

# Advisor Bhatnagar reviews progress of major health projects



Advisor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, chairing a high-level meeting on Tuesday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress of ongoing major health projects across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Secretary PWD, Bhupendra Kumar; Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed; Mission Director NHM, Nazim Zai Khan; Director General Codes, Fayaz Ahmad Lone; Director General Budget, M.Y. Ittoo; Engineer-in-Chief, Tanvir Mir; Chief Engineer R&B Jammu/Kashmir; Director Health Services Jammu/Kashmir; senior officers of JKPC; and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, Advisor Bhatnagar assessed each major ongoing project and sought comprehensive details from the respective project executing agencies. While reviewing the progress of various projects, the Advisor urged the project executing agencies to complete all ongoing works within the specified timelines so that the projects can be fully functional for public use. The Advisor further directed the concerned officers to work in tandem and coordination to ensure

that problems and issues are promptly resolved for the timely completion of these prestigious projects. Addressing the officers, Advisor Bhatnagar emphasized the paramount importance of expediting the execution of these public-worthy projects to meet the evolving healthcare needs of the local populace. He highlighted the need for concerted efforts from all stakeholders to overcome obstacles and ensure the successful realization of these crucial health projects for the general public's good. Similarly, the Advisor sought updates on other projects and instructed the officers to chart out a coherent path forward to ensure the timely and seamless completion of these health projects. He asked them to accelerate the implementation pace, optimize resource allocation, and uphold transparency and accountability while executing these projects.

# Shiv Sena demands free registration of Shri Amarnath Yatra

Seeks time to meet Lieutenant Governor

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit leaders on Tuesday wrote a memorandum with their blood to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and requested for time to meet, demanding free registration for the annual Shri Amarnath Yatra 2024, which is scheduled to continue from June 29 to August 19.

In a program organized today at Jammu Press Club, many senior party leaders including state chief Manish Sahni wrote a memorandum with their blood to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (who is also the Chairman of Shri Amarnath Shrine Board) to make the registration system free for the devotees coming on Shri Amarnath Yatra. Party state chief Manish Sahni said that the recovery in the name of registration on religious tours brings back memories of the Jaziya tax of the Mughal rule. He said that the pockets of the devotees coming on Amarnath Yatra



Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K chief Manish Sahni talking to reporters.

become empty even before the formalities set for them. On that, Rs 150/- per passenger is being charged in the name of registration. Sahni said that in a Hindu-majority country, the recovery of money in the name of registration on the religious pilgrimages of Hindus makes one bow one's head in shame, which cannot be tolerated at all. He said that before the reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir, i.e. before 2019, the registration fee was just Rs 50/- per passenger. Which was continuously increased during the BJP rule and made Rs 220/- in 2023. After a series of protests by Shiv Sena(UBT), a slight reduction

has been made in it in 2024, but their demand is to make it completely free. Sahni said that their fight will continue until Shri Amarnath Yatra registration is made free. Along with the memorandum, the Shiv Sainiks also wrote a request letter to meet the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir with their blood. He said that despite making dozens of requests before this, they are not being given time. On this occasion General secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice president Balwant Singh, President Kamghar wing Raj Singh were present.

# DC Jammu reviews preparedness for SANJY-2024

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaisya on Tuesday convened a meeting with district officers and line departments to review preparedness for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. The meeting primarily focused on assessing the current state of readiness for the annual pilgrimage, with the Deputy Commissioner issuing crucial directives to line department officers. Emphasis was laid on ensuring timely completion of projects under the CAPEX budget before the Yatra commences. Discussions highlighted the need for concerted efforts from departments such as the Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jal Shakti, Public Works Department (R&B) and the Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited. Additionally, deliberations revolved around necessary arrangements under the REVEX budget, with departments including Health & Medical Education (AYUSH), JMC, JPDC.

# CUJ organizes SPIC MACAY Cultural Evening



Monisa Nayak of Jaipur Gharan performing Kathak.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: To mark the World Dance Day, the Central University of Jammu organized a cultural evening featuring Kathak Dance in collaboration with SPIC MACAY society, New Delhi. The performance was delivered by Monisa

Nayak of Jaipur Gharana. She not only mesmerised the students but her interactive delivery of dance passed the message that Kathak is the amalgamation of devotion and art. The event was envisioned by Prof. Sanjeev Jain Vice Chancellor of

the University as the most effective mechanism of connecting students to their cultural roots. Prof Yashwant Singh, Registrar of the University, appreciated Prof Ritu Bakshi, Dean Student's Welfare and Dr Vinay Kumar, Associate Dean for organizing first ever SPIC MACAY event in the university. The event was coordinated and executed by Dr. Nancy Mengi and Dr. Bhawana Arora, the convener and co-convener of the CU Jammu SPIC MACAY Club. Other artists who performed were Mohd. Akram, Priyanka Kumari, Pankaj Rawat.

# DSS to observe Save Water Save Birds Day on May 4



Gulchain Singh Charak, President DSS talking to reporters.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Dogra Sadar Sabha (DSS), Jammu and Kashmir is going to observe the annual event 'Save Birds, Save Water Day' on May 4th this year, starting from 10:00 AM onwards at the Dogra Sadar Sabha Bhawan, Jammu. The event is being organized in collaboration with the Dogra Educational Trust, Shri Lakshmi Narayan Mandir Management Trust, J&K Ex-Services League, Management Committee of Makkah Masjid, Bhatindi, and the Forest Department of Jammu.

This was announced by Th. Gulchain Singh Charak, Former minister and President of the Sabha, while addressing the media persons here today. Charak highlighted that this initiative, launched 19 years ago by the 120-year-old sole

# BJP celebrates 7th Foundation Day of Nanaji Deshmukh Library

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: 7th Foundation Day of the Nanaji Deshmukh Library and Documentation Department celebrated by the Jammu and Kashmir BJP at their headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.



BJP leaders celebrating Foundation Day of the Nanaji Deshmukh Library and Documentation Department.

The event saw the presence of several prominent personalities including MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, Major General Govardhan Singh Jamwal, Padma Shri Awardee Mohan Singh Salathia, former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta, BJP General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, BJP senior leader Chander Mohan Sharma, and former Mayor Rajinder Sharma among others. Jugal Kishore highlighted the importance of the library not only for party activists but for anyone seeking knowledge and study materials. He emphasized its accessibility and the diverse range of books it offers. Govardhan Jamwal shared his experiences from the Indian army and emphasized the significance of focused and dedicated work, drawing par-

allels with the value of libraries as institutions of knowledge. Mohan Salathia emphasized the role of libraries in promoting regional languages like Dogri, highlighting their cultural significance. Kavinder praised the library as a treasure trove of historic events and a valuable resource for students, scholars, and book lovers. Dr. Manyal commended the efforts of Prof. (Dr.) Mohtra in establishing the library, considering it one of the best political party libraries in the region. Prof. (Dr.) Kulbushan Mohtra provided insights into the library's collection and its utility for researchers and

scholars over the years. Jammu South BJP district president, Rekha Mahajan, extended gratitude to all attendees and contributors to the event. Prominent among those who attended the Foundation Day celebration programme included Ex MLA Ashwani Sharma, Rashpal Verma, Balbir Ram Rattan, Er. Dilbahadur Singh Jamwal, Venu Khanna, Er.T.K Sharma, Vijay Gupta Retd.Dy.Director, Shailja Gupta, Brig. Vijay Sagar, Ramesh Katoch Palvi Gupta, Y.V.Sharma, Basant Raj Thakur, C.S Katal, Rajeshwar Singh Raju, Pooja Grover, Jinander Jain and prominent personalities of Jammu.

# Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal celebrates 55th Foundation Day

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The 55th Foundation Day of Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, commemorated in collaboration with the Central University of Jammu and Government College for Women, Parade, Jammu. Held at the auditorium of GCW Parade, the event saw the participation of distinguished figures such as Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor of Central University of Jammu and President of Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu Kashmir Ladakh Prant, and Prof. Minu Mahajan, BOPEE Chairman, who served as the chief guest.

University of Kashmir delivered a special talk on "Research for Resurgence," highlighting the pivotal role of research in India's resurgence. The event also featured an overview of Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal's activities by Prof. Vandana Sharma, focusing on research, awareness, orientation, training, and team building. Various dignitaries addressed the audience, emphasizing the significance of Indianization of teaching and research, the methodology of research paper writing competition, value education, and Swami Vivekananda's teachings. The occasion concluded with expressions of gratitude from Prof. Vandana Sharma and a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Neelika Arora, encapsulating an insightful and enriching celebration of education and research.

Alongside, Brig. Rohit Kumar (Retd.), Dr. Jaspal Kaur, Swami Yagvarlhranandji, and Islam Khan were honoured as Guests of Honour. Prof. Sandhya Tiwari from the Central

# HC seeks personal appearance of Patwari BB

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court directed Patwari Bari Brahman to remain present on May 8, 2024.

This significant order has been passed by after hearing Adv Underjeet Gupta with Adv Yatin Mahajan who submitted that the petitioner's father Late Sh. Prem Prakash Grover was owner of land 3.4 kanals comprising khasra 376 in village Patti, tehsil Bari Brahmana, Jammu which he had purchased by virtue of a sale deed dated November 17, 2008 regarding which mutation no. 1246 was duly attested in favour of the petitioner's father. The petitioner's father came to demise on

# HC directs PDD to pay Rs 31.90 lakh compensation to 14-yr-old boy

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Justice Rajnesh Oswal of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court directed Power Development Department (PDD) to pay compensation to the tune of Rs 31,90,000 to 14 years old boy who suffered from disability because of sheer negligence of the respondents in maintenance of the electric wires. The petitioner Manju, a minor boy aged 14 years, has approached this Court through his father for directing the respondents to pay the compensation of Rs.80.00 lakh to him on account of disablement suffered by him in the form of below elbow amputation of

left upper limb due to an incident of electrocution occurred because of negligence and carelessness on the part of officials of the respondents in maintaining the high tension wires. It is stated that on January 31, 2017, the petitioner had gone for grazing his livestock when he came into contact with the broken live electricity transmission wire of 11 KV in the field, as a result of which the petitioner suffered serious and grave injuries to his left upper limb. Justice Rajnesh Oswal after hearing both the sides observed that writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondents to pay an

amount of Rs. 31,90,540/- to the petitioner along with interest @ 6 percent per annum except on the components of compensation on account of future earnings, attendant's expenses and marriage prospects, from the date of filing of the writ petition till its final disbursement. Out of the said amount, an amount of Rs. 15,00,000/- shall be kept in fixed deposit in the name of the petitioner for a period of three years and thereafter the petitioner shall be at liberty to withdraw the same. In the event, the petitioner requires more money for any justifiable purpose he shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

# Lecture on 'gender based violence' held at PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Department of Sociology at PSPS GCW Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, in collaboration with IQAC, on Tuesday organized a lecture addressing the theme of "Gender Based Violence."

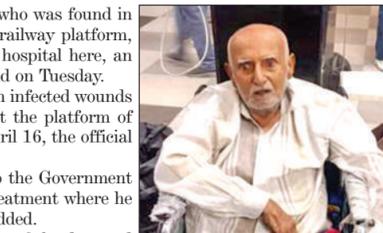
The lecture featured Dr. Saranjit Kaur, a Lecturer from the Centre for Women Studies at the University of Jammu, as the resource person. Dr. Kaur provided insight into gender and related issues, particularly highlighting domestic violence as a significant form of abuse encompassing physical, psychological, sexual, and social dimensions. She underscored that women, being one of the vulnerable sections of society, often fall victim to various forms of domestic

violence. Dr. Kaur elaborated on the societal perspective of violence, emphasizing its prevalence beyond individual circumstances, attributed to structural inequalities and patriarchy. Furthermore, she discussed various redressal mechanisms and government initiatives aimed at protecting victims. Dr. Suraj Mohani Jamwal, Head of the Sociology Department, convened the lecture, while Dr. Shelly Sabharwal extended the formal vote of thanks.



# Elderly man found at railway station dies in Jammu hospital

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: A 75-year-old man, who was found in an unattended condition at a railway platform, passed away at a government hospital here, an official of the railway police said on Tuesday. The man on a wheelchair with infected wounds on his right leg was noticed at the platform of Jammu Railway Station on April 16, the official said. The man was later shifted to the Government Medical College hospital for treatment where he breathed his last, the official added. The official said that the body of the deceased has been shifted to the mortuary room of the hospital for postmortem and identification. Anybody having any clue about the identity/residential particulars of the



said deceased may contact GRP Jammu on Telephone Nos.0191-2474946 and/or Mobile No. 7006690851/9622592848 and PCR GRP Jammu Helpline No. 1512.

# Theft case worked out; snatcher along with accomplice arrested, stolen items recovered

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Police on Tuesday worked out a theft case registered at Police Station Samba affecting the arrest of two thieves and have recovered stolen items from their possession. A written complaint was lodged at Police Station Samba by one Bandana Devi, wife of Subhan Singh, resident of Chani Mansar, district Samba, regarding snatching of her Gold Chain with locket outside the gate of GDC Samba by an unknown person face covered with mask. Acting swiftly on the complaint, a case FIR No. 113/2024 U/S 382 IPC got registered at Police Station Samba and investigation was started. During the course of investigation, different teams were constituted led by DySPHQrs and SHO PS Samba followed by raids at different places leading to the arrest of two persons namely Abhishek son of Dewan Chand, resident of Sultanpur district Kathua and Jatinder Verma S/oSubashChander R/o Bagial, district Kathua in the instant case after hectic efforts and they were put to sustained questioning. Further on their disclosure, stolen golden items were also recovered from their possession. Investigation of the case is going on.



# Missing lady traced, reunited with family

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Police on Tuesday traced a missing woman and reunited with her family. An information was received at Police Post Sidhra falling under the JD of Police station Nagrota about the missing of a lady (name Withheld) resident of Jammu whose missing report was entered at PP Sidhra on April 24, 2024. Acting upon this, A Police team of PP Sidhra led by IC PP Sidhra put strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance as well as human intervention traced out the missing lady and after completing all legal formalities the said lady has been handed over to legal heirs. Accordingly missing report has been closed.

# Cyber Cell solves cyber online financial fraud amounting to Rs3,69,000

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Cyber Cell of Jammu & Kashmir Police in District Jammu solved two separate online cyber crime complaints. A complaint was received regarding financial fraud of Rs.1,03,000. The complainant was given task on review and ratings on Hotels and Restaurant by fraudsters and defrauded an amount of Rs.1,03,000. Another complaint was received regarding financial fraud of Rs.2,66,000 in which victim was deceived by fraudsters by giving him a link on telegram and asked him to invest money and get benefits and thereafter defrauded an amount of Rs.2,66,000. During the investigation, the Cyber Cell DPO Jammu, acted swiftly and exhibited hectic efforts which ultimately led to put on hold an amount of Rs.2,37,847/- out of 3,69,000/- in these two separate online cyber crime complaints. Further investigation is underway. District Police Jammu, equipped with advanced technology and skilled personnel, remains at the forefront in the fight against cybercriminals.