

Yudhvir reviews ongoing development works in East Constituency

Stresses for expediting pace of development works without compromising on quality

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JAMMU: BJP leader and MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi on Tuesday convened a meeting with the Engineering Wing of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) to review the ongoing development works in various wards of the constituency.

The meeting witnessed a detailed discussion on the pace and quality of development works being executed in Wards No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 19, and 71. In the



MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi chairing meeting with Engineering Wing of JMC.

meeting XEN Janak Arora, AEE Sahil Arora, AEE Sonalika Arora, JE Sushil Magotra, and JE Rakesh Kumar were present.

Yudhvir Sethi laid strong emphasis on expediting the pace of ongoing development works without compromising on quality. He reiterated that timely and efficient execution of public works is the top priority for him, adding that the JMC's Engineering Wing is experienced and capable of delivering as per expectations. The senior BJP leader directed the officials to ensure the completion of all ongoing works in the mentioned wards within the next 15 days. "Only after this phase is complete can we proceed to the next set of development works, which have already been identified for other areas in the constituency," he stated.

Highlighting his commitment to civic development,

Yudhvir Sethi said, "It is my responsibility to address every civic issue faced by the residents of East Constituency. I have already assured the people that no ward or locality will be left behind in terms of development during my tenure."

Yudhvir Sethi also made an appeal to the residents of the East Constituency to remain vigilant and actively monitor the development activities in their respective areas. "Public participation ensures transparency and accountability," he noted.

The meeting concluded on a positive note with the Engineering Wing officials assuring timely action and adherence to quality standards in all development projects.

Govt Polytechnic conducts admission awareness campaign



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JAMMU: Government Polytechnic College Jammu conducted an admission awareness programme in the schools of Bhalwal Zone inviting eligible youth for 3 - year Diploma in Engineering/ Non - Engineering Programmes .

On the orders of the Principal Er. Talet Mahmood, a group of faculty consisting of Er. Raj Shekhar (HoD Automobile), Mehmood Ahmed, Manjeet Singh, Vicky Sharma and Rakesh Kumar visited Government Higher Secondary School Bhalwal and Government Higher Secondary School Gharota (Zone Bhalwal) and informed the students regarding

courses/ Scholarships offered in Government Polytechnic College Jammu. The team further motivated the students for taking admission in the technical courses offered in Government Polytechnics to improve their skill and employability. ? Speaking on the occasion, Er Vicky Sharma said, "Polytechnic education offers practical skills, hands-on training, and faster employability. "Our awareness campaign will help students and parents make informed decisions about technical careers.

Interested students are encouraged to take admission in Government Polytechnic College Jammu," he invited the students.

Dist-Level Inter-Zonal Sports Competitions inaugurated



A dignitary addressing participating teams at Reasi.

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REASI: The District Youth Services and Sports Department, Reasi, on Tuesday organized the District-Level Inter-Zonal Competitions for U 14 and U 17 boys and girls here at General Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium.

The event was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Nidhi Malik, who lauded the organizers for promoting sports among the youth. A total of 400 students from various zones of Reasi district participated in multiple disciplines, including Volleyball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Table Tennis, Badminton, and Wrestling.

In her address, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the significance of sports alongside academics. She encouraged students to actively participate in sports competitions and highlighted the role of sports in building character and fostering holistic development. She further added that sports not only improve physical and mental health but also instill key values such as discipline, responsibility, self-confidence, and mutual brotherhood.

The DC also extended congratulations to the District Youth Services and Sports Department for successfully conducting the event and sus-

taining the spirit of sportsmanship among the youth in the region. District Youth Services and Sports Officer Tarsem Singh informed that over from April 2025 to till now 30,000 student-athletes have participated in various intra-mural competitions, which took place within school premises across the district, in games such as Football, Badminton, Volleyball, Chess, and Table Tennis. In addition, 4,000 students have participated in inter-school competitions from April 2025- till now.

Later, a pledge was taken by all participants to uphold the values of sportsmanship, integrity, and fair play, reaffirming their commitment to discipline, respect, and teamwork. Observer Harinder Singh, Sports Council Incharge Aejaz Ahmed Mir, Activity Incharge Kuldeep Kumar, and other officials of DYSS Reasi were also present.

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JAMMU: Cultural Unit Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR), Jammu, in collaboration with District Administration Jammu, convened a Cultural Awareness Programme titled 'Nasha Mukh Bharat' (Say No to Drugs) on Tuesday at the Government Higher Secondary School Bhalwal.

The aim of the initiative was to enhance awareness regarding the detrimental effects of drug abuse and to promote a drug-free community. Artists from the Cultural Unit, Jammu captivated the audience with thematic songs, effectively demonstrating the repercussions of drug addiction on individuals, families, and society at large.

The programme was attended by officials of Health, Jammu Kashmir Police Department, staff of school and students. The students showcased Nukkad Natak centered on the theme. Principal, Harpreet Kour, expressed her insights on the subject, highlighting its significance to the audience. She commended the Department of Information and Public Relations for organizing such a meaningful programme designed to enhance awareness.

The programme was conducted under the directions of Joint Director Information Jammu, Deepak Dubey and under the supervision of Cultural Officer Jammu, Mukesh Kumar Sharma.

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JAMMU: Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Jammu-Reasi Constituency, Jugal Kishore Sharma, along with Vikram Randhawa, Member of the Legislative Assembly from Bahu constituency, conducted a visit to Village Chatta in Block Satwari of Bahu Assembly segment. During the visit, the leaders interacted with the residents and listened to their grievances and developmental concerns.

A major issue raised by the local populace was the development of the village pond (Talab), which holds cultural as well as ecological significance for the area. Responding promptly, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma issued necessary directions to the SDM South Manu



MP Lok Sabha Jugal Kishore Sharma during visit to Chatta Village.

Hansa, BDO Satwari Sandeep Gupta, and other concerned officials present during the visit.

He emphasized the urgent need to focus not only on the rejuvenation and beautification of the pond but also on holistic development of the entire village.

Speaking on the occasion, Vikram Randhawa reiterated his commitment to addressing grassroots-level

introduction, followed by active engagement with students and participants who shared their views on patriotism and national service.

Brig. Neeraj Kumar Soni (Retd.) faculty, IIM Jammu delivered a presentation highlighting India's growing self-reliance in defence and its evolving military capabilities.

In his address, Prof. B.S. Sahay paid heartfelt tribute to the Indian Armed Forces and expressed deep respect for the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He emphasized that a person's identity is intrinsically tied

to their nation, urging citizens to prioritize national interest over personal comfort. Citing his own decision to stay on campus during difficult times as a mark of duty, he advocated for the promotion of indigenous products as a step toward economic independence.

Prof. Sahay also invoked India's rich literary and spiritual heritage, referencing the teachings of Lord Buddha and the nation's legacy of peace and resilience.

He praised India's strategic advancements, such as successful non-combative military operations, and warned against

internal threats that could undermine national unity.

Highlighting India's progress in digital innovation-such as UPI, QR-based payments, and platforms like the Government e-Marketplace (GeM)-he portrayed a nation on the rise, resilient and visionary. He concluded with a stirring affirmation that 'Nation First' is not just a slogan but a guiding principle that must be embedded in every citizen's conscience.

The panel drew connections between ancient wisdom and contemporary realities.

Drawing from the Ramayana, speakers reflected

on the enduring sentiment of "Janani Janmabhoomi Swarg?dapi Gar?yas?"-the mother and motherland are greater than heaven.

Insights from the Mahabharata reinforced the idea that protecting one's values and homeland through righteous means is central to Sanatan Dharma.

The discussion reinforced how true patriotism, when grounded in cultural awareness and moral responsibility, becomes a powerful driver of national growth. Speakers emphasized the vital role of academic institutions in cultivating ethical, socially responsible leaders.

The evening became patriotic with the patriotic songs by Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu along with the faculty, staff and Ph.D Students.

The event concluded with a reaffirmation of IIM Jammu's commitment to nation-building through education, civic awareness, and leadership. By championing the spirit of 'Nation First', the Institute continues to nurture future leaders dedicated to the service and progress of the motherland.

Wushu Association of J&K to hold selection trials for Nationals

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JAMMU: The Wushu Association of Rajasthan is set to host the 34th Senior National Wushu Championship in Jaipur from June 14 to 19, 2025.

In preparation for the event, the Wushu Association of Jammu & Kashmir will conduct selection trials on May 22 and 23, 2025, at the Wushu Hall, MA Stadium, Jammu.

To ensure a fair and transparent selection process, the Wushu Association of J&K has constituted a selection committee comprising experienced officials and coaches. The commit-

tee includes Kuldeep Handoo as Chairman, along with Rajinder Singh, Kamal Kishore, Ajay Paul Gill, Lalit Singh, Ajaz Hassan, Rameez, Irfan Ahmed, and Nisar Mir as members. Following the selection trials, the J&K Sports Council will organize a coaching camp for the selected athletes. The camp will be held in Srinagar from May 26 to June 12, 2025, to prepare the team for the national championship. The camp aims to enhance the performance and readiness of the players representing Jammu & Kashmir at the national level.

Satish reviews Capex plan, Sports Dept's dev initiatives

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SRINAGAR: Exhorting upon the officers to expedite implementation of the initiatives being undertaken in the sports sector, Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, Satish Sharma, on Tuesday said that this is imperative for upgrading the sports infrastructure enabling youth create a niche for themselves at national and international level.

The Minister was reviewing the works plan for the department of Youth Services & Sports under the Capex sector for the year 2025-26.

Commissioner Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Sarmand Hafiz, Director General Youth Services and Sports, Rajinder Singh Tara, Secretary JK Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul and other senior officers attended the meeting.



Sports Minister, Satish Sharma chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

Commissioner Secretary, Youth Services & Sports, presented a detailed brief about the developmental and the sports activities to be undertaken. The Minister emphasized the need to accelerate implementation of ongoing projects aimed at strengthening the sports infrastructure and promoting youth engagement across the region. He expressed concern over delays in certain schemes, instructing the

officials to identify and address the bottlenecks hampering progress on any developmental initiative.

"The youth are at the core of our development strategy and sports play a vital role in their holistic growth. We are determined to ensure that all sports related initiatives are completed in a time bound and transparent manner," the Minister stated.

He reviewed the key projects including construction

of new sports complexes, upgradation of playgrounds, talent identification programs and district level training camps. He called for improved coordination among the stakeholder departments and timely release of funds to ensure smooth execution of vital works.

The Minister also advocated for enhancement of wages for National Youth Corps (NYCs) volunteers, acknowl-

edging their critical contribution towards promoting sports and youth development at the grassroots level. "NYCs are the backbone of our field level implementation. It is imperative that their services are recognized through better remuneration and support," he asserted.

The Minister further directed the department to conduct regular performance audits and field visits to monitor on ground impact. He assured all necessary support from the government to create an enabling ecosystem for sports and youth empowerment.

The meeting also discussed the directions and the budget announcements and called for devising a mechanism for early completion of these besides the recommendations being projected by the Legislators as well.

Apart from the budget review, the meeting also discussed the issue of Rehbar-e-Khel, hike in the honorarium

of NYCs besides appointment of outstanding sports persons.

The meeting also discussed projects like Khel Gaon Youth Hostels, state of art cricket academies, major indoor sports, sports projects in the border, rural and tribal areas and the projects under peace and developmental initiatives as well.

The Minister emphasised that under peace and development initiatives and in view of the present scenario in the UT, sports activities should be undertaken on a holistic pattern by involving people and youth in particular. He said that the sports activities can lead to a reduction of the stress level thereby increasing the happiness index and overall health of the individuals.

Secretary, Sports Council, presented a detailed brief about the activities being undertaken by the Council besides the calendar of activities to be undertaken.

BEFORE THE COURT OF LD. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE, DODA Caveat No. /2025	
Power Grid Corporation of India Through its Chief Manager (Batote) Sanjeev Kumar DograCaveators
Public at large.	versus
.....Non-Caveator	
IN THE MATTER OF:- Caveat Petition in terms of Section 148-A read with Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP:- The Caveator named above most respectfully submits as under:- 1.That the Caveator, a Government of India Enterprise, is implementing the work of construction of 132 kV D/C Thathri Bhallessa Line on consultancy basis for Jammu & Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Limited (JKPTCL), in accordance with MoU dated 15th March 2022. 2.That the work of construction of 132 kV Thathri Bhallessa transmission line is currently ongoing in District Doda and currently stringing work is pending on and between tower location no. 6&8 at Village Kalani, location no. 11&14 at Village Machibal, Location no. 15, 19&23 at Village Donadhi, locationno. 25, 30/1& 31 at Village Kaharah, Tehsil Tathri as well as location no.35 at village Bathi, location 45 at village Batyas Malikpura, location 52-58 &60 at village Gandhoo, location 63-64 at village Neeli and location65&66 at village Gowari Tehsil Gandhoo District Doda. 3.That the caveator apprehends that the non caveator or any other person may file an Appeal, Petition, suit or any other miscellaneous application along with an application of stay against the Caveator and by concealing material facts from this Hon'ble Court may succeed in getting some ex-parte, interim/interlocutory order against the caveator herein. 4.That the caveator submit that in the eventuality of filing of any suit, appeal or any other miscellaneous application along with an application of stay against the Caveator, the caveators may kindly be provided an opportunity of being heard before passing any interim/interlocutory order which would otherwise cause prejudice and may not be repaired at later stage. 5.That it would, therefore, advance the cause of justice, equity and fair play, if this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to afford an opportunity of being heard to the caveator before passing any interim/interlocutory order in appeal/suit/plaint or any other miscellaneous application along with an application of stay filed or to be filed by any aggrieved persons in the interest of justice. PRAYER It is, therefore, most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to afford an opportunity of being heard to the caveator before passing any interim/interlocutory order in suit/plaint or any other miscellaneous application along with an application for stay filed or to be filed by any aggrieved persons against the caveator qua the Work of 2nd circuit stringing of existing 132kV D/C Thathri Bhallessa transmission line, in the interest of justice. Caveator Through Counsel Surjeet Singh Thakur Advocate Date: 21 05 2025	