

BJP Govt assures no shortage of funds to develop rural J&K: Sukhnandan

Marh constituency receiving non-stop funds for development

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JAMMU: Former Minister and senior BJP leader Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar on Monday appreciated the Modi led BJP government at centre and LG Manoj Sinha led administration in J&K for maximising the reach and utilization of government schemes in rural areas of J&K so that no one is left out, and promised that there would be no shortage of funds to develop villages especially border villages.

"In the Budget 2022 even, the BJP has focused on rural areas, said Sukhnandan while addressing the gathering at Sum village in Top Manhasan (Tawi Island)



Former Minister and senior BJP leader, Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar interacting with people.

in Phallian Mandal area of Marh constituency.

Sukhnandan recalled the Phallian Mandal Tawi single bridge, constructed by the then Prime Indira

Gandhi, which was later damaged in 2015 floods, was again reconstructed with double lanes for the benefit of local residents. Disclosing many other

projects for this border area, Sukhnandan said that he is working day and night to achieve 100% coverage of the schemes for Marh constituency.

Former Minister Sukhnandan further said that the Modi government is working on time-bound completion of development programmes.

"I have suggested the LG administration in J&K also to adopt new technology for faster completion of projects with no compromise with quality," Sukhnandan said.

We have detailed efforts ensure that everyone has access to basic facilities -- water, electricity, gas connections, toilets, roads -- which Choudhary

Sukhnandan said BJP government has worked on over the past eight years to develop the border people.

"Marh constituency is receiving non-stop funds for development of roads, the ex-minister Ch Sukhnandan Kumar said .

Others who attended function at Sum village Top Manhasan (Tawi Island) include DDC Member Geetu Aoulakh, Balbir Lal, Jatinder Singh Chairman MC Ghomanasha, Sarpanch Balbir Singh Sohajana, Balbir Kumar Haripur, Ch Lal Singh Lohri Chakm, ex-Sarpanch Sham Lal Sharma, Kuldeep Singh, Ajay Kumar and other prominent citizens of Phallian Mandal area.



EPFO Jammu resolves technical issue hampering transfer of PF record

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JAMMU: Employees Provident Fund Regional Office, Jammu, with the efforts of its team of dedicated staff, on Monday rectified a technical issue pertaining to M/s. Sutej Textiles and Industries Limited due to which thousands of PF members of the firm were not able to withdraw their PF accumulations, the journey till now has not been smooth. Many issues cropped up in the process of transition of records from JK EPFO to EPFO. A major roadblock which posed a big challenge to EPFO, Jammu, which successively became a serious cause of concern was inability of withdrawal of P F amount (for the period prior to November, 2021) transferred in respect of Establishments (whose records were transferred by J K EPFO after

October, 2021, and Annual Accounts were processed by EPFO).

Such amounts (transferred by J K EPFO) could not be properly accounted for and members were not able to withdraw their P F accumulations, as J K EPFO had credited interest only upto January, 2021.

Accordingly, matter was taken up with I S Division to provide a technical solution (to change date of credit of amounts), which could be expedited through personal intervention of the Central P F Commissioner (who advised I S Team to complete the technical solution in a time bound manner).

Once the above solution was deployed, EPFO, Jammu could rectify the date of credit of most of the Establishments viz JKSRTC, JKSEFC and some major Contractor of Bari Brahmana Industrial Area and Samba Industrial Area.

However, data related to M/s Chenab Textile Mills (P F Code Number JK/JMU/2037331) could not be pushed smoothly for change of date of credit.

This had recently become another major cause of concern for the Office, as this could have resulted in large scale unrest amongst Industrial Workers of Kathua. The matter was also raised by local BMS leaders, who visited EPFO, Jammu recently and met Commissioner Rizwan Uddin. They were apprised about the roadmap covered so far (by 16th June, 2022 almost 9000 records of M/s CTM could be rectified). Consistent efforts were made in this behalf

and successive communications were sent to the Head Office, EPFO. All concerned Officials were being updated of issues being faced in EPFO, Jammu. Finally, on 19.06.2022, Chief Technical Officer, EPFO advised his team member S Baskaran, D D, IS to facilitate processing of records. With the help of the I S team, Officials Jammu worked continuously on 19.06.2022 (Sunday) and pushed the entire data of M/s CTM by 4.51 AM on 20.06.2022.

The team overcame the technical hurdle with the assistance and coordination from the National Data Centre of EPFO, situated at New Delhi. Towards this, the Regional PF Commissioner constantly remained in touch with the officers of NDC including with Ms. Shanthi Sivaraman, Deputy Director (IS), and S. Baskaran, Deputy Director (IS). The team under the leadership of Rizwan Uddin, RPF - I, included Ajit Mishra, RPF - II, Sanjeev, AO and Ketan Saxena, SSSA. The sheer determination and dedication of the team members is evident from the fact that they went beyond their call of duty to attend Office in the night shift to solve the problem.

This has brought a great respite to all concerned including the Management of M/s Chenab Textile Mills, who have raised their concerns about a probable unrest in the Mill. Now all the retired employees would be able to withdraw their P F accumulations without any hassle.

Transport Commissioner reviews functioning of MVD

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SRINAGAR: Transport Commissioner on Monday reviewed the functioning of Motor Vehicle Department here.

All the Regional Transport Officers (RTOs), ARTOs and other concerned attended the meeting.

While emphasising the need to bring efficiency and transparency in working of the department, the Transport Commissioner stressed on the importance of IT enabled services in the department.

The performance of Fitment of High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) across districts was reviewed and all RTOs and ARTOs were directed to

enhance the enforcement measures to ensure that strict action is taken against vehicle owners for non-affixation of HSRP as per Motor Vehicle Act. It was further informed that booking of HSRP through online mode via (<https://real-mazon.com>) has also been started. All RTOs/ARTOs were asked to give wide publicity for the online booking of HSRP. The RTOs/ARTOs of all Districts were advised to strictly discourage physical presence of applicants in their offices and ensure compliance with instructions of the Govt. regarding online services. Transport Commissioner directed all officers to put efforts to make the all the serv-

ices easily available to general public. RTOs/ARTOs were also directed to check violations on roads and penalized the offenders under Motor Vehicle Act/ Rules.

During ensuing Shri Anamath Ji Yatra (SANJY) 2022, the ARTOs particularly Anantnag and Ganderbal shall ensure that all arrangements are put in place and pilgrims do not suffer on account of over-charging. Regarding introduction of E-Rickshaws, the RTOs/ARTOs were asked to get their routes notified through concerned Regional Transport Authorities as per standing guidelines issued by the government.

ADGP Jammu promotes 216 SgCTs as HC, 3 HCs as ASI, 5 CTs as SgCt

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This is the 10th DPC

JAMMU: Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Jammu Zone, Mukesh Singh on Monday issued promotion order in respect of 216 Sg-



Constables promoting them to the rank of Head-Constable in the pay scale of level-5 (29200-92300), 03 HCs as ASI, 05 CTs as Sg.Ct's and In-Situ promotion to 01 HC and 01 follower besides bringing 307 Sg.Ct's on promotion list-"C-II" who will be promoted after passing of requisite pre-promotion course.

under the chairmanship of Zonal ADGP Jammu, wherein 4883 officials in different ranks have already been promoted. While congratulating the promoted police personnel and their families, ADGP Jammu Zone lauded the efforts of these police personnel in earning their due promotion well in time and further expressed hope that they shall rededicate themselves towards their work even with more zeal and enthusiasm to make the department feel proud.

Agnipath scheme 'neither in nation's security nor national interest: Bhalla

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JAMMU: On AICC call , J&K Congress on Monday held "peaceful" protests across J&K against the "anti-youth" Agnipath scheme and the central government's "vendetta politics" targeting party leader Rahul Gandhi, who is being questioned by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case.

In Jammu, Congress protest was led by JKPC Working President Raman Bhal and joined by PCC Vice Presidents Mula Ram, Kanta Bhan, PCC General Secretaries Th. Balwan Singh & Th. Manmohan Singh, Ved Mahajan (Ex-MLC), Indu Pawar (Mahila Congress), DCC President Jammu Rural Hari Singh Chib, Dr. R.K. Khajuria, Pawan Raina, Sahil Sharma, Sanjeev Panda, Manjeet Jatt, Thomas Khokhar, Nadeem



Congress leaders during a protest at Jammu.

Sharief, Ch. Sukhdev Singh, Suresh Dogra, Rajveer Singh, Col, Swarn Singh, S. Gajan Singh, Michael Wazir Atul Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, Rajiv Saraf, , Jatin Vashisht, Kewal Krishan Jogi, Nassir Masih, Arif Malik, Janak Mehra, Gurmeet Singh, Ranjeet Chopra, Prithvi Raj, Billal Rashid, Master Ajaib Singh Motton, Des Raj, Sunil Kumar, Rattan Lal, Sukhwinder Singh, Jagdish Raj, Janak Raj, Balwinder Kumar, Bachan Lal, Mukesh Kumar, Rattan Lal Bhagat , Sharafat Singh, Arun Kumar Singh, Chran Dass, Som Raj, Raman Kumar, Hans Raj Bhagat, Sohan Lal, Joginder Lal and Several top JKPC lead-

ers participated in what the party called 'satyagrah' and demanded the government to withdraw the Agnipath scheme.

The Congress leaders said the government should immediately withdraw this scheme as it is not good for the youth. Congress leaders and supporters criticised the BJP-led central government and said that the Agnipath scheme is not beneficial for the country's youth and also jeopardises national security. They said Agnipath Scheme 'neither in national security nor national interests and demanded rollback of scheme.

While addressing media persons during protest, Bhalla said lakhs of Congress workers across

the country today held peaceful protests against the anti-youth Agnipath scheme and against Modi government's vendetta politics targeting its MP Rahul Gandhi and in the evening, Congress delegation will also meet Rashtrapati and submit a memorandum on the issue of entry of Delhi Police into their party headquarters and the alleged misbehaviour with party MPs during protests against Rahul Gandhi's ED questioning.

Yesterday Congress also held a 'satyagraha' at Jantar Mantar in solidarity with the youth protesting against Central Government's Agnipath Recruitment Scheme. He slammed BJP Govt and termed it callous , adding that despite after the Agnipath scheme, which allows Indian youths to serve in the regular cadre of the Armed Forces for a period of four years, was announced on June 14, protests erupted in various states including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, , Telangana, Odisha, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Jharkhand and Assam,

including J&K as a result of which protestors went on the rampage setting trains on fire, torching vehicles and damaging both private and public properties.

Criticising the Modi government over the scheme, Bhalla said for the first time in 75 years, service chiefs were being asked to defend a government's policy decision. He also questioned the silence of PM Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. Slamming the Centre over Agnipath Scheme, he said that the scheme will 'kill the youth' of the country and will 'finish the Army'.

He said that the government is not working for the poor and youth but for big industrialists. He appealed to youths to protest peacefully against the Agnipath scheme, assuring the party's full support. Recognise fake nationalists, the entire country is with you in your struggle," he said quoting youth. He said the scheme, which was being implemented to save just a small amount of money, might have adverse implications on the national security. He said the

armed forces were one of the best in the world due to its robust recruitment and professional training system. He also exhorted the country's youth to "wake up" and raise their voice against the Centre's decision "in a democratic manner", claiming that those to be joining the armed forces under the scheme would be left nowhere after completing the four years of their service. He dubbed the recruitment scheme as anti-youth and claimed that it will only benefit the private companies as it will cater to their demand for trained security personnel. This Agnipath scheme has come after a series of jumbas by Prime Minister Modi with regard to providing jobs to the country's youth who brought him at helm at the Centre contributing to the victory of the BJP in 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections, he said. "After four years of service under the Agnipath scheme, youth will have only two situations to face in your life, either they will be forced to get frustrated due to unemployment or they will be searching a job of security guard in private companies" Bhalla claimed.

ALC Jammu organises awareness camp for migrant workers

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JAMMU: In order to create awareness among the migrant labourers about their rights under various labourer laws and about various social security benefits available under scheme like Pardhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan Yojna, E-shram, JKBOCWBB etc, an awareness camp was organised for the Brick Kiln workers of M/s Jai Ganga Brick Kiln, Akhnour Road, here on Monday.

The workers were made aware about their rights under various labour registrations, non employment of children/ adolescents in hazardous occupations, bonded labour etc.

They were also made aware about social security schemes and were encouraged to enroll themselves under various schemes and take maximum benefit of the same.

Deputy Labour Commissioner Jammu Veenakshi Koul, Sapna, Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC) Jammu, Shivika Sharma Labour Officer, Prosecution, deliberated on the schemes and labour registration.

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Targeted killings of members of minority communities and other people in Valley over the past few months have triggered fear and anger among the people. This year, 23 targeted attacks were carried out in Kashmir, mostly aimed at minorities, migrants and security personnel. The 24 people martyred in these attacks include a Kashmiri Pandit government employee, a member of Rajput community, four migrants, four leaders, five police personnel, an Army soldier, two CRPF personnel, two Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel and three locals.

Among these, 10 were martyred in central Kashmir including 7 in Budgam and 3 in Srinagar while 11 were martyred in south Kashmir including 5 in Kulgam, 5 in Pulwama, one each in Anantnag and Shopian, and 2 in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

The J&K administration, after a

spate of targeted killings, posted all employees belonging to the minority communities including Kashmiri Pandits to 'safer locations' within Kashmir.

On January 29, Ali Mohd Ganai, a policeman, was martyred outside his residence at Hasanpora village of Anantnag district, which was the first target killing of 2022. On March 2, Mohd Yaqoob Dar, a Panchayat member, was martyred in Kulpora village of Kulgam while on March 9, Sameer Ahmad Bhat, a Sarpanch was martyred at his home in Khonmoh on Srinagar outskirts. Sameer Ahmad Malla, a soldier, was martyred three days after his abduction from Lokipora in Budgam. On March 12, Shabir Ahmad Mir, a Sarpanch, was shot in Audora village of Kulgam district while Mukhtar Ahmad, a CRPF man was martyred at Chotipora village in Shopian, when he was off-duty. On March 21, Tajamul Mohi-ud-din Dar, a local

was shot in Gotpora village of Budgam and on March 26, Ishfaq Ahmad, an SPO, and his brother Umar Ahmad were martyred inside their home at Chadbugh Budgam. On April 4, Vishal Kumar, a CRPF man was martyred and his colleague got injured at Maisuma in Srinagar. On April 13, Satish Kumar Singh, a member of the Rajput community, was martyred in Kakran village of Kulgam while on April 15 Manzoor Ahmad Bangroo, a sarpanch, was martyred in Goshbugh village of Pattan. On April 18, Surinder Singh and Deb Raj, both RPF personnel, were martyred at Kakapora Railway Station and on May 13, Riyaz Ahmad Thoker, a policeman was martyred in Gudoorra village of Pulwama. On May 17, Ranjit Singh, a wine shop employee from Rajouri, was attacked inside shop in Baramulla and on May 24, Saifullah Qadri, a policeman, was martyred in his house at Soura,

Srinagar. Qadri's nine-year-old daughter also got injured in attack. Next day on May 25, TV artist Amreen Bhat was attacked inside her house at Hushroo Chadoora and on May 31, Rajni Bala, a school teacher from Jammu, was martyred outside her school in Gopalpora, Kulgam. On June 2, Vijay Beniwal, a bank manager from Rajasthan, was martyred inside his office in Arreh village of Kulgam while Dilkhush Kumar, a labourer from Bihar, was martyred while his colleague got injured in terrorist attack in Magraypora village of Chadoora in Budgam. On June 17, an off-duty police sub inspector was martyred in Pampore area. This was the second target killing in month of June. There has been a series of targeted attacks on off-duty policemen in Kashmir so far and Police has claimed that all terrorists behind these targeted attacks have been killed during various encounters.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India invites applications for setting up stall/kiosk at Amritsar, Jammu Tawi, Jalandhar City, Ludhiana, Beas, Firozpur Cantt, Jalandhar Cantt, Phagwara, Pathankot Cantt, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Pathankot Jn., Udhampur, Anantnag, Banihal, Baramulla, Batala, Dhanda, Kalan, Dhariwal, Dina Nagar, Dasuya, Faridkot, Fazilka, Gangsar Jaitu, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Kotkapura, Kartarpur, Kathua, Kapurthala, Lohian Khas, Mukerian, Muktsar, Makhu, Nakodar, Phillaur, Samba Railway Stations under One Station One Product scheme. The terms and conditions are as under :

1. The period for setting up of the stall/kiosk will be 15 days.
2. A token fee of Rs.1000/- for 15 days shall be charged.
3. Product to be displayed/sold as under:
 - (i) Handicrafts/ Artefacts
 - (ii) Textiles and Handlooms
 - (iii) Traditional Garments
 - (iv) Local agricultural produce/processed/semi processed foods.
4. Period of display sale on (2nd spell of phase-V) 23.06.2022 to 07.07.2022.
5. The selection of participants in the OSOP may be done considering that the benefit of this scheme must reach the marginalized sections, i.e those individuals at the bottom of the pyramid. Priority shall be given to the following:
 - (a) Holder of Artisan/Weaver ID card issued by Development Commissioner Handicrafts, Development Commissioner Handloom, or by the requisite State/Central Government Authority.
 - (b) Individual artisans/weavers/craftsmen enrolled/registered with Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED)/National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC)/Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) etc.
 - (c) Self Help Groups registered with PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme).
 - (d) Marginalized or weaker sections of society.
6. Open lottery/Public draw to be done in case large number of applications are received.
7. The applicant will have to submit an undertaking to the Station Superintendent indicating that no activity would be undertaken to adversely affect the train operations, passenger safety and image of the Railways.
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9. Application should be addressed to Station Superintendent and last date of submission of applications is 22.06.2022 up to 11:00 hrs in office of the concerned station's SS and same will be opened thereafter at 11:05 hrs.

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