

MLS Lays Foundation Stone for Development Works Under SASCI Scheme in Lower Roop Nagar

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Giving a major boost to infrastructure development in Jammu North Assembly Constituency, MLA Jammu North Sham Lal Sharma today laid the foundation stone for development works worth approximately ₹5 crore under the SASCI Scheme in Lower Roop Nagar, covering Wards Nos. 65, 66 and 67 of Muthi-Paloura Mandal. The projects comprise the construction and restoration of lanes, drains and other essential civic infrastructure aimed at improving road connectivity, strengthening the storm-water drainage network and expanding modern civic amenities. These works are expected to substantially improve the quality of urban infrastructure and enhance the day-to-day lives of residents by providing better civic facilities and a cleaner, more sustainable living environment.

The development works have been planned to address long-pending civic requirements by upgrading basic infrastructure, improving storm-water drainage, enhancing sanitation and creating durable



public assets. Upon completion, these projects will significantly improve public convenience, ensure better civic services and provide fresh momentum to the planned, balanced and sustainable development of Jammu North Assembly Constituency.

On the occasion, Sham Lal Sharma welcomed the Government of India's continued focus on strengthening infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir through the SASCI Scheme. He acknowledged the sustained financial support extended under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for projects aimed at upgrading urban infrastructure, enhancing civic services and improving public

amenities. He said these initiatives reflect the Centre's commitment to inclusive and sustainable development and are creating durable public assets while improving the quality of life of citizens across the Union Territory.

Reiterating his commitment to the comprehensive development of Jammu North, Sham Lal Sharma said that infrastructure development remains one of his highest priorities and that every locality deserves quality civic amenities. He emphasized that multiple projects relating to roads, drainage systems, public utilities and community infrastructure are being implemented across the constituency with a focus on quality, transparency and

timely execution. He expressed confidence that these initiatives would contribute significantly towards building a cleaner, safer and more developed Jammu North.

The foundation stone laying ceremony was attended by BJP District Vice President Shri Suresh Khajuria; Mandal President Shri Pankaj Padha; Former Councillor (Ward No. 66) Smt. Tripta Devi; President, Sharika Vihar Development Committee, Shri Rakesh Sharma, Executive Engineer, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Shri Sahil Arora; Assistant Executive Engineer Shri Danish Kotwal other officers of the JMC, party functionaries, distinguished citizens and local residents.

'Your Dreams Won't Be Betrayed': Karra Leads 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' Outreach in Kashmir

Around 1,000 students, teachers and parents join Congress campaign against paper leaks, exam uncertainty and rising academic stress

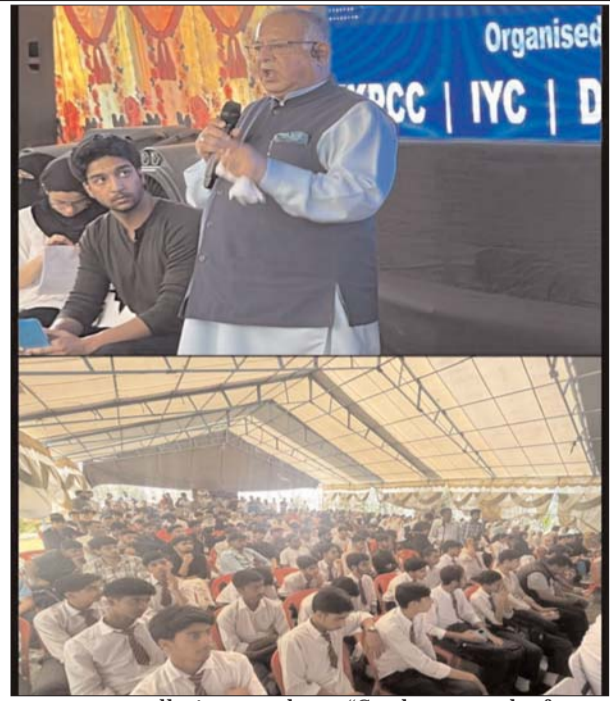
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Amid growing anxiety among students over alleged paper leaks, repeated examination disruptions and mounting academic pressure, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee President Tariq Hameed Karra on Wednesday interacted with around 1,000 students, teachers and parents under the nationwide "Chhatron Ki Goonj" campaign launched by Rahul Gandhi.

The programme, held in Srinagar, witnessed emotional interactions as students openly shared their experiences regarding repeated examination postponements, alleged irregularities, delayed recruitment processes, unemployment, increasing academic pressure and the emotional and financial burden these challenges have placed on families. The atmosphere during the interaction remained emotionally charged, with many students expressing frustration, anxiety and a deep sense of uncertainty about their future. Several students also voiced fears that repeated disruptions and lack of transparency in recruitment processes were eroding their confidence and diminishing their chances of securing stable careers.

Students also spoke about uncertainties surrounding examinations, alleged paper leak incidents, rescheduling of competitive exams like NEET and the growing mental stress among youth.

Several students expressed deep concern over what they described as a "crisis of trust" in the education and recruitment system. Many said they spend years preparing for competitive examinations only to face repeated postpone-



ments, cancellations and allegations of irregularities. "We study day and night with the hope of securing a better future, but repeated paper leaks and delays are destroying our confidence," said one student during the interaction.

Another student said the uncertainty surrounding examinations has created immense mental pressure among aspirants, with many fearing that their careers are being pushed into uncertainty.

Some students also highlighted the financial burden on families due to expensive coaching classes and repeated examination preparations, while others spoke about rising unemployment and shrinking opportunities despite years of academic effort.

Addressing the gathering, Karra assured students that their "hard work and sacrifices will not go waste," while asserting that the Congress party stands firmly with the student community in their fight for transparency and accountability in the education system.

"Students are the future of the nation and their aspirations cannot be compromised. The repeated controversies around examinations and recruitment processes have shaken the confidence of youth. Congress will continue to raise its voice until justice is ensured," Karra said.

"Your dreams deserve protection, not betrayal. Every deserving student has the right to fair examinations, timely recruitment, and equal opportunity. Congress will continue to raise your voice until justice is ensured," he added.

JKPCC chief was joined by IYC National President Shri Uday Banu Chib live from New Delhi and was accompanied by President District Congress Committee Srinagar Dr Audil Farooq Mir (Lasjan), Mahila Congress President Ms. Shameema Raina, IYC In-Charge for Jammu and Kashmir Shri Maan Singh Rathore, Pradesh Youth Congress Leaders Shri Yasir Mandoo, Er. Basharat Bashir Wani, Shri Musadiq

Mehraj, Shri Syed Iqbal, Shri Wasim Yasin, Shri Mir Mohd Younis.

Later, speaking to media persons, Karra said that the Congress was the first party to launch protests demanding restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi. Referring to the National Conference's recent stand on the issue, he said he was "happy to see other parties now following the same path."

"We have made our stand clear from day one. Restoration of statehood is not a political slogan but the democratic right of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

On the ongoing Shri Amarnath Yatra, Karra extended a warm welcome to the pilgrims and said Kashmir has always upheld its tradition of hospitality and communal harmony.

"Welcoming yatis has always been part of Kashmir's culture and ethos. The people here have historically opened their hearts to pilgrims, and that tradition will continue," he added. The programme concluded with a collective pledge by the Congress Party to continue engaging with students across Jammu and Kashmir through "Chhatron Ki Goonj", ensuring that the voices of students, parents and young aspirants remain at the centre of the fight for educational reforms, transparent recruitment, mental well-being and employment opportunities.

Among others present on the occasion were Indian Youth Congress President Uday Bhanu Chib, IYC In-Charge for Jammu and Kashmir, Pradesh Youth Congress leaders, Mahila Congress representatives and senior functionaries of the party.

Sat, Sunil, Ashok stress digital learning, Pakhwara, highlight NC govt's failures in review meeting

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J&K BJP President and MP (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma, accompanied by Leader of the Opposition Sunil Sharma and BJP J&K General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, chaired an organizational review meeting at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

BJP J&K Vice President Rajiv Charak, General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra, Baldev Singh Billawaria and Gopal Mahajan, along with senior functionaries of party, participated in the meeting.

The meeting witnessed an elaborate review of the party's ongoing programmes, particularly the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee Pakhwara, preparations for the forthcoming visit of the Bharatiya Janata Party National President to Jammu, organizational expansion up to the booth level, and the progress of the party's digital learning platform



aimed at training workers across every organizational tier.

Sat Sharma, while addressing the meeting, emphasized that the BJP's greatest strength lies in its disciplined cadre and robust organizational structure. He directed party functionaries to ensure that every programme reaches the grassroots and that booth committees remain active, responsive, and connected with the people. He sought a detailed review of the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee Pakhwada programmes and instructed all organizational

units to commemorate the life, sacrifice, and nationalist ideology of Dr. Mookherjee with sincerity and maximum public participation. He also reviewed preparations for the visit of the party's National President, asking every organizational unit to work in complete coordination to make the programme historic.

Sunil Sharma said that the National Conference government has utterly failed to fulfil the aspirations and expectations of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

He asked party workers

to take the failures of the NC government before every household. He asserted that the BJP will continue to act as the strongest voice of the people both inside and outside the legislature.

Ashok Koul conducted a detailed organizational review and directed party leaders to meticulously implement every organizational programme according to Pakhwara schedule, while strengthening the digital learning initiative to equip workers with ideological clarity, organizational skills, and effective public communication.

DC Srinagar, SSP extend warm welcome to first batch of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra Pilgrims at Panthachowk

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Srinagar District Administration on Thursday welcomed the first batch of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims at Bypass, Panthachowk, as the annual pilgrimage commenced amid a spirit of devotion and enthusiasm.

Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, along with Senior Superintendent of Police, Sundeep Chakravarty, received the pilgrims on their arrival and conveyed best wishes for a safe and spiritually fulfilling journey. The Officers also reviewed the arrangements put in place to ensure the comfort and convenience of the yatis.

Senior Officers of the District Administration, Srinagar, SMC and the Police Department were present at the venue to facilitate the arrival of the pilgrims and oversee the



smooth management of the facilities.

Speaking at the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra holds immense religious significance and that the Administration has made extensive prepara-

tions to ensure the pilgrimage is conducted in a safe, seamless and well-coordinated manner.

The DC added that comprehensive arrangements, including security, accommodation, sanitation, healthcare and other essen-

tial services have been put in place so that pilgrims can undertake the sacred journey with confidence and peace of mind.

The DC and the SSP accompanied by local residents, extended a heartfelt welcome to the yatis and prayed for the safe, smooth and peaceful conduct of the annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra.

The pilgrims acknowledged the warm reception and hospitality extended to them and the arrangements made by administration.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed, IAS Probationer, Thomas Alfred, SP Headquarter, Umar Shah, SDM East, Zubair Ahmad, SDPO Panthachowk, Zubaib Ahmad, Tehsildar Panthachowk, Muzamil Zaman, Assistant Commissioner Food Safety, Yamin ul Nabi and other Officers and Official were present on the occasion.

MP Altaf chairs DISHA review meeting at Kulgam

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Member of Parliament, Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency, Mian Altaf Ahmad today visited Kulgam district and chaired a meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) at the Mini Secretariat, Kulgam.

Prior to the meeting, the MP visited the Drug De-addiction Centre, Kulgam, where he reviewed the facilities and services being provided to patients.

He also visited the Mission YUVA Small Business Development Unit (SBDU) and assessed the initiatives aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and self-employment among youth.

During the DISHA meeting, the MP took a detailed review of the implementation and progress of various centrally sponsored schemes and developmental programmes in the district.



The Meeting was attended by MLA, Devsar, Peerzada Feroze Ahmad Shah; Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, ADDC, ADC, JDP, SE, KPDC, SDM, ACR, ASP, Executive Engineers, CEO, CMO and other officers, besides former District Development Council Chairperson, Mohd Afzal parrey.

The MP reviewed the progress under PMAY-G, PMAY-U, Jal Jeevan Mis-

sion (JJM), Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), PMGSY and other flagship schemes.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner briefed the chair about the progress and implementation status of schemes and programmes, through a detailed presentation.

The MP stressed the need for effective coordination among departments, timely execution of projects and ensuring that the bene-

fits of welfare schemes reach the intended beneficiaries.

He also took stock of the staff position in the Health and Education departments and reviewed the status of vacant posts, emphasizing the need to address manpower gaps to improve service delivery.

The MP also called for enhanced awareness of Government Schemes to ensure maximum public benefit.

VC LCMA reviews progress of Land Records Digitization in Pulwama

PULWAMA, JULY 02:

Vice Chairman, Lakes Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA), Khurshid Ahmad Shah, who has been nominated as District Mentor for Pulwama to monitor the digitization of revenue records, today chaired a review meeting at the Circuit House, Pulwama, to assess the progress achieved under the Digitization of Land Records Programme.

The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Tehsildars and other concerned Revenue officers of the district.

During the meeting, the Vice Chairman conducted a detailed review of the progress made in digitization of revenue records and emphasized the need for timely completion of the process while ensuring accuracy, transparency and strict adherence to the prescribed standards.

He directed the concerned officers to complete all pending digitization work within the stipulated timelines and instructed them to follow the prescribed standards, formats and protocols while digitizing revenue records. Stressing the importance of quality assurance, Khurshid Ahmad

Shah called for regular verification and quality checks of digitized records to eliminate discrepancies. He also directed the officers to resolve field-level issues on priority and immediately report unresolved matters to the Revenue Department for timely intervention.

The Vice Chairman underscored the need for close coordination among all Revenue officers to ensure seamless implementation of the programme. He also emphasized regular monitoring at the tehsil level and accountability at every stage to achieve the objectives of the Digitization.