

# Specially-abled need opportunity, not pity: Yudhvir

## Distributes wheelchairs, crutches among needy at Dhammi

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JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President on Saturday called for creating adequate opportunities for specially-abled persons to grow as proud and useful citizens in the society rather than taking pity on them which saps their morale.

The senior BJP leader was speaking during a function organized at Village Dhammi in Jagti here today.

During the programme, Abha Jamwal, ex-Sarpanch, Rattan Singh, Raj Singh, Girdhari Lal, Atam Singh, Shiv Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Somu, Babli Devi, Munshi Ram, Ganesh Dutt, Pardeep Singh, Mohani Devi and Roshani Devi were also present.



Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President distributing wheelchairs and crutches among the needy people.

On the occasion, Yudhvir distributed wheelchairs and crutches among the needy people as promised by him.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir said society has to play

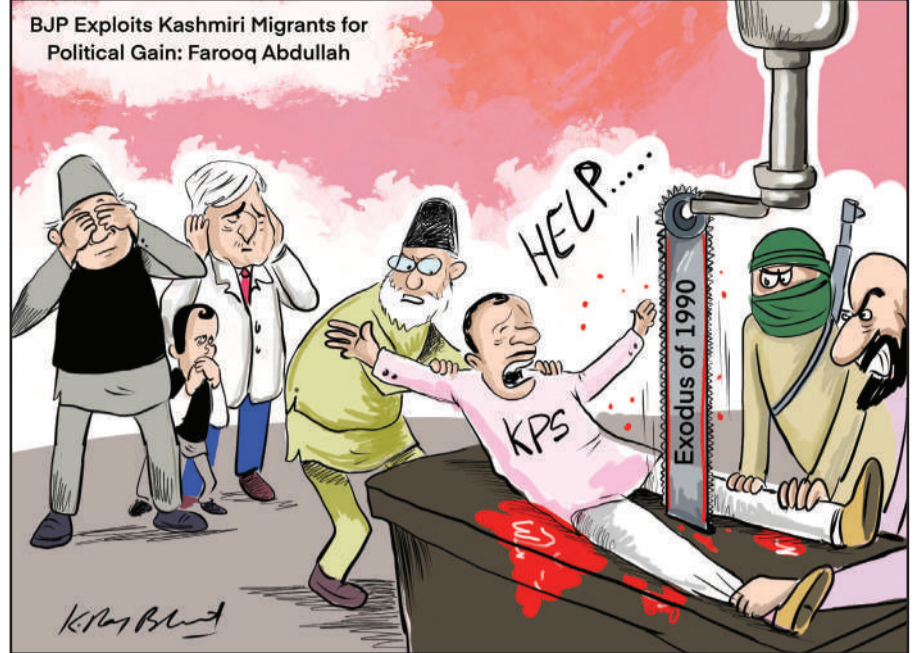
a pivotal role towards empowerment and emancipation of specially-abled people so that they give their best in return and don't become a burden. "It's imperative that we shift

our focus from sympathy to empowerment. Specially-abled individuals are not looking for pity; they deserve equal opportunities to contribute to society and realize their full potential," he added.

Sethi observed that disability in any form is not a curse but a condition like any other condition among so-called normal people, which does not bar them from progression in their chosen fields. He referred to the contribution of differently-abled people towards upliftment of society from times immemorial and said with the advent of age and technological advancement they have proved second to none. Sethi also highlighted the

various welfare schemes initiated by the Modi government to support differently-abled individuals across the nation. He commended the government's efforts in ensuring inclusive growth and development, providing avenues for education, employment, and healthcare for persons with disabilities.

The senior BJP leader reaffirmed the BJP's commitment in advocating for the rights and welfare of differently-abled individuals in Jammu & Kashmir and beyond. He urged stakeholders to work collaboratively towards creating a more inclusive society where everyone, regardless of their abilities, can thrive.



# Delay in Smart City Project in Srinagar drives people crazy, normal life affected

### MASROOR AHMAD

SRINAGAR: The Smart City Project mission in India was introduced in June 2015 and the then Urban Development Minister M. Vankaya Naidu had assured the people that there would be 100 Smart cities in next five years, equipped with the latest technologies, concepts and international level road concept.

Srinagar city is one of the 100 cities that were selected for the Smart City Project. The Project was aimed at providing better infrastructure to residents of Srinagar, but the delay in the projects has badly affected normal life in the city. Common people want to get rid of this project as this has given a tough time to the pedestrians and transporters.

Everyday issues such as traffic jams, accidents and patients dying on roads have been making headlines. The commuters in Srinagar said that traffic jams due to pothole-ridden roads and dug-up roads have been a major issue.

They said that during peak hours, the issues get worse as office goers and students rush towards their respective destinations.

"I have been avoiding travelling in my four-wheeler and



rely on two-wheeler due to the bad condition of roads and traffic jams. The roads are in shambles and the issue is not at one stretch which can be solved by diversions, the issue is there in the majority of the Srinagar roads which is making us helpless," said a commuter.

The commuters in Nowpora, Khanar, Nawab Bazar, Nowhatta, Safa Kadal, Kaksarai, Kara Nagar, Jehangir Chowk, and other areas said that multiple projects of roads, pathways, drainage, and other infrastructure are going on at a slow

pace, taking a toll on them.

"In addition to huge potholes, the roads in the area are dug up, but the work is going at a snail's pace. We want SSCCL authorities to ensure that contractors complete the project swiftly so that we don't suffer. This area has become a major traffic bottleneck, and essential services, including ambulances, are stuck in traffic jams," said a local from downtown.

The commuters in Nawab Bazar, Kara Nagar, also said that the ongoing work on the roads and footpaths is not being executed swiftly, which is

crippling traffic.

"Only a few days back, a patient was readmitted because of the bad road near SMHS Hospital. Another one died on Thursday while being stuck in traffic jams in the Safa Kadal area. The issue is now becoming life-threatening, and as commuters, we want completion of work, not extension of deadlines," said another commuter.

In addition to Smart City work, commuters in Dalgate said that the extended work on Dalgate Bridge by the R&B Department has been going on for a long time.

They said that the traffic coming from downtown has been crippled. Traffic officials have been saying that these issues have been affecting traffic flow and its management.

Once these construction works, including in downtown and Dalgate, are complete, there will be a major change on the ground. Over these months, numerous projects have been going on in the context of road construction, footpaths, and bridges, said traffic officials.

The commuters said that on the ground, there is no respite despite the passage of a month since the directions were passed by higher authority.

CEO SSL said that they would ensure the timely completion of projects so that people do not suffer.

"At many spots, we are ensuring that work goes on 24/7, and we are continuously monitoring the work to ensure that the least inconvenience is caused to locals and commuters. Due to weather, some road work was hindered in Srinagar, and the same will be done in time. We will ensure that roads are completed on a priority basis so that traffic issues can be addressed," he said.

# DC Jammu inspects Yatri Bhawan Bhagwati Nagar



DC Sachin Kumar Vaishya conducting review of preparedness at Yatri Bhawan Jammu.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya on Saturday conducted a thorough review of preparedness at Yatri Bhawan Bhagwati Nagar for the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024.

Accompanied by SSP Dr. Vinod Kumar and other concerned officers, the Deputy Commissioner assessed the arrangements and facilities for accommodating pilgrims during the

Yatra. Special instructions were given about amenities and the development of parking areas, roads and pathways in and around Yatri Bhawan.

Security and traffic management were extensively discussed with a focus on ensuring the smooth movement of pilgrims. Health facilities were also discussed and the Chief Medical Officer Dr. Harbaksh Singh was asked to provide insights into medical provisions.

The Deputy Commissioner issued specific instructions to ensure robust communication systems, including a public address system and timely announcements, to provide guidance and information to yatis at Yatri Bhawan.

In attendance were SSP Traffic M. Paisal Qureshi, Director IT and DIO NIC Jammu, Sanjeev Kapoor, Tehsildar Jammu Khas, Paramjeet Singh, along with officers from various line departments.

# CS tours Srinagar to assess progress of Smart City works

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SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Saturday conducted a whirlwind tour of Srinagar city to take on spot appraisal of progress on execution of several smart city works being executed there.

Dulloo visited several locations in the civil lines area of the city including Boulevard Road and Mughal Garden precincts currently being upgraded by SSCCL. He reviewed the proportion of works completed, so far, besides taking stock of remaining works to be completed within the set timeframe. He maintained that these works, being done in the busiest parts of the city, need to be completed in the least possible timeframe. He emphasized close monitoring of these works by the senior functionaries of SSCCL to ensure quality and timely completion of these vital projects. He asked about the utility of each of these ongoing works and their impact on the tourism and social aspects of the city. The prominent projects which were visited by the Chief Secretary included development of Pedestrian Walkway and Cycle Track along Nishat Sathu, Dal Lakefront development along



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo taking progress on execution of several smart city.

Northern Foreshore Road, improvement and upgradation of Shalimar Canal, improvement and upgradation of Nishat Bagh Precinct, upgradation of Jehangir Chowk Junction and construction of Balidan Stambh at Pratap Park. At Nishat Sathu, CEO SSCCL, Owais Ahmad, informed the Chief Secretary that it is a 2 km long pedestrian walkway and cycling corridor having piazzas with gazebos and seating steps towards the lake waters besides a cycle docking station and utility rationalization in the area with improvement in drainage system.

While visiting Lakefront along Northern Foreshore Road, Dulloo was apprised that the project features 5.10 km long dedicated two-way cycle

track having wide pedestrian walkway, tactile flooring for specially-abled, kerb ramps for universal access, seating spaces and bollards, high-quality illumination besides other unique amenities for the visitors likely to be completed in the month of May, 2024. At Shalimar Canal, the CS was informed that nearly 70 percent work has been completed and the project is slated to be handed over in the month of June. The project work constitutes improvement of Shalimar Bagh frontage, visitor amenities, improvement of canal edges, seating and planters along the canal, wooden arch bridges for pedestrians, cafeterias and restaurants near Foreshore Road, new visitor zone with viewing tower at Dal Lake. The Chief Secretary also

visited Nishat Bagh precinct which was said to be 70 percent complete and likely to be handed over for public use by June this year. At Jehangir Chowk Junction improvement site, it was informed that 60 percent work has been completed on the project till now and is set to be completed within the deadline of June itself. The Chief Secretary, during his visit to Balidan Stambh being constructed inside Pratap Park, Lal Chowk, was apprised that 60 percent work has been completed on the project with most of the underground electrification works already taken up by the executing agency. He was informed that the project included creation of candle sculptures as symbol of peace and remembrance, monumental scale cantal stambh and plaque flanked with the LED screens on both sides to display names of the martyrs.

The project is likely to be completed by June this year with raising of amphitheatre steps, park development and place making besides creation of utilities like electrical lighting and horticulture works for beautification in addition to other envisaged works.

# Modi raised India's global stature by providing stable govt: Dr Jitendra

### STATE TIMES NEWS

KOLKATA: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said here on Saturday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has raised India's global stature by providing a stable government and that is the reason today, all the leading countries of the world look forward to engage with India because of the continuity in its progressive and futuristic policy provided by Prime Minister Modi in the last 10 years.

In a media interaction in the middle of a hectic election campaign for the fifth phase of election for seven West Bengal constituencies going to polls on 20th of this month, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, before PM Narendra Modi came in 2014, India had for decades gone through an era of instability at the Centre.

Most of the successive governments before 2014, he said, were either short lived or they were led by non-uniform conglomerates which resulted in indecisiveness and lack of firm posturing, the consequences of which was that most of the countries in the world either looked down upon India as a fragile nation or were reluctant to engage with the then governments at the Centre because of the uncertainty of their stability.



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh in a media interaction during BJP election campaign.

Recalling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address in one of his recent public rallies, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, PM Modi was right in pointing out that if at all the INDIA Block came to power, even though there was absolutely no possibility of that happening, they will be unable to decide on the PM candidate and may virtually end up having a rotational PM with one new candidate assuming the office of Prime

Minister every year. In a situation like that, if a five-year term is marked with five PMs, it will not only reverse India's growth by taking it several decades backward but all the countries across the globe would also turn away from India because of the incoherent leadership at the Centre, he added. It was because of a stable, firm and decisive government in the last ten years under Prime Minister Modi, said Dr. Jitendra Singh, that the Indian economy rose from position 11th to position 5th overtaking the UK and from fragile five economies came to be known as top five economies of the world.

The Minister said, while the third term of PM Modi will witness India becoming the third biggest economy, the world is also looking up to India under Modi to engage for global economic growth and progress.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the people of India have for the first time realised a sense of esteem in the world arena which is visible across the globe and, therefore, they are determined to return Modi as Prime Minister for the third time. The experience of the last two terms has given them the faith and trust in "Modi ki Guarantee", he said.

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