

Pancheri gets community hall, tourist huts

Development reached remotest areas during 8 years: Dr Jitendra

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UDHAMPUR: Describing Udhampur, Kathua, Doda as among the most developed Lok Sabha constituencies of the country during last eight years of the Modi government, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said on Thursday that during this period the development has reached remotest parts of the region which stood neglected during the earlier regimes.

Addressing a massive gathering after paying obeisance at the Sankri temple at Pancheri near here, Dr Jitendra said, this was possible because development without any vote consideration has been our motto under Prime Minister Modi.

He said, we have followed the culture of providing what was required at whatever place so that there is equitable development of every area and in doing so we have simply followed the bottom-line of reaching out to the most needy pockets of region and delivering justice to all, appeasement to none, with-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing a large gathering of people in Pancheri area of district Udhampur on Thursday.

out any considerations of vote politics and without thinking as to whether the people of that area vote for us or not.

On the occasion, Dr Jitendra also dedicated to the public a Community Hall constructed from his MP LAD funds. He said, during his last visit to Pancheri, there were three or four main demands, most of which he had sought to fulfill and one of these was the demand for a Community Hall.

The other demand, he said, was to develop Pancheri as a tourist spot and added that this demand has been fulfilled because Pancheri is selected among the list of places of J&K which are to be included in the tourist itinerary.

He said, the other demand for having a tourist hub has also been fulfilled for the construction of these tourist huts, while the installation of a new Power Project will address the grievance of long hours of power cuts which the people had to face earlier.

While referring to the pamphlet based on 75 important developmental works done in Udhampur, Kathua, Doda Lok Sabha constituency during the last eight years, Dr

Jitendra Singh said, the hallmark has been that not only several national projects were initiated and several held up projects resumed, but there were historic projects brought here for which no public demand for this has been made, but as elected representative needs we tried to study and do research to decide which area had the potential for which project.

Accordingly, Dr Jitendra Singh said, North India's first River Rejuvenation Project was started at Udhampur river Devika and India's longest express road

corridor between Delhi and Katra will be completed in the next one year.

Similarly, the country's 2nd Vande Bharat express train was started between Katra and Delhi and the world's highest railway bridge is nearly to complete in Reasi for which lot of efforts had to be made to come out with appropriate Rail alignment which could negotiate the hilly terrain to connect Kashmir with the rest of India.

Udhampur, Kathua, Doda is possibly the only Lok Sabha constituency in the country, said Dr Jitendra Singh, which got three centrally funded Medical Colleges in a short span of time.

DDC Chairman Udhampur Lal Chand, J&K BJP Vice-President Pawan Kahajuria and BDC Chairman Jeevan Lal, among others, also spoke on the occasion and lauded the massive developments in the region during Dr Jitendra Singh's term as MP.



Lawyers take out Mashaal Rally in Jammu

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JAMMU: The lawyers of Jammu who are on agitation demanding construction of multi storey complex in the Janipur Court area for housing various judicial and quasi-judicial institutions like CAT, Consumer Court, Registration authorities, DRT, AFT, Human Rights Commission etc, for about a month observed complete suspension of work in the High court, subordinate courts, revenue courts, Tribunals and all other courts on Thursday also.

"So far, the LG administration is maintaining complete silence on the issue," President of Bar M.K. Bhardwaj said adding that all the political parties, Traders, Transport and social organizations have already extended their full support to the demands projected by the Bar Association.

J&K High Court Bar Association, Jammu on Thursday evening took out a Mashaal Rally from Brahman Sabha, Parade which after passing through various bazaars of the old Jammu city including Moti Bazar, Pacea Danga, Chowk Chabutra, Jain Bazar, Link Road, Purani Mandi, Kanak Mandi, Rajinder Bazar, Residency Road concluded at Raghunath Bazar.

The lawyers appealed to the shopkeepers and the public of Jammu to observe complete Bandh on August 29, 2022 in support of the demands of the Bar Association for construction of multi storey



Lawyers taking out Mashaal rally at Jammu.

complex in Janipur court area.

President of Bar M.K. Bhardwaj was leading the rally with participation of senior lawyers namely H.C. Jalmeria, J.P. Gandhi, Babu Ram Sharma, Subodh Singh Jamwal, Ajay Vaid, Sachin Gupta, Baldev Singh (Jr), Narinder Shamra, Umesh Sharma and other office bearers namely Mohinder Pal Singh Palli, Vice President, Surjeet Singh Andotra, General Secretary, Aditya Sharma, Joint Secretary, Amandeep Singh, Treasurer and team of Young Lawyers Association namely Rohit Sharma, President, Gagandeep Singh Lueky, Vice President, Yaseer Farooq Khan, General Secretary, Karanjeet Singh Johal, Joint Secretary, Naresh Kumar Treasurer and Ashfaq Khan, Vishal Abrol, Sumit Nayyar, Vikukash Anand, Zamir Qureshi, Monish Chopra, Mehrukh Syedan, Himani Jamwal, Saliqa Sheikh, Kanav Gupta, Gagandeep Sharma, V.K. Sharma, Anurag Bakshi, Amit Gupta, Ajay Sharma, Raghav Gaid, Akshay Gupta, Ayshman, Chetan Misri, Rajeev Chargoitra, Nitin Sambhal, Gagan Kohli, Surabhi Kotwal, Rajat Jamwal, Ayush Sharma, Meenakshi Bhatyal, Ranjana Manhas, Jyoti Rani, Deepali Kapoor, Dharmvir, Barges Badyal, Mansi Thakur, Aanish Dubey, Sukhvinder Singh (Chatha), Bindusar Abrol, Varinder Chib, Sunny Parihar, Gaurav Sarngal, Arvind Singh, Nadeem Choudhary, Muzaffar Ali Shah, Dilbagh Singh, Amit Bhandari, Ashish Nanda, Nitin Nand, Ayushi Sharma, Sahib Thakur, Shiv Dev Thakur, Kunal Kohli, Aamir Awan, A.S. Bali, Arif Khan, Ravinder Mishra, Mayuri Sumbaria, Anjana Rana, Nisar A. Gattoo, Fozia Shamem, Saksham, Gaurav Sharma, Bhaghirath, Manhar Mahajan, Sanpreet Singh, Naman Suri, Hiteshwar Kohli, Raghbir Singh Sandyal, Sanjay Verma, Manjeet Sarkaria, Paramvir Singh Pardan, Jatin Gill, Shrey Bakshi, Tarun Dutta, Asya Khan, Vikram Thakur, Anjad Khan and other.

SMC fails to tackle menace of stray animals

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SRINAGAR: Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has failed to prevent movement of stray animals on city roads, stray dogs, horses, cows etc thereby posing risk of accidents to pedestrians & motorists. Residents of several areas in summer capital often complain about presence of stray animals on roads, many times resulting in accidents. Residents of various areas including Bemina, Barzulla, Rawalpora, Lal Bazar, Bota Kadal, Alamgari Bazar, Nowhatta, Khanyar, Bagaate Shoor Umer Colony, Saderbal, Bypass and Sanat Nagar etc have said that increasing population of stray animals hamper vehicular and pedestrian movement. "Stray animals stand in middle of roads, bringing entire traffic to halt at times. Dozens of animals like cows and calves keep roaming in localities throughout the day.

Sometimes they move in herd posing risk to pedestrians," said residents of Bagaate shoor area of Lal Bazar. "Problem is growing with each passing day. The authorities seem to have run out of options to address the menace," said commuters of Lal Bazar and adjacent areas, adding that in some areas of Srinagar, stray animals even enter premises of their houses.

Earlier, in April Srinagar district administration ordered for setting up of Animal Rescue Centres to rescue stray animals. This centre was a most-needed project for residents of Srinagar city as there are hundreds of stray animals which are often sitting in middle of the main roads and many times create huge traffic jams. To set Animal Rescue Centre a place was also identified at Athwajan area and land was recently transferred to Animal Husbandry Department. Though

Joint commissioner SMC told that Corporation is already working on curbing stray dog menace and for rescue/rehabilitation of animals can join hands with the concerned Department to multiply efforts, but it was observed that SMC failed to restrict movement of stray animals on roads in summer capital posing risk of accidents for commuters.

SMC veterinary section also claimed that they are collecting fines relating to allowing stray animals roam on roads, and many times inform owners besides making them aware of the issue. "Other stray animals are being lifted and owners of the animals are penalized under rules, while abandoned animals are being shifted to cattle pound," said Joint commissioner SMC, adding, "We are looking at a programme for rehabilitation of such animals so that this issue can be resolved effectively."

Dalai Lama blessed foundation stone for International Institute for Culture & Ethics



His Holiness the Dalai Lama with the Flowering Dharma team.

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LEH: The initiative of Flowering Dharma, a youth organization, to establish the International Institute of Culture and Ethics (IICE) at Chuchot Gongma for preservation and promotion of Indian Wisdom Tradition, Himalayan Cultural Heritage, Art, Languages, Emotion, Ethics and Science, was presented to His Holiness the Dalai Lama on Thursday at Abi-spang, Spituk at the thanks-giving luncheon event hosted by the Ladakh Buddhist Association and All Ladakh Gonpa Association. His Holiness blessed the foundation stone of the Institute which will be consecrated at the proposed site of the Institute at Chuchot Gongma. The Dalai Lama has also contributed a sum of Rs. 3,00,000 as a blessing and seed fund towards the project, for which the organization expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the His Holiness and his office on behalf of the people of the Himalayan region from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh.

The event today at Abi-Spang was the final event of His Holiness in Ladakh before his scheduled departure on 26th August. In his brief talk during the occasion, His Holiness spoke on the importance of warm heartedness and stressed on learning of Nalanda Wisdom tradition. He finally shared his wish to visit Ladakh next year as well.

Hundreds of PHE daily-wagers came out on road, tried to Gherao Raj Bhawan

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JAMMU: A number of daily-wagers of Jal Shakti department again took to the streets as their pending demands have not been fulfilled by the Government. An attempt was also made to Gherao Raj Bhawan by taking out a rally from Chief Engineer's office, B C Road, which was thwarted by deployed police and paramilitary forces. Thereafter, in anger, protesters shut down Sitli plant in Sidhara from 11 AM to 3 PM, disrupting main water supply to city. Meanwhile, in support of temporary workers of Jal Shakti Department, daily-wagers of Irrigation Department also demonstrated outside the office of Chief Engineer on Canal Road.



PHE daily-wagers taking out massive protest rally at Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, Jal Shakti Employees Front Spokesperson, K Ravi Hans said that daily-wagers of PHE have been given only false assurances from 30 years, as no Government and even LG's

administration has done nothing for them on ground level, but this time the workers will fight till justice is granted. "Workers are being paid Rs 6000 to Rs 7000 per month, which is insufficient in this time of inflation. Their demands are being completely ignored by LG's administration, which will not be tolerated. Moreover, due to imposition of Section-144 in and around Tawi bridges in Jammu, there is anger among workers, as it appears that administration is trying to suppress agitation," said K Ravi Hans. Major demands of PHE daily-wagers are regularization of expired temporary workers, fixing minimum wage of Rs 618 per day and releasing pending salary of 90 months.

CJM issues non-bailable warrant against I/c Police Post Panjtirthi

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JAMMU: In a significant development, CJM Jammu Amarjeet Singh Langeh has issued Non-Bailable Warrants against accused PSI Rahul Sharma, Incharge Police Post Panjtirthi, as he failed to appear in the Court in a criminal complaint filed by an Advocate. The Court, after taking cognizance, issued summons against accused PSI Rahul Sharma through SHO Police Station Pacea Danga. It may be recalled that earlier also on a date of hearing, accused PSI Rahul Sharma had failed to appear in the Court and due to his non-appearance, the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jammu had issued Bailable warrants amounting to Rs 10,000 against him through SHO Police Station Pacea Danga,

Jammu. Accused PSI Rahul Sharma was earlier released on bail by Court in the complaint on furnishing surety and personal bonds to the tune of Rs 15,000 as an assurance to court that he shall appear on each and every date of hearing in the case. Since, Advocates have abstained from work as a part of their ongoing strike, none of the Advocates were present either for complainant or the accused. However, complainant was present in-person before the court whereas accused chose to remain absent again on this date of hearing before the Court. Non-Bailable Warrants against the accused shall be sent for execution to SHO Police Station Pacea Danga, Jammu and matter has now been listed for further proceedings on October 13, 2022.

Patwaris' protest enters day 2

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JAMMU: Patwaris across Jammu & Kashmir continued on 3-day pen-down strike on second day in protest over failure of the Government to redress their demands.

Under the banner of All Jammu and Kashmir Patwar Association, Patwaris across J&K abstained from their regular work and staged protest at their respective district headquarters. In Jammu, the protest of Patwaris was held in the complex of Deputy



Patwaris sitting on Dharna at Jammu.

Commissioner Jammu. All basic members of the Association from district Jammu including Girdwars and Patwaris participated in

the protest, which was led by Vinay Sharma, district president of the Association.

They raised slogans in support of their demands which

include increase in the grade pay of graduate patwaris, timely departmental promotion of patwaris and girdawars, providing Government accommodation for the Patwar Khanas and basic facilities for running the Patwar offices, ban on direct recruitment of Naib-Tehsildars, creation of GQ circles and transfers of GQs out of the district. They also demanded the Government to solve the issues being faced by them in digitization process of land records.

CBC takes Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations to border town Uri

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BARAMULLA: Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Uri, Harvinder Singh inaugurated a multimedia exhibition on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav organized by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India. The event was organized by CBC's Field Office Anantnag at mini stadium Uri, Baramulla. The 3-day long event is aimed at generating awareness among masses in the border town about the objectives and vision behind the celebration of Amrit Mahotsav.

Speaking on the occasion, Harvinder Singh, SDM lauded valour and determination of people of Uri in defending the nation by pushing back the tribal intruders after India's independence. He



SDM Uri, Harvinder Singh inaugurating a multimedia exhibition as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by CBC.

said that it is due to sacrifices of our freedom fighters and armed forces personnel that we live in a free country. Joint Director CBC, Ghulam Abass said that objective of Amrit Mahotsav campaign is to foster national integration and work collectively for national development. Others who addressed the gathering included Daljeet Singh, Sub

Agricultural Officer and Zonal Educational Officer Uri Chowdhary Shah Mohammad. Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC informed that 3-day event will conclude on August 27 and over the next two days different activities like quiz, painting competitions, elocution, film screening and cultural programmes will be organized for students and masses.

HC upholds PSA of two JeM OGWs

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court upheld detention under Public Safety Act (PSA) of two who are Over-Ground Workers of Jaish-e-Mohd Terrorist Organization. Justice Sanjay Dhar, while dismissing petitions filed by Syed Mohammad Azhar Amin Shah and Rayees Ahmad Bhat, observed that a perusal of grounds of detention revealed that while summing up the activities of the petitioner, the detaining authority has clearly recorded its satisfaction that the activities of the petitioner are highly prejudicial to the security of the state and it is on this ground only that the impugned order of detention has been passed. There is, thus, no doubt in mind of the detaining authority as to the nature of the activities in which the petitioner is alleged to have been indulging, the Court observed.

Jammu Admn initiates string of measures to prevent, control spread of LSD

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JAMMU: Under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa, the District Administration has taken a string of measures to prevent, control and contain the spread of Lumpy Skin disease in the animals.

The District Administration has been organising a series of camps, besides providing door to door treatment to the affected dairy animals. The District Administration has also issued a set of advisory to prevent and control the spread of disease among the animals.

According to a public notice order, the administration has banned the movement, transportation of dairy animals from one place to another. The movement of all trucks/tractor trolleys/other vehicles carrying animals/cattle in/out/within the district shall be stopped with immediate effect.

The order further says that to check the spread of the LSD disease, infected animals are to be isolated from healthy stock. Also, carcasses of animals are not to be disposed of in the open and skinning of carcasses is also prohibited.

Animal carcasses are to be disposed of in two days under the supervision of officials of the Animal Husbandry department as per protocol.

The order said that cleaning and disinfection of the infected premises/ shed shall be done by using phenol/sodium hypochlorite/formalin. It also said that in case of emergency the people should seek immediate help from the nearest veterinary centre for treatment.

The District Administration has also issued a helpline number 18001807205 for the farmers.