

# Pir Panjal getting developmental boost under Omar led Govt: Dy CM

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The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Senior leader and Deputy Chief Minister J&K said that the Omar Abdullah-led Government has completed nearly one and a half years in office with a strong commitment to transparent, people-centric and inclusive governance despite functioning under the limitations of a Union Territory and without the restoration of full Statehood. The Government has worked tirelessly to fulfil the promises made to the people in its election manifesto and has laid a strong foundation for the long-term development of Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing two massive Public meetings at Dalhori (Dhangri) and Thanamandi in District Rajouri. The meeting at Dalhori was organized by Th.Rameshwar Singh former DDC Member Dhangri who also highlighted the demands and issues of area likewise the public meeting at Thanamandi was organized by Mushtaq Shawal Block President Thanamandi who also raised issues and problems of his area in the presence of District President Rajouri Urban Shafayat Ahmad Khan. Surinder Choudhary emphasised the Government has accelerated developmental works across Jammu and Kashmir by improving roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, drinking water schemes, irrigation facilities and other essential infrastructure. Special emphasis has been laid on equitable development so that no region, including the border, hilly and Kandi areas of Jammu



Province, remains neglected. He said Pir Panjal getting developmental boost under Omar led Govt.

Surinder Choudhary said that the Government presented the two Budgets by an elected government after seven years, focusing on employment generation, youth empowerment, women's welfare, agriculture, tourism, education, healthcare, digital governance and strengthening social security. It has also initiated reforms to improve transparency, public service delivery and fiscal management.

The Omar-led Government has consistently raised the voice of the people for the restoration of full Statehood, describing it as the legitimate democratic aspiration of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Even while facing constitutional and administrative limitations under the Union Territory arrangement, the Government has continued to serve the people with dedication and accountability. Choudhary assured in both the public meetings all

the issues and demands will be fulfilled in phased manner some of the demands of roads and bridges he has accepted and announced the construction of some roads and bridges and other blacktopping.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that the achievements of the Government have frustrated the BJP, which has failed to digest the growing confidence of the people in the National Conference-led administration. Instead of extending cooperation for the development of Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP is indulging in baseless propaganda to divert public attention from its own failures.

He asserted that the Omar Abdullah Government is committed to completing its full five-year term and fulfilling every promise made to the people. He appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to continue supporting the Government in its mission of peace, development, social justice and restoration of democratic rights, including full Statehood. He

strongly demanded to the Modi Govt must restore statehood for the betterment of Jammu and Kashmir. He also urged the workers to gear up for the forthcoming Panchayat and Urban local bodies elections, he added, Gupta.

Among others who were present in the meeting included: Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Th. Yashvardan Singh Additional Spokesperson Jammu, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Youglal, Bansilal Sharma Block President Dhangri, Aftab Lone Block President Rajouri, Tofail Block President Chingus, Mohd Ismail Choudhary Block President Doongi, Parvez Jatt Block President Nagrota, Daleep Singh, Parvez Khan, Abdul Hamid, Sajid Pervaiz, Bashir Ahmed, Master Daljeet Singh, Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Waqar Mir, Vivek Sharma, Bashir Wani, Parvez Malik, Parvez Mirza, Maqbool Khasana, Yaki Advocate, Rafiq Mir, Abdul Quoom Naik and other party functionaries were also present.

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More than 25 NCC cadets of 9 JK Girls Battalion NCC Srinagar actively participated in a Nasha Mukta Bharat Awareness Programme held on 26 June 2026 at PSPS Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar as a part of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhimaan (NMBA). The programme was organized with the objective of creating mass awareness among the youth and the general public about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of leading a healthy, drug-free life.

A major highlight of the event was a Nukkad Natak (street play) presented by the NCC cadets in collaboration with SHO Gandhinagar Jaipal Sharma, sub inspector Rakesh Singh, sub inspector azhar mehmood and his team who effectively conveyed the social, physical, and psychological consequences of substance abuse. Through impactful performances and public interaction, the cadets spread the message of the Government of India's Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan and encouraged citizens to contribute



towards building a drug-free society.

The programme was conducted under the aegis of Principal Dr. Kulwinder Kaur of PSPS Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, and under the directions of commanding officer 9 JK Girls bn Srinagar, Colonel Sharad Sharma and administrative officer Lieutenant Colonel Kavita Ramputra.

The rally was flagged off by the worthy Principal of the college Dr. Kulwinder kaur who appreciated the efforts

of cadets and Associate NCC officer of (ANO) 9JK GIRLS BN Major (prof) Shivani Sharma for conducting such an impactful activity. She also encouraged and motivated the cadets to keep continuing actively participating in such social awareness initiatives.

Prior to the nukad natak a rally was also organised from college to Golmarket, Gandhinagar (Jammu) wherein cadets shouted and displayed playcards against illicit effect of drug abuse. The nukkad natak was aimed to

create awareness among the local masses specially riksha wala, safai wala, beggars where nasaha is the primary cause of destruction of families and livelihood.

The event concluded with a pledge by the participants to remain committed to the cause of a drug-free India and to continue spreading awareness within their communities. The programme successfully reinforced the role of NCC cadets as responsible citizens dedicated to nation-building and social welfare.

# Dr Mookherjee's sacrifice continues to inspire nation-building: Sat

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J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma addressed a seminar organized under the ongoing Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee Smriti Pakhwada at Chadwal, Hiranagar, in Kathua district. The programme was organized by MLA Adv. Vijay Sharma under the leadership of District President Updesh Andotra.

J&K BJP Vice-President and District Prabhari Priya Sethi, General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria, MLA Adv. Vijay Sharma, Secretary Arti Jasrotia, District Seh-Prabhari Sanjay Kumar Baru, former MLA Kuldeep Kumar, along with district office bearers, Mandal Presidents, former DDC members, Sarpanches, senior party leaders, party workers, and prominent citizens participated in the seminar.

Sat Sharma, while paying rich tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee, said that he dedicated his entire life to preserving the unity, sovereignty, and integrity of the nation. He said that Dr.



Mookherjee fearlessly challenged the discriminatory permit system in the erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir and launched the historic movement with the immortal slogan "Ek Vidhan, Ek Nishan, Ek Pradhan". He said that Dr. Mookherjee's arrest at Lakhapur in Kathua while entering Jammu and his mysterious death in custody became a turning point in India's nationalist movement.

Sharma added that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, the BJP fulfilled Dr. Mookherjee's long-cherished dream by abrogating Articles 370 and 35A, ensuring that the Constitution of India now applies uniformly across Jammu & Kashmir. He said that the Smriti Pakhwada is an opportunity for every BJP worker to take Dr. Mookherjee's nationalist ideology to every household and inspire the younger generation with his ideals of patriotism, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to the nation.

Priya Sethi said that Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee's life remains an enduring source of inspiration for every nationalist.

She said that his courage, sacrifice, and commitment to national integration continue to guide the BJP in its mission of serving the nation and safeguarding its unity.

Baldev Singh Billawaria said that Dr. Mookherjee's ideology is reflected in every initiative of the BJP aimed at empowering the common citizen.

# CEO Doda assesses schools in Bhalessa, Bhatyas zones

DODA, JUNE 26: Chief Education Officer Doda

Bhushan Kumar Pathak concluded a two-day tour of Educational Zones Bhalessa and Bhatyas, assessing ground realities and infrastructure needs in remote schools of the district.

At Government Higher Secondary School Sino, the CEO operationalised

the Girls' Hostel while directing the Principal to manage it in coordination with the CEO office. The move, along with the provision of a Mathematics teacher, was appreciated by the locals.

At Middle School Barthi and High School Barthi, the CEO reviewed academic arrangements, ordered ra-

tionalisation of classes and instructed the Cluster Head to monitor both institutions and explore land availability for infrastructure development.

The CEO also inspected HSS Gowari, Gandoh, Malanoo, Halaran and MS Halaran, assuring timely redressal of repair and renovation issues, and com-

mended the adoption of digital learning tools such as smart panels.

He reiterated the department's commitment to improving educational standards in far-flung areas through student-centric approaches and effective implementation of initiatives like Vidya Samiksha Kendra.

# MLA Akhnoor holds public grievance camp at Dhok Khalsa, assures time-bound redressal

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BJP MLA from Akhnoor, Mohan Lal, today held a public grievance camp at Dhok Khalsa Panchayat in the Akhnoor Assembly constituency, where he listened to the grievances of residents from the panchayat and adjoining villages and directed officers of various departments to ensure their prompt resolution.

A large number of people attended the camp and highlighted issues related to erratic power supply, inflated electricity bills, drinking water scarcity, construction of lanes and drains, difficulties in availing benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), illegal mining, repair and upgradation of the local High School, and overcharging by matador operators beyond the notified fare.

Among those present were Tehsildar Jourian Deepak Bhatti, Block Development Officer Balwal Brahmana Sandeep Gupta, Assistant Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Department Rajeev Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineer, Public Works (R&B) Department Ashish Basin, Probationary DSP



and SHO Dr. Ahmad, besides officers and officials from various Government departments.

Addressing the gathering, Mohan Lal said that Dhok Khalsa has been selected under the Centre's Vibrant Village Programme, under which development works worth around Rs 5 crore will be launched shortly. He said the area will witness significant improvements in infrastructure, education, healthcare, drinking water facilities and other public amenities.

He also assured that additional developmental works would be taken up through his Constituency Development Fund wherever required.

Taking serious note of complaints regarding illegal mining, the MLA directed

the police to initiate strict action against the offenders. He also instructed the concerned authorities to act against transport operators allegedly charging fares above the prescribed rates.

The MLA urged Government officials to adopt a people-friendly approach and ensure that public services are delivered within the stipulated time without causing unnecessary inconvenience to citizens. He warned that corruption and negligence in public service would not be tolerated and that strict action would be taken against any official found guilty after due verification.

Commenting on the political situation, Mohan Lal alleged that the Omar Abdullah-led Government had failed to fulfil its promise of providing employment to

one lakh youth. He also expressed concern over the reported move to fill around 25,000 posts through backdoor appointments, stating that any attempt to compromise transparency or deprive deserving youth of fair opportunities would be strongly opposed.

The camp was attended by BJP Mandal President Neeraj Sharma, Mandal General Secretary Rakesh Bhagat, former Sarpanch Vijay Sharma, Babloo Sharma, Varinder Kumar, Ganesh Dass, Dimple Sharma, Ravinder Sharma, Pritam Sharma, Yashpal, Subash Chander, Kali Dass, Om Prakash, Gittan, Madan Lal, former Zonal Education Officer Babu Ram, Gullu Ram, Daler Singh, and several other prominent local residents.

the smooth conduct of the observance.

The Deputy Commissioner also interacted with participants and appealed to them to continue upholding the spirit of peace, communal harmony, and mutual respect, while extending full cooperation to the administration and law enforcement agencies for the successful and peaceful culmination of the religious observance.

# DC Bandipora, SSP join Ashoora Procession at Sumbal

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, along with Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Bandipora, Aijaz Ahmad Zargar, on Friday joined the Ashoora procession at Inderkoot, Sumbal, where they interacted with mourners, volunteers, and officials to re-

view the arrangements made for the smooth and peaceful observance of the occasion.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the facilities put in place by the district administration, including security, traffic management, healthcare services, drinking water supply, sanitation, and other essential public amenities.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Indu Kanwal Chib said that the district administration had made comprehensive arrangements to ensure that the Ashoora processions are conducted in a peaceful, safe, and well-organized manner. She appreciated the coordinated efforts of the Police, civil administration, Health Department, Municipal authorities, volunteers, and local committees in facilitating

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