

Udhampur, Kathua, Doda get record number PMGSY roads, bridges: Dr Jitendra

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KATHUA: The Lok Sabha constituency of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda has in the last eight years got a record number of PMGSY roads and bridges.

This was stated here on Saturday by Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh while reviewing a record number of 68 roads and 22 bridges completed recently under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

However, the formal inauguration ceremony was deferred today due to state mourning observed as a mark of respect to the passing away of UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan.

Dr Jitendra informed that built at a cost of over Rs 547 crore, all-weather roads measuring up to 526 kilometres is likely to benefit a population of over one lakh 20,000 people, most of them living in far-flung hilly areas.

He emphasised that despite challenges posed by pandemic, the country had not compromised with the pace of development and particularly the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Minister also reviewed the completion work of 22 bridges constructed at a cost of Rs 29.50 crore and the same will also be dedicated to

National Lok Adalat: 24,982 cases settled in Courts of Jammu Distt

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JAMMU: In continuation to the National Calendar for Lok Adalat, a National Lok Adalat was held on Saturday under the command of Patron-in-Chief State Legal Services Authority Justice Pankaj Mithal Chief Justice J&K and Ladakh High Court and under the guidance of Executive Chairman of State Legal Service Authority, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey in District Court Complex, Jammu and in the adjoining courts under the jurisdiction of District Court Jammu.

A total 26,540 cases of different nature were taken up of which 24,982 cases were settled on the spot.

An amount of 152,56,50 078 was also settled. A total 22 Benches were constituted for this Lok Adalat.

At the end, Chairman and Secretary District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Jammu Sanjay Parihar and Yahaya Firdous briefed the media persons and highlighted the achievements of this National Lok Adalat.

The Secretary while briefing the media persons informed that the pre Lok Adalat benches for this National Lok Adalat were constituted on 19th of April 2022 which were 22 in number.

Stop killings of minorities, others in Kashmir: Congress to Centre

Denounces Centre for failure to check selective killings in Kashmir

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JAMMU: Congress on Saturday held a strong protest in Jammu against the selective killing of Rahul Bhat and other targeted killings in Kashmir, for the past quite some time and criticized the Govt. for its failure to check such killings of innocents.

A strong protest was held at Shahidi Chowk Jammu condemning Pakistan and terrorism and denouncing Centre Govt for its failure to stop targeted killings of innocents, especially Kashmiri Pandits and other minorities and outsiders in Kashmir day in & day out.

The protestors raised strong slogans against Pakistan for sponsoring terrorism and criticized BJP led NDA Govt. for failure to check rising incidents of targeted killings of innocents in Kashmir, especially Kashmiri migrants and others, during the past more than one year which is not only continuing but rising day in and day out and now Rahul Bhat killed inside Tehsil office.

The protestors were joined by Kashmiri migrants too, who criticized the hollow slogans of BJP led Centre Govt in ensuring the protection of Kashmiri migrants and other minorities in Kashmir.

The peaceful protest led by working



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh reviewing the completed roads and bridges projects of his Lok Sabha constituency under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), at Kathua on Saturday.

the people soon.

Dr Jitendra emphasised that in sanctioning of new road projects, the priority is given to views of Sarpanches and other local elected representatives rather than to request made by local MPs or MLAs.

Dr Singh also informed that his Parliamentary constituency of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda received the highest allocation of PMGSY grant since 2014 in Jammu and Kashmir.

He said, out of the Rs 4,175 crore of the PMGSY central funds for new projects, about Rs 3,884 crore have been allocated, which is nearly two-thirds of the funds for the hilly and inhospitable terrain of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda.

At the review meeting, Dr Jitendra, highlighted the government's initiatives towards strengthening road connectivity in the UT, and said that it is the firm commitment of present dispensation that every part of the Jammu and

Kashmir gets a durable road network for rapid growth and development.

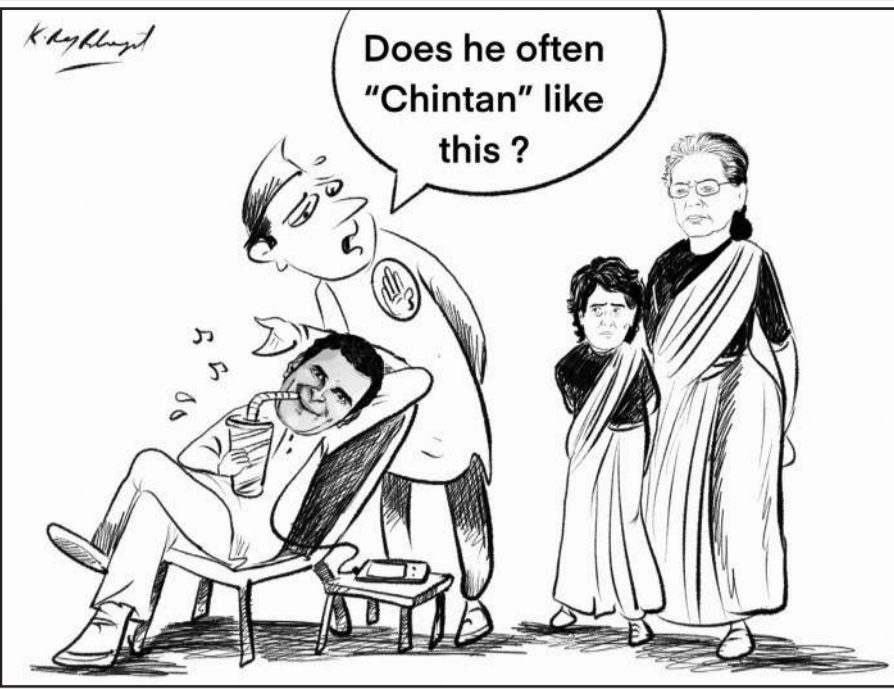
He urged the officials of various departments to work in coordination with the PRI members and create SOPs for better coordination and synergy so that the goal of Inclusive development can be achieved.

Chairperson Udhampur, Lal Chand, DDC Chairperson Doda, Dhanater Singh, DDC Chairperson, Kishtwar, Puja Thakur, DDC

Chairperson Ramban, Dr. Shanshad Shan and DDC Chairperson Samba, Keshav Sharma also attended the meeting.

The meeting was also attended by DC Kathua, Rahul Pandey, DC Udhampur, Kritika Jyotsna, DC Samba, Anuradha Gupta, DC Ramban, Mussarat Islam, DC Kishtwar, Ashok Kumar Sharma, DC Doda, Vikas Sharma and DC Reasi, Babila Rakhwal.

It may be recalled that in September, 2020, Dr Jitendra Singh unveiled 23 roads and bridges projects in Kathua, Doda, Udhampur and Reasi districts in the Jammu region. The projects costing about Rs 73 Crore and having length of 111 kilometres benefitted more than 35,000 people in the region. 23 Projects included 15 roads built under PMGSY for all weather connectivity and 8 bridges for better connectivity to the people.



Working of Co-operatives Deptt reviewed



Secretary Co-operatives Department, Yasha Mudgal chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Secretary Co-operative Department, Yasha Mudgal on Saturday chaired a meeting of senior officers to review the working of Cooperative Department besides action taken on the decisions made in the previous meetings here at Civil Secretariat Jammu.

Threadbare discussions were held on various issues pertaining to the Co-operative Department including progress made on Registration of new Cooperative Societies, revival of Defunct Co-operative Societies and progress on CAPEX expenditures.

Registrar, Co-operative Societies, J&K, Shafqat Iqbal briefed the Secretary Cooperative about present status of Super Bazaars/construction of new Super Bazaar at Kathua,

Kupwara, Ganderbal, Kishtwar and Poonch, present status of Divisional/ District level DPCs, status of audit paras and progress on conducting of audit of Cooperative Societies, RCS also briefed the Secretary on the present status of documentation of

Societies' performance and success stories besides progress made on amalgamation of J&K Cooperative Societies Act, 1989 and J&K self reliant Act 1999 into one Act.

He also briefed the chair about the progress made on revival plan of Cooperative Training Institutes, election of Cooperative Societies and status of Insurance cover of the members in the age group of 18 to 40 years under Atal Bima Yojana and other issues of Department.

The Secretary Cooperative exhorted upon the officers to expedite the process of working and revival of Cooperative Department and set monthly basis target so that all ongoing works and targets of the department be completed in a time bound manner.

The Secretary Co-operative also exhorted upon the Officers to take all necessary steps to prepare a road map for identification of revival of defunct Co-operative Societies. She also stressed upon them to make a strategy to achieve 100 percent saturation regading Insurance cover

of the members of Cooperative Societies under Atal Bima Yojana by ending of this year.

The Secretary also directed the officers to work with zeal and dedication so that the Department is taken to new heights and to become a profitable unit again as it was in the past.

She also directed the Deputy Registrars to give presentation with in 7 day for formation of Multi Societies models/ business entities with forward and backward linkage.

She asked the concerned officers to clear all issues highlighted in the audit paras so that the same are settled as early as possible. She also asked the officers that any laxity in implementation and execution of work will not be tolerated.

Additional Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Jammu, Dr Nirupa Rai, Additional Secretary Cooperative, Joint Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Special/Audit, Deputy Director, Planning Cooperative, Deputy Registrars/DAO and other concerned officers attended the meeting. Kashmir based Officers attended the meeting through virtual mode from the Srinagar Secretariat.

Rahul Bhat's family sought his transfer but administration took no action, claim colleagues

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SHEIKHPORA: The family of Rahul Bhat, a Kashmiri Pandit staff who was shot dead by terrorists in Budgam district, had sought his transfer from Chadoora citing threat to his life, but the administration took no action, his colleagues claimed on Saturday.

Bhat, who had got the job of a clerk under the special employment package for migrants in 2010-11, was gunned down by terrorists inside the tehsil office in Chadoora town of central

Kashmir's Budgam district on Thursday.

Protesting his killing, the Kashmiri Pandit migrant employees who were employed under the prime minister's package in 2008, said Bhat's wife had met the officials of the administration a few times to plead for his transfer.

"When Deepak Chand (another Kashmiri Pandit) was killed (in October last year), there was a threat perception. He (Bhat) thought that something may happen to him as well. His wife had gone to them

(officials) two to three times but there was no action," Sanjay Kumar, a Kashmiri Pandit employee, told PTI here.

He said Bhat's wife had pleaded that he be shifted to the Deputy Commissioner's office in Budgam.

"But the file with her plea was kept in the garbage. Now, he lost the life... she (Bhat's wife) had been pleading (with the authorities) that Chadoora is not a safe place," Kumar said.

Another employee, who requested anonymity, claimed that Rahul Bhat

Drug abuse bigger challenge, it funds terror networks: DGP

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SRINAGAR: Drug abuse is a big challenge as it not only provides oxygen to terrorism by means of funding terror networks but also targets the younger generation, Jammu and Kashmir police chief Dilbag Singh said on Saturday.

Singh, the Director-General of Police, chaired a high-level meeting with the officers of the force at the Police Headquarters and reviewed the working of the Anti-Narcotic Task Force, NDPS cases and the crime scenario in the Union Territory.

He stressed on adopting a zero-tolerance policy against the narcotics trade, saying drug abuse has emerged as a major threat and it can only be dealt with by adopting a proactive approach.

"Drug abuse is a bigger challenge as it not only is providing oxygen to the terrorism by means of funding terror networks, but also targeting our younger generation," Singh said.

Singh directed officials to launch a massive drive against the cultivation of such crops from which drugs are made and initiate stringent action against those involved.

Referring to the conviction rate, the DGP said though it has improved, "we need to work on it with all seriousness to ensure a higher percentage of conviction in drug-related cases".



He put emphasis on thoroughly investigating those involved in the drug trade on taking tough action against the guilty.

Stressing on establishing anti-narcotic units at the district level, the Jammu and Kashmir Police chief directed officials to analyse the workload at district levels and implement the action plans accordingly.

"The increasing trend of drugs have to be arrested as it is affecting the lives of people and family environment," he said.

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failed stop it.

Bhalla strongly lashed out at the BJP Govt. at the Centre and UT administration for making false rhetoric's every day in media, claiming complete normalcy in Kashmir, while innocents are getting martyred every day. They should wake up and rise to the situation to ensure the safety of innocents including minorities in Kashmir: He demanded that Centre should ensure the safety and security of innocents in Kashmir especially minorities in Kashmir and outside workers without further delay.

Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma termed the targeting killings of innocents especially minorities, a serious threat and nefarious design of Pakistan and terrorists and demanded the Centre take an immediate call to ensure safety of innocents in Kashmir.

Yogesh Sawhney criticized the Lt. Governor administration for resorting to strong lathicharge upon fear struck migrant employees instead of listening their grievances.

The protestors demanded adequate step to ensure the sense of security and protection of minorities and others including outsiders working there and innocent becoming target of selective killings of terrorists.



Congress leaders taking out a protest rally at Jammu.

President Raman Bhalla, General Secretary and DCC Jammu Urban President Yogesh Sawhney, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, General Secretary Th. Manmohan Singh, EX-MLC Ved Mahajan, S. Gajan Singh and other Senior PCC & DCC leaders including Shadi Lal Pandita, Rajvir Singh, Kapil Singh, Sahil Sharma, besides Dr. R.K. Khajuria, Amrit Bali, Satish Sharma,, Pawandeve Singh, Sonu Dogra, Atul Sharma, Jatin Vashisht, Rahul Tandan, H.S. Bagi and others were stopped from marching ahead towards the Raghunath Bazar-Purani Mandi to Raj Bhawan.

A strong contingent of police forces stopped the protestors forcibly and had tough time to control the agitated protestors.

Addressing media persons, Bhalla strongly condemned the barbaric killing of Rahul Bhat a migrant employee and questioned how inside the high security tehsil complex in Chadura, Budgam, a selective killing has taken place under the nose of the Govt. and said the Centre Govt. has totally failed to protect the minorities in Kashmir and other innocents, as the targeted killings have started in past over one and half years, which are increasing day by day but Centre has

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12.05.2022		23.05.2022		06.06.2022 / 15:00 Hrs.
S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender		
1	39-2022-23-PTK-DRM-FZR	Annual Zone work for Ordinary repair and maintenances, additions and alterations to existing structures, emergent works & spl Works for quarters, service buildings, L-xings & Bridges etc. in the section of SSE/W/PTKC & PTK for the year (2022-23) under ADEN-I/PTK.		
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	1,49,99,996.65/-	225000/-	45 days	12 Months
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2	40-2022-23-PTK-DRM-FZR	Annual Zone work for Ordinary repair and maintenances, additions and alterations to existing structures, emergent works & spl Works for quarters, service buildings, L-xings & Bridges etc. in the section of SSE/W/MEX for the year (2022-23) under ADEN-I/PTK.		
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	1,49,99,993.31/-	225000/-	45 days	12 Months
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	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
	1,49,97,944.92/-	225000/-	45 days	12 Months
Similar nature of work :- Any civil work other than track work.				
4	42-2022-23-JRC-DRM-FZR	Annual Zone work for Repair & Maintenance in the section of ADEN/JRC including all staff quarters and service buildings at JUC-DIW (excluding) section, all service buildings & station building at JUC, all staff quarters and service buildings in colony No. 1, 2, 3 & 4 at in the section of SSE/W/JUC, for the year 2022-2023 under ADEN/JRC.		
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
	1,49,98,897.19/-	225000/-	45 days	12 Months
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5	43-2022-23-PLMX-DRM-FZR	Ordinary repair and maintenances as well as new works, additions and alterations to existing structures, emergent works & spl Works for quarters, service buildings, L-xings & Bridges etc. in the section of SSE/W/PLMX for the year 2022-23 under ADEN/PLMX.		
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Validity of offer	Period of Completion
	7999997.88/-	160000/-	45 days	12 Months
Similar nature of work :- Any civil work other than track work.				
6	44-2022-23-PLMX-DRM-FZR	Ordinary repair and maintenances as well as new works, additions and alterations to existing structures, emergent works & spl Works for quarters, service buildings, L-xings & Bridges etc. in the section of SSE/W/NRT for the year 2022-23 under ADEN/PLMX.		
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