

PHDCCI delegation meets Municipal Commissioner to discuss draft city logistics plan

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JAMMU: A delegation of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry Jammu Region Chapter (PHDCCIJRC), comprising of its Chairman Rakesh Wazir, Former Chairman Vikrant Kothiala, and Deputy Resident Director Kartik Pratap Singh, while speaking and elaborating in the meeting convened by Municipal Commissioner Jammu, Devansh Yadav, wherein other officer including Addl. District Development Commissioner, Jammu Sher Singh, Project Director National Highway Authority of India Anuj Kumar, Joint Commissioner



PHDCCI members interacting with JMC Commissioner, Devansh Yadav.

Municipal Corporation Jammu Sudha Sharma and others were also present, to deliberate on the Draft City Logistics Plan and propose actionable measures to ease congestion in the city dis-

cussed in detail the measures to ease ease out the traffic in Jammu. Rakesh Wazir while speaking on the occasion emphasized the need for vertical development i.e. multi story

buildings over horizontal sprawl to safeguard green spaces besides usage of one place's FAR in other place and advocated for a long-term, planned approach to city growth-on the lines of Chandigarh-anticipating Jammu's needs for the next 40 years. He also highlighted the urgency of more roads and the timely completion of ring roads to effectively decongest traffic.

Wazir further noted that with the Katra-Srinagar rail corridor now operational, and within 2-3 months it will start from Jammu also and as a result now more traffic will come to Jammu/Katra and it becomes significantly important to develop the places of Tourist interest around Jammu so that Tourists may be able to spend more time while visiting these places and Jammu must be ready to capitalize on this enhanced connectivity for economic and logistical growth.

Wazir further said that people should be encouraged to use more and more park-

ings rather than parking their vehicles on main roads. He also requested him for introducing of more e-Way buses in more areas of Jammu and especially between Jammu & SMVD Narayanana Hospital, Kakryal.

Former Chairman Vikrant Kothiala stressed the importance of creating multiple access points from the ring road into the city. He pointed out that at present, RS Pura is the only major connection, and suggested the need for new approach roads from areas like Marh, Chatha, and the Camp area of Talab Tillo. This, he said, would improve traffic flow and make the ring road more effective. He also recommended promoting near-by tourist destinations to help distribute visitor movement more evenly across the region.

Municipal Commissioner appreciated the suggestions and assured the delegation that each and every point would be carefully considered during future urban and transportation planning.

Country witnessed unprecedented infrastructure development in 11 years: Balbir



JAMMU: BJP spokesperson for Jammu and Kashmir and former Vice Chairperson, Balbir Ram Rattan, said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has witnessed unprecedented infrastructure development over the past 11 years, which has established India as a powerful nation on the global stage.

He said that this development has had a direct impact on the lives of common citizens.

Balbir said that historic progress has been made in the road and highway sector. Strengthening the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, roads have been constructed up to remote villages, which has significantly boosted the rural economy. Indian Railways has also been equipped with modern facilities with major improvements in high-speed trains, station modernization, and railway safety have transformed the passenger experience.

In the area of airports and air connectivity, regional development has been encouraged through the UDAAN scheme, connecting small towns via

Housing for All, Bharatmala, and Sagarmala projects are all pushing India on the path from a developing to a developed nation.

He added that the infrastructure work across these sectors has led to increased employment opportunities, logistics improvements, ease of doing business, rural-urban balance, and rapid growth in the country's GDP.

Balbir said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Development' and 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) has transformed both the image and destiny of India. Today, India is self-reliant, confident, and ready for global leadership.

Satish launches plantation drive; emphasises importance of afforestation



FCS&CA Minister Satish Sharma planting a sapling during plantation drive in Hiranagar.

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JAMMU: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, inaugurated a plantation drive in Hiranagar.

The event, held in collaboration with the Forest Department, witnessed wide participation from students, youth volunteers, environmentalists, government officials and locals.

MLA Hiranagar and several prominent local dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Speaking at the event, the Minister said that the environmental health of Jammu and Kashmir, especially areas like Hiranagar with a delicate ecological balance, requires continuous and committed efforts from all stakeholders. He emphasized that large-scale

afforestation and community involvement are key towards safeguarding the region against deforestation, soil erosion, water scarcity and climate change.

"Forests are not merely natural assets; they are lifelines that sustain biodiversity, conserve water and purify the air. In the face of climate change and increasing environmental threats, it is our moral duty to plant more trees and protect what nature has blessed us with," said the Minister.

The Minister also reiterated his government's commitment to green initiatives, noting that various departments under his charge, particularly Youth Services & Sports, will be directed to actively promote the environmental awareness and eco-friendly practices among the youth. He stressed the need to incul-

cate the values of environmental stewardship through school and college-level programs, including nature camps, eco-clubs and green volunteering activities.

Satish Sharma appreciated the efforts of the Forest Department and local administration for organizing the plantation campaign and called for such drives to be made a seasonal movement rather than a one-time activity.

MLA Hiranagar, while addressing the gathering, assured full cooperation in mobilizing the local resources for long-term ecological restoration.

Several community leaders also shared their views and pledged to support future plantation efforts in the area.

SDM Hirangar, RTO Kathua, District Youth Services Sports Officer and senior officers of forest department and other allied departments were also present.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that in order to execute the work of erection of hybrid module and preventive maintenance, the power supply to District Reasi, Rajouri, Poonch and part of District Jammu will remain affected on June 23 from 5 am to 9 am.

DC Jammu reviews flood preparedness measures ahead of Monsoon



Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya chairing a meeting.

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya chaired a meeting of senior officers on Sunday to review the flood preparedness and mitigation measures in the district ahead of the monsoon season.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police Joginder Singh, Sub Divisional Magistrates, officers from the Flood Control Department, PHE, PWD, Health, Police and other concerned departments.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner took

a detailed review of the status of flood protection works, availability of machinery and readiness of the disaster response teams. He directed the concerned departments to ensure the timely completion of all ongoing works related to flood management and to keep all necessary equipment in a state of readiness.

The DC emphasised the importance of inter-departmental coordination and directed the officers to identify vulnerable areas, particularly low-lying and flood-prone zones, and to take all precautionary measures to

safeguard life and property. He further instructed the Health Department to keep medical teams and ambulances on standby and to ensure adequate stock of essential medicines.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for regular monitoring of water levels in rivers and nullahs and called for the establishment of control rooms at the district and tehsil levels for prompt response to any emergency situation. He also directed the officials to spread awareness about safety measures during floods.

DC attends Annual Bhandara at Baba Budh Giri Ji Ashram



DC Vikas Kundal and others at a programme.

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal today visited the revered Baba Budh Giri Ashram at Behramgala, where he actively participated in the Annual Bhandara and also took part in a Havan. The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SDM Surankote Farooq Khan, Tehsildar Mohammad Akbar and other officers.

The Deputy Commissioner interacted with the Ashram Committee members and devotees, congratulating them

for the successful conduct of the religious event. Several developmental and infrastructural demands were raised by the Committee, including the construction of a Langer Shed, a 100-metre link road to the Mandir and repair of old stairs, among others.

The Deputy Commissioner assured the committee that the district administration is committed to addressing these demands, ensuring that pilgrims from Poonch and other areas have a safe and comfortable experience at the Ashram.

Col Mahan reiterates importance of robust connectivity for development of remote areas

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BASOHLI: In a major push to strengthen road infrastructure in the region, the government has sanctioned Rs 5.63 crores for the macadamization (blacktopping) of various roads under the PWD (R&B) Divisions of Basohli and Billawar. The sanctioned amount includes Rs 2.89 crores for roads falling under the Basohli Division and Rs 2.74 crores for those under the Billawar Division, under the City and Town Road Macadamization Scheme.

This was announced by Col (Retd) Mahan Singh, DDC Chairman Kathua, during a public meeting held at Marta Nagrota. He informed that the identified roads under both divisions will be taken up for blacktopping work

shortly. In addition, similar allocations have also been made for Kathua and Hiranagar PWD divisions to further improve road connectivity across the district.

Col Mahan Singh acknowledged that the plan formulation has been slightly delayed due to the late release of funds this year. However, he assured that every effort will be made to ensure that the allocated funds are fully utilized within the current financial year. He said the recent sanctioning of 13 new PMGSY roads, mostly in the hilly and kandi belts of Kathua district, along with the macadamization of 15 existing PMGSY roads and the current PWD road projects, would significantly boost the rural and urban road network in the region.

Speaking to media persons, the DDC Chairman also highlighted that several roads under the NABARD scheme are in advanced stages and will be completed in the coming months. He reiterated the importance of robust connectivity for the development of remote areas and underlined the role of these infrastructure projects in transforming the quality of life for residents.

Col Mahan Singh strongly advocated for the early sanction and construction of the proposed Kathua-Doda National Highway via Basohli, Bani, and Bhaderwah. He said this crucial project will not only open new avenues of development in the hilly areas of Kathua and Doda districts but will also serve as a strategic corridor connecting key routes such as the Jammu-Pathankot National Highway, Pathankot-Dalhousie Road, and Dhar-Udhampur Highway to the Kashmir Valley-without having to pass through the often congested Jammu-Srinagar Highway.

He added that the proposed highway would benefit all six assembly constituencies of Kathua-namely Kathua, Hiranagar, Jasrota, Billawar, Basohli, and Bani-as well as the three constituencies of Doda district-Bhaderwah, Doda East, and Doda West. Once completed, the highway would significantly ease traffic pressure and play a transformative role in the region's connectivity and economic development.

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International Yoga Day celebrated at District Jail Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kishtwar, in collaboration with District Jail Authorities, organized a special yoga session for jail inmates to mark the International Yoga Day.

The event was conducted under the guidance of Secretary DLSA Sihaluddin Ahmed with active participation and coordination from Superintendent District Jail Sushel Kumar, Advocate Sanveer Singh, Assistant LADC and Adv. Vinay Shan. The session was effectively facilitated by Lekh Raj Parihar, a trained Yoga Instructor.

Adding a unique and inspiring dimension to the event, a young 6th standard student Aadiya Parihar participated in the yoga demonstration, showcasing that the practice of yoga transcends age and status.

The session saw enthusiastic participation from both the jail staff and the inmates. The Expert team guided participants through different asanas and breathing exercises good for mental peace, discipline and general wellness.

The importance of yoga in rehabilitation and self-discipline was also highlighted during a brief address to the inmates.

Army conducts medical patrol

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RAJOURI: In its ongoing efforts to provide essential medical services to remote areas, the Indian Army conducted a medical patrol in Chakalsalta.

The patrol, comprising Army medical personnel, provided free medical aid and treatment to 05 Teachers and 46 Students.

The medical patrol was part of the Army's initiatives to reach out to remote areas and provide medical services to those in need.

This effort aims to build trust and strengthen the bond between the Army and local communities, ensuring their health and well-being.



Army officials with students at medical camp.

The Army's medical team provided comprehensive medical check-ups, distributed essential medicines, and offered health and hygiene advice to the villagers.

This medical patrol demon-

strates the Army's commitment to serving the community and promoting healthcare in remote and inaccessible areas.

By conducting such medical patrols, the Indian Army is bridging the gap in health-

care services and making a positive impact on the lives of people in remote areas. The Army's selfless efforts have been well-received by the local populace, who appreciate the medical aid and treatment provided.

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE

Jammu to Srinagar	
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

HELPLINE

TELEPHONES	
Directory Enquiry	197
Fault Repair	198
Local Assistance	199
Trunk Booking	180
Trunk Assistance	181
International Trunk Booking	2447952, 2577951, 2573638
Billing Complaints	2543896, 2548415
Billing Complaints Computerize	1955
Change No. Announcement	1951
Gandhi Nagar Exchange	2451953, 2430953
HOSPITALS	
Government Medical College	2584290, 2484291
Psychiatry and Disease Hospital	2577444
Ambulance Rajouri	2571747, 257084, 257357
Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637
Emergency	2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638
Chest Disease Hospital	2577064, 2548012
Dental Hospital	2544670
Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar	2430041
Emergency	2431740
Child Hospital	2577023
Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital	262270
AMBULANCES	
Indian Red Cross Society	2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248
FIRE STATIONS	
Gandhi Nagar	101, 2435283, 2457705
City	2544263
Canal	2554064
Roop Nagar	2597522
Gangyal	2480026
Bani Brahmana	220020
Akhnoor	252481
Kathua	234313
Samba	243280
Katra	232451
Udhampur	270897
Police Control Room	100, 2542001, 2545481-82
Police Exchange	2547621-22, 2547624
Civil Defence Control Room	2549100, 2548645, 2544920
Civil Defence	2548645, 2549100, 2544920
Hot Line	383
TOURISM	
Tourist Officer, Airport	2431917
Tourist Officer, Railway Station	2430078
Tourist Reception Centre	2579554
BUS SERVICES	
JKSRTC General Manager	2435262
JKSRTC Bus Stand	2577475
JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service	2576562
Punjab Roadways	2542782
WATER SUPPLY	
Company Bagh	2542582
Parade	2544979
Bakshi Nagar	2543557
Panjiirthi	2547501
Narwal	2430031
ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS	
Canal	2554147, 2554199
Parade	2542289, 2543398
Nanak Nagar	2430776
Gandhi Nagar	2430180
Shastri Nagar	2430781
Janipur	2543828, 2579258
Satwari	2452816
FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)	101
CIVIC SERVICES	
Municipality	2547846, 2542192
Health Officer	2547440
Garbage / Carcass Removal	2547440

FIND CINEMA

SITAARE ZAMEEN PAR HINDI	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU:	
10:00AM /10:30AM /12:25PM / 1:10 PM / 4 :20PM / 7:30PM /10:05PM /10:40 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU:	
9:35AM /1:00PM /03:55PM / 04:25 PM / 07:50PM / 9:55PM / 11:15PM	
How To Train Your Dragon	
Wave Cinemas - Wave Mall, Channi Rama: 3:35 PM	
Dakuan Da Munda 3	
Wave Cinemas - Wave Mall, Channi Rama: 7:15 PM	
Housefull 5	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU 1:40 PM / 10:45PM	
PVR - KC 9:30AM	
Saunkan Saunkanay 2	
PVR - KC 07:00 PM	
Wave Cinemas - Wave Mall, Channi Rama 08:00PM	