

DC Srinagar chairs DRSC, DLMC Meeting to strengthen road safety framework

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In order to prevent road accidents and take corrective measures, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo who is also Chairman of District Road Safety Committee and District Level Monitoring Committee (DRSC/ DLMC) today chaired a meeting here at the Meeting Hall of the DC office Complex.

SSP Traffic Police, Aijaz Ahmad; RTO Kashmir, Qazi Irfan; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz; Superintendent of Police, Umar Shah; Superintending Engineer R&B (North), Shabir Ahmad; Superintending Engineer of R&B (South), Tatheer Manzoor; SDM West, Irfan Bahadur; SDM East, Zubair Ahmad, other senior Officers of School Education, Colleges, R&B and other concerned Departments attended the meeting.

At the outset, the meeting discussed in detail remedial measures to prevent road accidents and 'Hit and Run' cases in the district emphasizing implementation of road safety



measures recommended by the Supreme Court. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the line departments to submit detailed GIS coordinates of accident-prone areas (black spots) along with transport data to identify vulnerable road stretches as per the Integrated Road Accident Database (IRAD) framework. The DC asked the R&B department to formulate a

robust plan in accordance with the Supreme Court's directions for the identification and management of black spots. He stressed that focused technological and enforcement interventions should be undertaken to significantly reduce road accidents particularly along highways.

Emphasizing data-driven planning, the DC highlighted the importance of using available traffic and transport data for safety interventions, strategic deployment of traffic personnel and implementation of corrective measures at accident-prone locations.

During the meeting, other issues included traffic decongestion, traffic regulation, particularly at black spots, proper illumination at cut points and removal of encroachments.

The meeting also reviewed the implementation of the Road Accident Victim Fund. The DC stressed the need for swift disposal of related cases.

Meanwhile, the DC also took appraisal of progress of ongoing traffic decongestion measures in the City including at Natipora-Rambagh junction, Barzulla underpass and other areas.

DC Baramulla distributes Ice Boxes among Fishermen to strengthen Fisheries Sector

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In a step towards strengthening the fisheries sector, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, in presence of Assistant Director Fisheries, today distributed 94 ice boxes among registered fishermen and fish farmers of the district.

The ice boxes have been procured by the Fisheries Department under the Jammu and Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement Project (JK-CIP) to support post-harvest management and improve the livelihoods of fishing communities.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC highlighted that the initiative is part of the long-term goal of the Jammu and Kashmir Government to double the income of people associated with agriculture and its allied sectors.

Minga Sherpa said that



the initiative aims to enhance the shelf life of fish produce, minimize post-harvest losses, and promote hygienic handling, especially among street fish vendors.

Furthermore, the DC added that by enabling safe storage and transportation of fish, the intervention is expected to help beneficiaries avoid distress sales and access better market opportunities, thereby improving their income levels.

The DC also noted that the ice boxes would play a key role in maintaining

the quality and freshness of fish, ensuring the supply of safe and hygienic produce to consumers, adding that such measures not only benefit producers but also enhance consumer confidence in locally produced fish.

Koul highlights 1430 crore relief package, VB GRAM G benefits in Karyakarta Sammelan at Rajouri

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Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held a "Karyakarta Sammelan" at the Assembly Constituency Rajouri, reaffirming the party's commitment to development, good governance, and welfare of the people, especially those living in far-flung areas especially border and rural areas.

The Sammelan was addressed by BJP J&K General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, along with J&K BJP Vice-President Zulfikar Choudhary, State Secretary Gopal Mahajan, District President Rajouri Dev Raj Sharma, and other senior leaders. Former MLC Adv. Vibodh Gupta, former MP Talib Hussain, Dinesh Sharma, Rajinder Gupta, Arif Jatt and others also addressed the gathering.

While addressing the party workers, Ashok Koul underlined the unwavering commitment of the Narendra Modi-led Central Government towards



the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir. He highlighted that an amount of Rs 1430 crore was liberally sanctioned to provide relief to people affected by incessant rains and devastating flash floods a few months ago. This liberal assistance clearly reflects the Modi government's sensitivity and its resolve to support the people of J&K during difficult times, he said.

Ashok Koul enumerated the benefits of VB GRAM G for the rural development and empowerment, stating that such initiatives are strengthening grassroots democracy, enhancing transparency, and ensuring last-mile delivery of government schemes. He also criticized the Omar Abdullah-led government for failing to fulfil its manifesto promises, urging party workers to expose these failures among the masses.

Zulfikar Choudhary, in his address, said that BJP's governance model is based on accountability and performance. He added that the Centre's continuous support to J&K has brought stability, development, and new opportunities, particularly for youth and border populations.

Gopal Mahajan emphasized

the crucial role of party activists in taking the party's achievements to the people, while Dev Raj Sharma said that Rajouri has witnessed tangible development due to strong coordination between the Centre and the party organization.

Adv. Vibodh Gupta said that BJP remains deeply connected with the aspirations of people living in border and remote areas. He stated that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, regions like Rajouri are receiving unprecedented attention in terms of development, security, and welfare.

Union budget blind to J&K's rising unemployment, development deficit and middle class people: Gupta

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The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Provincial President for Jammu, Rattan Lal Gupta, on Tuesday strongly criticised the Union Budget 2026-27, stating that it completely ignores the pressing challenges faced by Jammu and Kashmir, especially rising unemployment and the long-standing development deficit in the region. There is nothing for middle class people, no enhancement in the basic exemption limit of Income Tax Slab.

In his reaction to the Budget, Gupta said that the much-publicised allocations are merely a repackaging of funds under centrally sponsored schemes and do not include any meaningful or special financial package for Jammu and Kashmir to address unemployment or accelerate development. He described the additional ₹2,000 crore allocation as wholly insufficient to rescue the region from the crisis caused by what he termed the "misgovernance of successive BJP and PDP regimes."



Expressing disappointment, Gupta said that the Jammu region, which suffered extensive infrastructural and economic losses due to devastating flash floods, cloud bursts and landslides, was denied a comprehensive rehabilitation and reconstruction package. Instead of providing the required financial support, the elected government was handed peanuts to deal with an extraordinary situation, he remarked.

He further accused the local BJP leadership in Jammu of failing to secure any major financial assistance for the region, despite repeatedly projecting itself as Jammu's sole messiah.

Gupta noted that the Budget made no substantial provision for address-

ing critical issues such as lifting water from the Chenab River and extending the Ranbir Canal, both of which are vital for the region's agricultural and drinking water needs. Likewise nothing mentioned about Ravi Tawi Irrigation Project of Ranjeet Dam.

Terming the Budget as anti-poor and disconnected from the country's economic realities, Gupta said it offers no relief to workers, farmers, or the unemployed, while continuing to favour big corporate interests. He alleged that the BJP-led government's policies reflect a blind commitment to a select few corporate houses. There is no mention of MGNREGA liabilities which payable to the poor for their work done as labour.

Gupta also criticised the reduction in fertiliser, food, and petroleum subsidies, calling it a direct assault on workers and farmers. He warned that a sharp decline in transfers to states, amounting to lakhs of crores, threatens the principles of fiscal federalism. According to him, the Union Budget will further widen economic inequality and aggravate the ongoing economic crisis.

LoP Sunil meets Nitin Nabin, discusses party's outreach to public, and public welfare issues

NEW DELHI, FEB 03: Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition in the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly, today met the BJP National President, Nitin Nabin, at his New Delhi residence. The meeting focused on organizational strategies to further strengthen the Bharatiya Janata Party in Jammu and Kashmir and to ensure dedicated service to the people of the region.

During the interaction, Sunil Sharma held detailed discussions on enhancing the party's grassroots presence, improving public outreach, and launching innovative initiatives to ensure that the benefits of development reach every corner of Jammu and Kashmir.

He also apprised the National President of the aspirations, challenges, and developmental needs of the people of the Union Territory.

Speaking on the occasion, Sunil Sharma said



that under the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and dedicated BJP leadership, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a new era of development and inclusive governance. He said that

BJP's focus is to further strengthen the organization at the grassroots level and to ensure that every citizen feels the positive impact of good governance. He shared insights into the party policies aimed at empowering people, accelerating development, and reinforcing the party's connect with the masses.

Assuring full support, BJP National President Nitin Nabin stated that the Bharatiya Janata Party is deeply committed to the welfare, peace, and prosperity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the party will continue to work tirelessly to address the concerns and aspirations of the people of the region.

DLSA Budgam conducts 1st UTRC Meeting

BUDGAM, FEBRUARY 03: As part of the Calendar of activities, DLSA Budgam Conducted 1st Under Trial Review Committee Meeting (UTRC) of the year 2026.

The meeting was held to expedite the identification and review of prisoners who are eligible to be considered for release as well as to accelerate the regular function of UTRC and review all eligible under trial Prisoners (UTPs).

The meeting was chaired by O.P Bhagat, Principal District & Sessions Judge (Chairman DLSA), Budgam, and was convened by Secretary District Legal Services Authority Budgam in consonance with the SOPs already in place.

The meeting was attended by



Mehraj-ud din Shah, Additional Deputy Commissioner Budgam; Sajjad Bukhari, Additional Superintendent of Police Budgam; Abdul Rashid

Dar, Sr. Prosecuting Officer (SSP office Budgam); Ranjeev Kumar, Public Prosecuting Officer Session Court Budgam; Shehbaz Hussain, Dy. Superintendent Central Jail Srinagar, and Dr. Fayaz Ahmed, Senior Medical Officer, Central Jail Srinagar.

During the meeting, bare discussions were held regarding the release of Under Trial Prisoners (UTPs), identified by DLSA Budgam for their release by the UTRC Committee.

Six cases of UTPs were identified by DLSA Budgam and two came into consideration before the UTRC Committee in accordance with SOPs formulated by NALSA and has resolved and decided to recommend them for release/Speedy trial/proper medical care etc.

Dogra Hr Sec School hosts Grand Farewell 'Pathway to Success' for Class XII

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Dogra Higher Secondary School, Shastri Nagar, Jammu, organized a heartfelt Farewell for the outgoing Class XII students on Tuesday, 3rd February 2026, under the inspiring theme "Pathway to Success." The event was a graceful blend of emotions, gratitude, and celebration, marking an important milestone in the students' academic journey.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome address by Avreen and Tamana of Class XI, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp.

On this solemn occasion, a tribute was paid to the Honourable Chairman, Thakur Gulchain Singh Charak, in remembrance of his invaluable contributions and visionary guidance.

A sapling was presented to the Honourable Chief Guest of the day, symboliz-



ing growth, hope, and new beginnings.

The Principal Major Bhawna Devi, (Retd) also addressed the gathering, motivating the students to move ahead with confidence, discipline, dedication and determination as they step into the next phase of their journey.

The Chief Guest, the worthy Managing Director of DHSS, Kunwar Gambhir Dev Singh Charak, addressed the students and blessed them for a bright and successful future.

Tania from Class XI delivered a touching farewell speech, expressing love and best wishes for the seniors.

This was followed by a melodious song presented by Pravansh, a Class XI student, accompanied by Rajveer Singh of Class XII, who displayed his exceptional talent by playing the guitar.

The major highlights of the event was Title Ceremony, Mr. DHSS awarded to Ayush Bhatti and Miss DHSS awarded to Pihu Goswami, amidst great enthusiasm and applause.

The audience was deeply moved by a poem recited by Srishti from Class XII (Commerce), while Khushi from Class XII (Commerce) presented a sincere Note of Gratitude to the

school management, teachers, and staff for their constant guidance and support.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Pihu, followed by refreshments and a group photograph with the Class XII students, capturing moments and memories to be cherished forever.

The farewell ceremony was a grand success and truly reflected the school's commitment to nurturing not only academic excellence but also strong values and confidence in its students as they step onto their Pathway to Success.