

Relief Commissioner inspects progress of works in migrant camps

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Relief and Rehabilitation (M) Dr. Arvind Karwani today inspected progress of ongoing developmental works in migrant camps, besides convening a public hearing at Mini-Township Jagti. The progress of extension of social sector schemes to the eligible migrant beneficiaries was also reviewed. He was accompanied by senior officers of the Relief Organization and Nodal Officers from the allied Government Departments like Jal Shakti Department, Public Works Department(R&B), Jammu Power Development Corporation, Urban Environmental Engineering Department(UEED), Jammu Municipal Corporation and Tehsildars/Camp Commandants.

The PWD(R&B) Nagrota apprised about the major/renovation works started in all migrant camps since last month. The works include repair/renovation of more than 200 building blocks and about 5000 flats and community halls etc in all migrant camps across Jammu.

The Government has recently accorded administrative approval for these works, involving financial implications of Rs 82.45 Cr. This is the first time ever that repair and renovation work of such magnitude has been started in the



migrant camps, fulfilling a long pending demand of the migrants. Besides, PWD(R&B) has formulated a comprehensive project for development of internal roads/lanes, development of parks and face-lifting of all migrant schools, health dispensaries and Sub-District Hospital Jagti.

Dr Karwani emphasised upon ensuring structural audit of all buildings and good quality of works, in due consultation with the public and concerned camp commandants. He reviewed the extension of benefits of the social sector schemes to eligible migrants. He also attended an outreach camp at Jagti organized by the Relief & Rehabilitation Organization in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department. The officials generated awareness about various social sector schemes and facilitated applicants in filling of application forms, free of any cost.

It was apprised that nearly 3500 families have availed benefits of social sector schemes, subsequent to the digitization and integration of the migrant ration cards into the national database, which has made migrants eligible for availing these benefits, in addition to the monthly relief assistance. This round of outreach camps has been started from 30th September at various locations in Jammu to disseminate awareness/facilitation in filling of online applications about various social sector/welfare schemes, self-employment and skill development schemes of the Government.

The Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner also reviewed the status of basic amenities like safe drinking water, power supply and sanitation in the camp. The water supply infrastructure damaged due to losses in floods last year has been fully renovated and all the

bore wells and hand pumps have also been made fully functional.

He instructed the officers of the Jal Shakti Department to take all requisite measures to ensure uninterrupted water supply in the migrant camps and ensure regular water quality tests.

It was apprised that as a long term solution, the Jal Shakti Department has conceived a major project with tentative financial implication of about Rs 10 Cr for improvement/augmentation of the water supply in Jagti Township.

The UEED apprised that Sewage Treatment Plants involving financial implications of about Rs 11.5 Cr have been finalised for Migrant Camps Nagrota, Muthi-Buta Nagar and Purkhoo on the lines of STP functional at Jagti township and work on the same will commence shortly, thereby fulfilling a long pending demand.

Pulwama Administration bids Farewell to outgoing Deputy Commissioner

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District Administration Pulwama today organised a warm farewell function in honour of the outgoing Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, on his transfer as Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

The function was attended by the Additional District Development Commissioner, Pulwama; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Pulwama; Chief Planning Officer, Pulwama; Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs); all Tehsildars; representatives of the Trade Federation; social activists; and officers and officials from various departments.

During the occasion, several senior officers shared their experiences of working under the leadership of Dr. Basharat Qayoom and appreciated his commitment, efficiency and people-centric approach. They remarked that he discharged his responsibilities with utmost sincerity, dedication and professionalism, ensuring that administrative tasks were handled effectively and within stipulated timelines.

His ability to maintain transparency and responsiveness, coupled with strong inter-departmental coordination, was widely acknowledged and appreciated.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Qayoom expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the entire district administration team for its constant support, dedication and cooperation throughout his tenure in Pulwama.

He acknowledged the valuable contributions of

officers and officials at every level, stating that the achievements during his tenure were the result of collective efforts rather than individual merit.

He also extended his sincere thanks to the people of Pulwama for their warmth, trust and cooperation throughout his tenure.

The event concluded on a heartfelt note, with officers and officials extending their warm wishes and expressing gratitude to the outgoing Deputy Commissioner. They also conveyed their sincere prayers for his continued success and well-being in his new assignment.

Special Voter Enrolment Drive organised at GHSS Boys Baderwah

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As part of the Special Voter Enrolment Drive launched under the campaign "No Voter to be Left Behind" by Chief Electoral Officer Jammu & Kashmir, a voter awareness programme was organised at Government Higher Secondary School Boys Baderwah to promote voter registration and electoral awareness among students.

The campaign is being conducted across Jammu & Kashmir on October 10 and 11, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at polling stations, with the objective of ensuring that every eligible citizen is enrolled in the electoral roll.

The programme at Gov-



ernment GHSS Boys Baderwah was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Sunil Butyal, in his capacity as Electoral Registration Offi-

cer (ERO) and the Tehsildar Kamalpreet Singh as Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO). The School Principal Dr. Kailash Kumar was also

present on the occasion along with approximately 100 students.

The students were sensitised to the importance of voter registration and informed that those attaining the age of 18 years by February 2027 should prepare for registering themselves as voters, in accordance with the applicable electoral registration guidelines.

The ADC highlighted the significance of democratic participation and urged students to become responsible and aware citizens.

The Tehsildar also appealed to the participants to spread awareness about voter enrolment and act as Voter Awareness Ambassadors, taking the message to every section of the community.

SMC bids Farewell to Commissioner Faz Lul Haseeb

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 10: The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) accorded a warm farewell to Commissioner, Faz Lul Haseeb, in recognition of his dedicated service, exemplary professionalism, and valuable contributions to the Corporation.

During his tenure, Haseeb made significant contributions to strengthening civic administration, improving municipal services, and advancing initiatives aimed at enhancing urban infrastructure and the overall quality of life in Srinagar.

His effective leadership, professional approach, and unwavering commitment to public service were widely appreciated by his colleagues and officers of the Corporation.

The farewell ceremony, held at the SMC Head-



quarters, was attended by Joint Commissioner, Administration, Nuzhat Qureshi; Joint Commissioner Suhail Ul Islam; Joint Commissioner, Works, Hamid Iqbal Mir; Secretary SMC, Tahir Ahmad; Health Officer, Dr. Fauzia Habib; SE, City

Drainage Circle, Sajad Ahmad Kawoosa, and other senior officers of the Corporation.

On the occasion, the officers shared their views and expressed their appreciation for Haseeb's leadership, administrative guidance, and valuable

contributions to the functioning of the Corporation. They acknowledged his commitment to public service and highlighted the initiatives undertaken during his tenure to strengthen municipal governance, enhance civic infrastructure, and improve service delivery.

Addressing the gathering, Haseeb expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Corporation and acknowledged the cooperation and support extended by the officers and staff during his tenure. He expressed confidence that the Srinagar Municipal Corporation would continue to make progress in fulfilling its mandate of delivering efficient civic services, strengthening urban governance, and ensuring better civic amenities for the citizens of Srinagar.

Satish Sharma lays foundation stones for development projects in Chhamb; reaffirms commitment to rural development

JAMMU, OCTOBER 10: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FS&CA), Information Technology (IT), Youth Services & Sports, and Science & Technology, Satish Sharma, today laid foundation stones for five important infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening the rural connectivity, improving veterinary healthcare and addressing the developmental needs of local communities.

The projects included construction of road connecting New Mattoo with Old Mattoo, road from Panjtoot to Thanger Pattian, a culvert at Kacharial, veterinary hospital at Millan Di-Khui in Panchayat Samwan and link road connecting Bandowala with Upper Pallanwala. The initiatives are aimed at improving the road connectivity, facilitating access to essential services, supporting agricultural and allied activities, and improving the overall quality of life of people in the area.

The Minister said that infrastructure development remains

a key priority, with emphasis on projects that directly address the day-to-day concerns of people and strengthen the foundations of rural development. He said that well-connected villages, accessible healthcare facilities and dependable public infrastructure are essential for balanced regional growth and the economic well-being of rural communities.

Laying the foundation stone for the road connecting New Mattoo with Old Mattoo, Satish Sharma emphasised the importance of strengthening internal road networks to facilitate smoother movement and improve connectivity between adjoining habitations. The project is expected to make daily commuting more convenient for the residents and improve access to educational institutions, healthcare facilities, markets and other essential services.

The Minister also laid the foundation stone for road from Panjtoot to Thanger Pattian. He said that better road connecti-



ty helps farmers transport agricultural produce, facilitates the movement of people and goods, and contributes to the overall socio-economic development of rural areas.

Emphasising the need to en-

sure that development reaches every habitation, Satish Sharma observed that roads are vital links between communities and opportunities. He said that sustained investment in rural connectivity would help address

the local infrastructure gaps, reduce difficulties faced by residents and strengthen the region's development potential.

While laying foundation stone for the culvert at Kacharial, the Minister underscored

the importance of strengthening the local infrastructure to ensure safer and smoother movement. The construction of the culvert is expected to improve accessibility and facilitate the movement of residents and commuters, particularly during adverse weather conditions. He stressed that such infrastructure interventions play an important role in improving the public convenience and ensuring more reliable connectivity.

The Minister also laid the foundation stone for a veterinary hospital at Millan Di-Khui in Panchayat Samwan, highlighting the importance of accessible animal healthcare services for farmers and livestock owners. The proposed facility is expected to strengthen veterinary healthcare infrastructure in the area, facilitate timely treatment of livestock and provide improved support to families dependent on animal husbandry for their livelihoods.

The Minister laid the foundation stone for construction of a link road from Bandowala to

Upper Pallanwala, aimed at improving connectivity and facilitating the movement of people and goods. The project is expected to make daily travel more convenient for residents and strengthen access to markets, educational institutions, healthcare facilities and other public services, while also supporting local economic activity.

The Minister stressed the importance of timely execution, quality construction and effective monitoring of all development works. He called upon the concerned departments and executing agencies to ensure adherence to prescribed technical standards and completion within stipulated timelines so that the intended benefits reach the public without unnecessary delay. Satish Sharma reiterated that sustained efforts would continue to be made to address the developmental priorities of Chhamb and adjoining areas, ensuring that infrastructure projects translate into tangible benefits for residents and contribute to the region's long-term progress.