

Shaurya International School Felicitates CBSE Board Toppers



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Shaurya International School organized an Excellence Award Ceremony to felicitate the students who excelled in the CBSE Board Examinations of Grades X and XII. MLA R.S. Pura, Jammu, attended as the Chief Guest.

The programme was also attended by Chairman of

the School Management Committee Harinder Mahajan, Vice Chairman Sahil Mahajan, Directors Pooja Mahajan and Miho Mahajan, along with Principal Dr Swati Kapoor.

The event commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp, followed by a welcome song and cultural dance performances presented by students of Grades VI to X. Principal Dr Swati Kapoor formally

welcomed the Chief Guest and other dignitaries present on the occasion.

During the ceremony, the school toppers, stream toppers and subject toppers of Grades X and XII were felicitated by Chief Guest Dr Narinder Singh Raina along with Chairman Harinder Mahajan, Vice Chairman Sahil Mahajan and Principal Dr Swati Kapoor.

Addressing the gather-

ing, Dr Narinder Singh Raina congratulated the students for their outstanding performance and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence. Chairman Harinder Mahajan appreciated the hard work and dedication of the students, while Vice Chairman Sahil Mahajan highlighted the importance of persistence and determination in achieving success.

Director Tourism inspects Yatri Niwas, reviews arrangements for Amarnathji Yatra

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Director Tourism Jammu, Dr. Vikas Gupta (JKAS), today visited Yatri Niwas, Bhagwati Nagar, to inspect the ongoing renovation works and review the preparations being undertaken for the forthcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026 at YatriNiwas.

During the visit, he conducted a detailed inspection of the accommodation halls, sanitation facilities, langar areas and facelifting and renovation of existing infrastructure being done to facilitate the stay and comfort of pilgrims. He also reviewed the progress of renovation works and interacted with the concerned officers and staff on-site.

The Director also reviewed arrangements related to power supply, drinking water facilities and power backup systems to ensure uninterrupted es-



sential services during the Yatra period. He emphasized the importance of maintaining adequate infrastructure and contingency arrangements for the convenience of pilgrims.

It was informed in the meeting by the concerned Executive Engineer PWD and PDD that all works inside Yatri Niwas shall be completed well before the commencement of the Yatra. Stressing the importance of quality and efficiency, he directed that all preparations be completed within the stipulated time-frame so that adequate fa-

cilities are available for the devotees.

He further reviewed arrangements related to publicity and awareness campaigns for the Yatra and issued several directions to the publicity officer Tourism regarding advertisements, promotional material and dissemination of information to pilgrims through various media platforms.

Reiterating the department's commitment towards providing a safe, comfortable and well-managed experience to the pilgrims, Director Tourism

emphasized coordinated efforts among all stakeholders to ensure seamless arrangements at Yatri Niwas and other related facilities.

During the inspection, Deputy Director Tourism (Publicity), Ms. Savita Chauhan; Deputy Director Planning, Ms. Mamta Sharma; Executive Engineer, (R&B) and PDD, Deputy Director Tourism, Sh. Pankaj Sasan; Assistant Director Tourism Jammu, Sh. Vishal Sadhotra; and representatives of other line departments accompanied the Director.

Dy CM calls for speedy completion of Dak Bungalow project at Bagh-e-Bahu

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Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary today reviewed the progress of several ongoing development works in Jammu and conducted surprise inspection of key government offices to assess efficiency, accountability and project implementation.

During his visit to Bagh-e-Bahu, the Deputy Chief Minister inspected the ongoing construction of the Dak Bungalow and reviewed the pace and quality of work being executed at the site. Stressing the importance of timely completion, he directed the concerned officials to expedite the execution while strictly adhering to the prescribed quality standards so that the facility is completed within the stipulated time-frame and serves the visitors effectively.

The Deputy Chief Minister also undertook a surprise inspection of the offices of the Chief Engineer, PMGSY Jammu and Chief Engineer, Mechanical and Hospital Engineering De-



partment (M&HED), Jammu. During the inspection, he reviewed the staff attendance and functioning of the offices besides taking stock of the status of ongoing projects being executed by the departments.

Emphasizing the need for transparency, accountability and efficiency in public service delivery, the Deputy Chief Minister di-

rected the officers and officials to maintain punctuality and ensure timely completion of all developmental projects. He said that quality infrastructure and efficient governance remain key priorities of the government and any delay in project execution would be viewed seriously.

The Deputy Chief Minister reiterated the govern-

ment's commitment towards strengthening the public infrastructure and ensuring that development projects are completed in a time-bound manner for the benefit of the people.

Chief Engineer PMGSY, R&B and other senior officers of the concerned departments accompanied the Deputy Chief Minister during the inspections.

Satish meets Rly Minister; pitches for revival of Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch Rail project

NEW DELHI, MAY 30: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services & Sports, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, today met Union Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting, Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnav and strongly projected the long-pending demand for rail connectivity to the border districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

During the meeting, Satish Sharma urged the Union Railway Minister to accord priority to the proposed

Jammu-Akhnoor-Dori Dager-Sunderbani-Nowshera-Rajouri-Poonch rail corridor. He described it as a project of immense strategic, economic and social significance for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly those



residing in the border districts.

The Minister highlighted that a survey for the proposed rail alignment had been conducted in the past and stressed the need for its revival and early execution. He underscored that Rajouri and Poonch remain among the few major regions in the country without rail connectivity despite their strategic importance and substantial population.

Satish Sharma informed

the Union Minister that the twin border districts frequently face connectivity challenges due to adverse weather conditions, road disruptions and difficult terrain, which adversely impact the movement of people, essential commodities and emergency services. He maintained that rail connectivity would provide a reliable, all-weather transportation network, significantly improving the accessibility, boosting economic activity and enhanc-

ing the overall quality of life of the people. Emphasizing the national security dimension of the project, Sharma noted that Rajouri and Poonch share a sensitive international border and have historically played a crucial role in safeguarding the nation's interests. He said that a rail corridor to these districts would not only strengthen the civilian connectivity but also enhance logistical capabilities and facilitate faster movement of personnel and resources, whenever required.

The Minister stated that the project would open new avenues for tourism, trade, industry and employment generation in the region. Improved rail infrastructure, he said, would help integrate the border districts more closely with the national economy and accelerate their socio-economic development.

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Health Minister convenes grievances redress camp; emphasizes enhanced public service delivery

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Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, today convened a public grievances redress camp at Circuit House Pulwama.

The event was attended by MLA Pampore Justice Hasnain Masoodi, MLA Zainapora Showkat Husain Ganie, Programme Officer ICDS, Chief Medical Officer Pulwama, Assistant Commissioner Development Pulwama, Executive Engineers of R&B, PHE and other line departments besides officers from the Health, Education and Social Welfare departments.

During the camp, deputations from different villages and urban areas of Pulwama and Shopian, representatives of trade bodies, social organisations, senior citizens and other stakeholders projected a wide range of public issues and development demands and submitted memoranda of demands concerning their respective areas.

The issues raised during the interaction included strengthening of health-care facilities, improvement of educational infrastructure, augmentation of sports facilities, water supply schemes, development of public parks, establishment of scientific dumping



sites, road connectivity, widening and upgradation of roads, deployment of adequate staff in health and educational institutions besides concerns related to agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry sectors.

The Minister gave a patient hearing to all the deputations and sought on-the-spot feedback from the concerned officers regarding the issues raised. She directed the officers to take immediate measures and ensure timely resolution of genuine public grievances.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Pampore expressed gratitude said that such interactions provide an effective platform for addressing the genuine concerns of the people. He expressed hope that similar programmes would continue in future to strengthen the public participation in governance and ensure prompt redress of public issues.

MLA Zainapora, while

addressing the gathering, said that the visit of the Minister to directly interact with the people and listen to their concerns at their doorstep demonstrates a people-centric approach aimed at ensuring that the voice of every citizen is heard and considered in the decision-making process.

Addressing the gathering, Sakeena Itoo assured the participants that all genuine issues projected during the meeting would be examined and addressed in a timebound manner. She said that a follow-up review meeting would also be conducted to assess the progress achieved on the issues raised and ensure their effective redressal.

The Minister expressed gratitude to the people from different areas of Pulwama and Shopian, particularly senior citizens, community representatives and members of the civil society, for participating in the

interaction and sharing their valuable suggestions for development of the districts.

Sakeena Itoo further directed the officers to adopt a people-centric approach in discharge of their duties and ensure improved delivery of public services. Stressing the importance of accountability and responsiveness, she called upon all the departments to work in close coordination for welfare and betterment of the people.

Highlighting the significance of the agriculture and horticulture sectors, the Minister said that these sectors form the backbone of the local economy and livelihood of a large section of the population. She directed the concerned officers to ensure the availability of irrigation water and other essential facilities to the farmers and orchardists during the ongoing growing season so that productivity and income generation are not affected.

Awareness programme under Nasha Mukh Abhiyan held at Traru

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As part of the ongoing 100 Days Campaign under the Nasha Mukh Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan, an awareness programme was organised at Traru to educate the public about the harmful effects of drug abuse.

The programme was conducted under the supervision of the Additional Deputy Commissioner Kalakote Mohammad Tanwir and witnessed the participation of locals, youth and community representatives.

During the programme, participants were sensitized about the social, economic and health-related



consequences of substance abuse and its adverse impact on individuals, families and society.

The speakers highlighted the need for collective efforts to prevent drug addiction and promote a healthy and responsible lifestyle among the younger generation.

Addressing the gathering, the ADC urged the general public, particularly the youth, to stay away from drugs and actively contribute towards building a drug-free society. He emphasized that community participation, awareness generation and timely intervention are crucial in ef-

fectively tackling the menace of drug abuse.

The participants were encouraged to act as ambassadors of the campaign and spread awareness in their respective localities to strengthen the ongoing efforts under the Nasha Mukh Jammu & Kashmir Abhiyan.