

CS reviews strategic road projects with BRO Chief

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SRINAGAR: Director General, Border Roads Organisation (BRO), Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, on Monday called on the Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, to review the progress on various strategic road infrastructure projects currently underway in the Union Territory, particularly in border areas.

During the meeting, they held an in-depth discussion on the ongoing strategic road projects being implemented in remote and sensitive border regions of J&K. These vital projects are crucial for ensuring year-round connectivity to far-flung areas, improving



mobility for civilians and facilitating the operational

readiness of the security forces.

Lt Gen Srinivasan also apprised the Chief Secretary of certain challenges being faced by BRO on the ground, especially issues related to land acquisition and forest clearances that have hindered progress at several locations.

The Chief Secretary gave his full assurance that the J&K administration will provide all necessary support to resolve these matters promptly. He directed the concerned departments to streamline the clearances and coordinate closely with BRO authorities to remove any bottlenecks.

Dulloo also impressed

upon the DG to expedite the execution of these critical infrastructure projects, reiterating their strategic and developmental significance for the region. He underscored the need for achieving zero-mile connectivity and smooth movement of both civilians and defence personnel, particularly in frontier areas prone to weather-induced isolation.

Lt Gen Srinivasan, while expressing gratitude for the administration's continued cooperation, assured that BRO is fully committed towards timely completion of all ongoing projects and will continue to work in mission mode to meet the set timelines.

SANJY-2025: DC directs expediting ongoing Yatra works to meet timelines

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GANDERBAL: In view of the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra (SANJY)-2025, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore on Monday chaired a comprehensive meeting of district officers and stakeholders at Mini Secretariat here to review the status of arrangements and ongoing works along the Baltal route. Officers from all line departments and representatives of key stakeholder agencies including BEACON, BSNL, Jio, and Airtel presented detailed progress reports regarding the preparedness for the Yatra. The review covered a range of critical areas including physical connectivity, drinking water supply, shelter sheds, medical facilities, disaster risk mitigation, electricity availability, mobile connectivity and registration of ponies and service providers. Emphasizing the national importance of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, DC underlined the responsibility of the district administration to ensure seamless and safe facil-

ities for the pilgrims. He directed all concerned departments to adhere strictly to timelines and expedite completion of all ongoing works to facilitate hassle-free Yatra services. With regard to mobile network coverage, DC issued instructions to representatives of Jio, Airtel and BSNL to ensure uninterrupted connectivity at all critical locations, especially along the Baltal-Holy Cave route. He further emphasized the need to make necessary arrangements for the live telecast of the Pratham Puja scheduled on 11th June from the Holy Cave. Assistant Labour Commissioner was directed to expedite the registration of service providers to ensure availability of adequate manpower for smooth conduct of the Yatra. Among others, meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Fahim Bihagi; CEO Sonamarg Development Authority; Assistant Commissioner Panchayats; district officers and representatives from BEACON, BSNL, Jio, and Airtel.

Sham Lal demands reliable power supply in fully metered areas

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JAMMU: In a strong message to the concerned authorities, J&K BJP Vice-President and MLA Jammu North, Sham Lal Sharma, criticized the erratic power supply in areas with 100 per cent metered connections, calling it unacceptable during the ongoing severe heat wave.

He urged the government to ensure at least 80 per cent electricity supply in these regions, stressing that uninterrupted power in fully metered areas is a basic and justified expectation.

Sham Lal Sharma was speaking during a Public Darbar held at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, here on Monday, jointly organized with MLA Akhnoor, Mohan Lal Bhagat.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from dozens of deputations representing various localities and social groups across



MLAs Sham Lal Sharma and Mohan Lal Bhagat listening to public issues.

Jammu. Deputation from areas including Vikram Nagar Sarwal, Thara Kalwal Billawar, Gandhi Nagar, Last Morh, Sanjay Nagar, Upper Thathar Bantalab, Shiv Nagar, Mera Mandrian Akhnoor, Makka Milk Bhatindi, and others, raised pressing issues. These included damaged roads, electricity outages and billing disputes, blocked drains, lack of water connections, faulty electric poles, KVIB Kathua grievances, mining issues, and revenue-related con-

cerns. Both leaders listened attentively to the public concerns and took immediate steps to escalate the issues to the relevant departments. They emphasized the need for swift and time-bound resolution of all genuine grievances.

While addressing the public, Sham Lal emphasized that it is the fundamental responsibility of the government and the administration to take all necessary steps to improve the quality of life for the people.

He asserted that elected dispensations must prioritize serving the common and needy citizens, which is the very reason they have been entrusted with power.

Sharma stressed that the administration must focus on core public concerns such as uninterrupted electricity supply, clean drinking water, accessible healthcare, and quality education.

He further reiterated the BJP's unwavering commitment to public service that extends far beyond election cycles.

Sharma assured the public that BJP will continue to act as a strong bridge between the people and the administration to ensure that genuine issues are addressed without delay.

Mohan Lal Bhagat affirmed that the party is dedicated to serve the needy, ensuring that the benefits of development and welfare schemes under the Modi government reach the last person. He reaffirmed BJP's inclusive approach to governance, rising above caste, religion, and region.

The event proceedings were efficiently coordinated by BJP Swachh Bharat Abhiyan Incharge, Er. Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal.

World looks up to India to overcome global challenges: Dr Jitendra

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FRANCE: Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that the world today looks up to India to overcome the global challenges.

Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the United Nations Ocean Conference with participation of over 150 countries of the world, including Heads of State, senior Ministers, eminent scientists and policymakers, here on Friday, Dr Jitendra said over the last two days, he and the other members of the Indian delegation have realised how much of expectation the other countries have from India.

Dr Jitendra attributed this to the change of perception about India's capabilities that has happened over the last 11 years with certain decisive measures taken by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and also the stability of the government offered to him over the last one decade.

Referring to the completion of the 11 years of the Modi government, Dr Jitendra said that it is a pleasant coincidence that today as the Modi government completes its 11 years in office, here we are witnessing a huge surge and enthusiasm among the representatives of other member states and countries to be benefitted by India's capabilities and capacities.

The Minister said, as far as the ocean related concerns and challenges are concerned, India has not only taken a lead in handling these challenges, but the strength to India's efforts came from the resolve of the political dispensation which was evident by the fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi referred to Deep Ocean Mission not once but twice in his independence day address consecutively for two years.

In the last 10 years, Dr Jitendra Singh said the difference now is that India is taken seriously, even in matters of global concerns like ocean challenges, climate patterns, and clean energy concerns, whereas earlier on the world thought of India as a non-serious or a complacent actor in these domains.

Elaborating further Dr Jitendra Singh said that the challenges of the ocean concerns need to be addressed collectively because nearly 70% of the earth's surface is occupied by oceans and the oceans

know no political or geographical boundaries, and therefore, the good and bad effects emanating from the oceans affect the humanity, regardless of the nationality or the country.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, leading the Indian delegation at a global forum, emphasized that ocean-related concerns are primarily of two types: those directly emerging from the oceans, such as rising temperatures and sea levels due to global warming, and those linked to pollution, including oil spills and plastic waste. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Singh highlighted India's proactive stance in tackling ocean pollution, noting that India was among the first nations to officially ban single-use plastic. He also underlined the progress of India's Deep Ocean Mission, which is being implemented in close collaboration with ISRO and various national research and technical institutions. This mission exemplifies India's holistic approach—integrating science and governance—to address environmental challenges and ensure sustainable ocean management. Dr. Singh also revealed that the Indian delegation has received widespread attention from multiple nations seeking one-on-one meetings.

This reflects India's growing significance and leadership on global environmental issues, especially in marine sustainability and climate action. India's strategic initiatives and scientific collaborations are increasingly positioning the country as a key stakeholder in global efforts to safeguard the oceans for future generations.



BrahMos missile goes global: exported to Philippines

33 times increase in India's defence exports

75% of the defence capital acquisition budget earmarked for domestic production

Over 5,000 items added to the defence indigenisation lists

Procurement of 43 items worth ₹2,400+ crore from IDEX startups and MSMEs

NATION FIRST
Decisive, Fearless, Responsible Bharat

Aircraft carrier INS Vikrant built indigenously

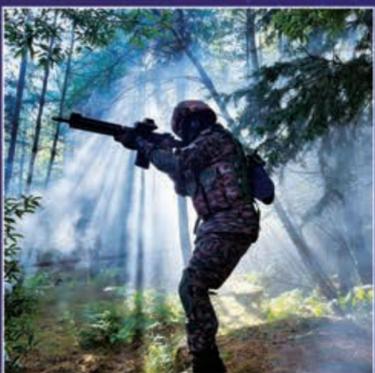
Creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff: a historic reform in higher defence organisation

One Rank One Pension, long-standing demand of the armed forces - fulfilled



Indigenous LCH Prachanda, world's only attack helicopter capable of landing and taking off at 5,000 M with a significant load, inducted into Indian Air Force

Ordnance Factory Board converted into 7 defence PSUs to boost autonomy, efficiency and growth



Operation SINDOOR demonstrated remarkable valour of our armed forces; 9 terror bases in enemy land destroyed in just 22 minutes

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 Seva, Sushasan, Garib Kalyan ke

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