

MLA Mankotia Kick-Starts Construction, Lays Foundation Stone for PMGSY Road Jaganoo

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MLA Chenani-Ghordi, Sh. Balwant Singh Mankotia, today kick-started the construction work and laid the foundation stone for the PMGSY-IV road from Jaganoo to Ser Chompal Nallah, Km 3rd to Neeli, under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-IV), Batch-I (2026-2027).

The road project, with a total length of 2.317 kilometres and a sanctioned cost of ₹500.16 lakh, is expected to benefit approximately 508 residents of the area and significantly improve rural connectivity.

On the occasion, MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia expressed his sincere gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central Government for their continued focus on rural infrastructure and connectivity, particularly in the remote and hilly areas of Jammu and Kashmir. He also conveyed his special thanks to MoS PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Prime Minister's Office, for his support and efforts towards



the development of the region.

Mankotia stated that improved road connectivity is essential for the socio-economic development of rural areas. The project will facilitate smoother transportation, improve access to essential services

and provide greater convenience to the local population.

He reiterated his commitment to ensuring the timely execution of development works and strengthening infrastructure across the Chenani-Ghordi constituency.

The commencement of construction work and laying of the foundation stone mark another important step towards improving road connectivity and fulfilling the developmental aspirations of the people of Jaganoo and adjoining areas.

Sunil Sharma meets Union Home Minister Amit Shah, discusses key issues of J&K

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Leader of Opposition in the Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Sunil Sharma, called upon Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi and held detailed discussions on a range of important issues concerning Jammu & Kashmir.

During the meeting, Sharma apprised the Union Home Minister of matters related to the prevailing security situation, law and order, development initiatives, public concerns, and matters related to the ongoing session of the Jammu & Kash-



mir Legislative Assembly. He also raised the issue of enhancement of salaries of Special Police Officers (SPOs), which is at the final stage, and requested that the matter be expedited for its early conclusion. Sharma also highlighted

key concerns being raised by the people of Jammu & Kashmir and discussed matters requiring continued attention, coordination, and support from the Union Government.

The interaction provided to deliberate on strengthening security, accelerat-

ing development initiatives and addressing issues related to public welfare across the Union Territory.

During the discussion, Amit Shah reiterated the Union Government's commitment to peace, development, and prosperity in Jammu & Kashmir and assured continued support and cooperation in addressing matters concerning the people of the Union Territory.

Sunil Sharma expressed his gratitude to the Union Home Minister for his guidance and continued support on issues concerning the security, development, and welfare of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

BJP announces Border Cell Team in Jammu South to ensure benefits of central schemes reach border residents

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J&K BJP General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria and All Cells Coordinator Ved Sharma announced the Jammu South Border Cell team, presented by Border Cell Convenor Akash Chopra, with a focus on ensuring that residents of border areas receive the benefits of various schemes and welfare initiatives of the Government of India.

Baldev Singh Billawaria, addressing the newly constituted team, briefed the members about various Central Government schemes and initiatives aimed at supporting and empowering people living in border areas. He called upon the Border Cell team to work actively on the ground and ensure that the benefits of these schemes reach eligible beneficiaries without hindrance.

Billawaria stressed that the party's organizational teams in border areas must remain connected with the people and identify their genuine needs. He called



upon the newly announced team members to work with dedication and ensure effective awareness and implementation of welfare schemes among border residents.

Ved Sharma welcomed Jammu South Border Cell Convenor Nitin Mahajan and the newly nominated team members. He urged the team to work with dedication, approach needy people directly and make sincere efforts to assist

them in accessing government schemes and benefits. Ved Sharma said that after the formation of the Modi government at the Centre, the situation in border areas has witnessed a significant change, with migration from border areas to towns having reduced as firing from across the border has stopped. He said that the improved situation has strengthened the confidence of border residents and created better

conditions for development and normal life in these areas.

Akash Chopra assured the leadership that efforts would be made to constitute and strengthen the Border Cell teams in the remaining areas in the coming days. He said the teams would remain connected with border residents and work towards addressing their concerns and facilitating access to government welfare schemes.

Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan must go beyond events, become sustained public connect: Sat

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J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA) chaired a review meeting of the ongoing Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, and directed party functionaries to further intensify the campaign's grassroots reach, strengthen coordination and ensure that every programme translates into meaningful public engagement.

J&K BJP Vice-Presidents Rajiv Charak, Rakesh Mahajan, Rekha Mahajan and Rashpal Verma, General Secretaries Sanjita Dogra, Baldev Singh Billawaria and Gopal Mahajan (Abhiyan Incharge), MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat, Secretaries Reema Padha, Arun Sharma and Pawan Sharma, besides other senior leaders, participated in the meeting.

The meeting took a detailed stock of the programmes already conducted across Jammu and Kashmir and reviewed preparations for the forthcoming activities. Sat Sharma sought programme-wise feedback from the leadership, as-



sessed ground-level participation and stressed the need for close coordination between different organizational teams for the effective implementation of the remaining programmes.

Sat Sharma, while addressing the meeting, said that the Sewa Sankalp Abhiyan should not remain confined to programmes on a calendar but should emerge as a sustained movement of service and public engagement.

"The real strength of any organizational campaign lies in its reach among the people. Every worker must ensure that the spirit of Sewa reaches every district, Mandal and section of society. We have to remain continu-

ously connected with the people, understand their concerns and respond through meaningful service," Sat Sharma said.

Sharma said that the month-long Abhiyan provides the BJP cadre an opportunity to take the message of service, social responsibility and nation-building to the grassroots. He stressed that organizational strengthening and public service must move together, with workers maintaining direct contact with society rather than limiting their activities to organizational programmes. Sat Sharma further directed the programme in-charges and senior leaders to maintain strict coordination, regular monitoring and timely

execution of all forthcoming activities. He said that responsibilities assigned to party workers must be followed through to their logical conclusion and that feedback from the field should continuously guide the implementation of the campaign.

"We must measure the success of the Abhiyan by its public participation, grassroots reach and the impact it creates in society. Every worker has a responsibility to make this campaign visible through service and meaningful engagement," he said.

Gopal Mahajan briefed the leadership about the progress of the Abhiyan and the preparations for the next phase.

JMC holds Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive at Roop Nagar

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Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today organized an Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive at the Municipal Animal Care Centre, Roop Nagar, as part of its ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of rabies and promote responsible animal care in Jammu city. The programme was conducted in the presence of Animal Welfare Officer Dr. Gaurav Chaudhary and Veterinary Assistant Surgeon Dr. Divya Sharma.

During the drive, more than 50 dogs were successfully vaccinated against rabies. The vaccination campaign will continue for the next two days, providing residents an opportunity to get stray dogs from their respective areas vaccinated free of cost.

JMC has appealed to the residents of



Jammu to actively participate in the campaign and bring stray dogs from their neighbourhoods to the Municipal Animal Care Centre, Roop Nagar, for free anti-rabies vaccination.

The Corporation, in collaboration with the Health Department, is committed to strengthening measures for rabies prevention and working towards a rabies-free Jammu. JMC em-

phasized that active public participation is essential for effective control of rabies and urged citizens to come forward and support the initiative.

Through coordinated efforts of the civic body, Health Department and the public, JMC aims to ensure a safer, healthier and more compassionate environment for both citizens and animals.

CII J&K Organises Seminar on Cyber Security for Business Owners

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The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) J&K organised a seminar on "Cyber Security for Business Owners: Do's, Don'ts & Best Practices for Businesses" at Taj Vivanta, Jammu, bringing together industry representatives, cyber security experts and law enforcement officials to deliberate on emerging cyber threats and measures to strengthen cyber resilience among businesses. The seminar was attended by industrialists, entrepreneurs and business leaders from across Jammu & Kashmir.

The seminar commenced with opening remarks by Mr Iqram Ali Shafiee, Chairman, CII J&K UT Council, who highlighted the growing importance of cyber security for

businesses and emphasised the need for greater awareness and preparedness in an increasingly digital business environment.

Mr Archit Puri, Past Chairman, CII J&K UT Council, delivered the special address and underscored the importance of adopting best practices and strengthening internal systems to address emerging cyber security challenges.

Addressing the gathering as Chief Guest, Sh Sameer Sharma, IPS, DIG, J&K Cyber Crime Coordination Centre, highlighted the increasing incidence of cyber fraud and shared details of recent cybercrime cases reported in Jammu & Kashmir, underscoring the evolving nature of digital threats faced by individuals and businesses. He stressed the importance of reporting cybercrime incidents



within the "Golden Hour" of 60 minutes, which significantly improves the possibility of freezing fraudulent transactions and recovering funds. He urged participants to promptly report cyber frauds through the National Cyber

Crime Helpline 1930 and the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, while emphasising the need for greater cyber awareness, vigilance and timely response mechanisms across organisations.

The programme also fea-

tured a presentation by Inspector Bhopinder Singh Sasan, Cyber Police Station/JK4C and Investigating Officer, who shared important information on cyber safety and outlined key Do's and Don'ts for businesses.

His presentation covered cyber hygiene practices, phishing and online fraud prevention, safe digital behaviour, incident reporting mechanisms and practical measures that organisations can adopt to safeguard their systems, data and financial assets.

During the technical session, CA Ayush Sawhney, Consultant, Intech Technocrats Pvt Ltd, made a detailed presentation on financial frauds, emerging scam trends and preventive measures.

The seminar also covered legal awareness and cyber safety aspects, including cybercrime-related provisions, digital safety practices and available mechanisms for reporting cyber incidents.

The discussions underscored the importance of strengthening cyber aware-

ness, adopting robust security practices, implementing multi-factor authentication, maintaining secure data backups and regularly sensitising employees on emerging cyber threats.

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr Siddhant Chowdhary, Vice Chairman, CII J&K UT Council, who thanked the speakers and participants for their valuable contributions and reiterated the importance of continued engagement between industry and cyber security agencies to promote a secure digital ecosystem.

The programme concluded with a call for businesses to adopt the principle of "Stop, Think, Verify and Report" and strengthen organisational preparedness through awareness, vigilance and timely reporting of cyber incidents.