Gulzar Ahmed, Principal, GHSS Rajouri; Sardar Swarn Singh, Principal, BHSS Bhawani; Rakesh Sharma, Principal, BHSS Sunderbani and Anil Sharma, Zonal Education Officer, Dandesar. Also present were the Heads of Institutions from Cluster Seri, along with teachers and students, who added vibrancy to the event

through their enthusiastic participation and spirited support.

The launch of Mangla Patrika marks a significant milestone in the school's journey towards holistic development, offering students a vibrant platform to showcase their literary, artistic, and intellectual talents. In his keynote address, Chief Guest Sh. Iqbal Husain, CEO Rajouri, commended the school's efforts in nurturing creativity and encouraging student expression through initiatives like Mangla Patrika. He emphasized the

importance of such platforms in developing communication skills, critical thinking, and self-confidence among students. He lauded the editorial team for their dedication and congratulated the school management for providing students with opportunities beyond academics. Highlighting the role of holistic education, he urged students to actively participate in co-curricular activities and use their voices constructively. Husain also appreciated the collective efforts of the staff and leadership under

Principal Smt. Hareharan Kour, noting that the launch of Mangla Patrika is a proud moment not only for PMSHRI HSS Seri but for the entire education community of Rajouri. The event concluded with an inspiring vote of thanks by Principal Hareharan Kour, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to all dignitaries, staff members, and students for making the event a memorable success. She also lauded the efforts of the editorial team and encouraged students to continue striving for excellence in all fields.

## BGSBU VC plants Chinar tree to mark environmental commitment

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RAJOURI: In a symbolic gesture celebrating culture, heritage, and environmental responsibility, the Vice Chancellor of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU), Prof. Jawaid Iqbal, planted a Chinar tree on the university campus. The tree was a special gift from an eminent poet and literary figure Jb. Ushaq Kishitawari, who also graced the occasion with his presence. The planting ceremony highlighted the university's commitment to preserving Kashmir's ecological and cultural identity. Prof. Jawaid Iqbal, in his remarks, expressed gratitude to Jb. Ushaq Kishitawari for the meaningful gesture and emphasized the importance of green spaces in academic institutions. The event was attended by senior faculty members, and university staff, all of whom appreciated the initiative and pledged their support for environmental sustainability on campus.



## MLA Billawar flags off Road Development Project from Bedu to Kalna

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BILLAWAR: In a significant push towards rural infrastructure enhancement, MLA Billawar, Satish Sharma, officially flagged off the blacktopping, drainage, and protection work of a 2-kilometre road stretch from Bedu (Ujj) to Kalna, under the Public Works Department (R&B). The project, sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs 1.80 crore, is aimed at strengthening road connectivity and improving access to remote areas within the constituency. The newly initiated road work is expected to reduce commute time for residents of the upper regions, thereby addressing a long-pending demand of the local population. The launch event was marked by a warm and traditional welcome from the local residents, who greet-



MLA Billawar, Satish Sharma starting blacktopping work.

ed the MLA with ceremonial drums and floral garlands—a gesture of appreciation for his continued dedication to public welfare and development initiatives. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of Neeru Rajput, DDC Member; officials from the PWD (R&B)

department including the AEE and JE; along with distinguished dignitaries such as Gopal, Amreek Singh, Vishal Singh; the executing contractor; and a large number of residents from Komla. Addressing the gathering, MLA reaffirmed his commitment to comprehensive development, stat-

ing, "It is my earnest endeavour to make this constituency the foremost in Jammu & Kashmir—not only through infrastructural advancement but also by promoting economic self-reliance. I remain steadfast in fulfilling every promise made to the people." On the occasion, the MLA also expressed his gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union MoS Dr. Jitendra Singh for their continued focus on rural development and infrastructural empowerment, which made this project possible. This road project fulfills a long-standing demand of the local population and is expected to significantly benefit rural connectivity, ease of travel, and socio-economic development in the area.

## UTRC reviews cases of under-trial prisoners at Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Udhampur convened the meeting of Under Trial Review Committee (UTRC) on as per the quarterly schedule of UTRC Meetings-2025 and in adherence to the directives issued by the National Legal Services Authority (NLSA) and J&K Legal Services Authority (J&K LSA). The meeting was held in Conference Hall, DLSA to review cases of under-trial prisoners to expedite the release of eligible candidates who have undergone a lengthy waiting period without trial. The meeting was chaired by Chairperson



Chairperson DLSA, Principal District & Sessions Judge Virinder Singh Bhou chairing meeting.

DLSA, Principal District & Sessions Judge Virinder Singh Bhou and was attended by Secretary DLSA Dr. Smriti Sharma; Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai; Senior Superintendent of Police Amod Ashok Nagpure; I/C

Superintendent District Jail Som Raj; Addl. Public Prosecutor, Addl. Sessions Court Hemanshu Prakash; I/C Public Prosecutor, Principal Distt. & Sessions Judge Court Viney Sharma and Chief LADC Pawan

Gupta. During the meeting, the Committee reviewed cases based on guidelines from the Supreme Court and NALSA SOPs, focusing on prisoners with no proper representation or those who have spent substan-

tial time behind bars without trial. The committee recommended the release of eligible prisoners, ensuring that the benefits of legal provisions reach the intended beneficiaries. The meeting also discusses action items, such as conducting regular meetings to track progress, maintaining a consolidated data sheet to monitor prisoner cases, and preparing quarterly reports. The meeting concluded with appreciation expressed by Chairperson DLSA to all the stakeholders for their proactive participation in addressing the concerns related to under trial prisoners.

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