

Pr Secy PDD inaugurates development works at Bhabderwah; launches ADBHUT initiative

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BHADERWAH, Nov 2: The third round of fourth phase of ambitious 'Back to Village' programme phase IV (B2V4) concluded today in 79 panchayats while



Pr Secy PDD during visit to Bhabderwah.

fourth and last round commenced in 10 panchayats under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan.

Principal Secretary, Power Development Department (PDD), H Rajesh Prasad, who was Visiting Officer for Chinote Panchayat of Bhabderwah block, today inspected the stalls of various departments and Self Help Groups.

He laid foundation stone for Water Supply Scheme, Shankoja under JJM at an estimated cost of Rs 249.16 lakh. He also inaugurated tile work in panchayat Chinote and distributed sanctioned letters

of Power tillers, Water Harvesting tanks besides Power sprayers of Horticulture Department among the beneficiaries. He also handed over sanctioned letters under PMEGP scheme to the unemployed youth to start their own

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Principal Secretary listened to issues and demands raised by Sarpanch, Panchs and the general public of Chinote Panchayat. He assured that their all issues shall be taken up with concerned authorities for redressal.

Principal Secretary also launched ADBHUT Doda, a unique initiative of District Administration which aims at achieving 100% saturation, both quantitatively and qualitatively, in education, tourism, healthcare, entrepreneurship, sanitation, water conservation, community building

and youth related issues. He was informed that departments involved shall be given a timeline to achieve the desired results, measurable through set parameters.

During the 3rd round of B2V-4, the Visiting Officers conducted multiple activities in all the 79 Panchayats.

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Union MoS Agriculture begins two-day visit to Baramulla

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BARAMULLA, Nov 2: Union Minister of State (MoS) for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shoba Karandlaje today started the two day visit



Union Minister during visit to Baramulla.

of Baramulla district in continuity of Public Outreach Programme of the Union Government.

During the visit, the Minister interacted with several public delegations and PRI representa-

tives at Dak Banglow here and heard various issues related to the developmental scenario of the district.

While interacting with the locals and PRI representatives, the minister remarked that the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed for progressive development of entire Jammu and Kashmir. He added that in the last few years the developmental scenario of J&K had changed and

significant progress is being witnessed in the ground regarding the progression of this UT.

The minister further said that this Public Outreach Programme of Union Ministers has been devised to inspect the ongoing developmental works happening across Jammu and Kashmir.

During the visit, Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar gave a brief overview of developmental activities to the minister.

Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal, senior officers of district administration and large number of locals were also present on the occasion.

Residents protest against miserable condition of RS Pura-Jammu road

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JAMMU, Nov 2: Fed up with the repeated assurances, the residents led by senior DAP leader and Sarpanch Badrinath Sharma and Kissan leader Ch Mohan staged protest against



People raising slogans during protest.

Government over miserable condition of RS Pura road and blocked the vehicular movement for couple of hours at Kotli Shah Doula today.

After getting information, Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) and police contingent rushed to the spot to pacify the protestors, but people remained adamant and continued their protest.

The protesters ended protest after assurance from SDM RS Pura along with SDPO and SHO RS Pura that blacktopping work will be started in couple of days.

Speaking on the occasion, DAP leader said the strategic RS Pura road especially from Panchayat Kotli Shah Doula to RS Pura has turned into a nightmare for commuters. The road, which was blacktopped years ago, is now full of potholes, making them potential death traps for motorists particularly during the rainy season. Sarpanch Badrinath Sharma was addressing protesters during huge protest against delaying blacktopping of road despite consistently bringing condition of road before the con-

our area. Despite being a border area, the successive Governments have neglected us. The condition of the basic infrastructure exposes all claims," said Sharma. He alleged that their requests to concerned authorities had fallen on deaf ears.

He said no steps have been taken in the last eight years to improve the basic infrastructure in the RS Pura sector. "Despite series of protests, concerned departments have not paid any attention to our grievances. Now, residents are living with the hardships. You can see the condition of the Jammu-RS Pura road to understand how dangerous it is to travel on it," said Sharma.

"We are facing lot of inconvenience in commuting to and fro with the damaged roads, which are really in a shabby condition. The roads are also not worth for old people to commute.

Sarpanch appealed to the Lt Governor to intervene into the matter and get the construction work of the aforesaid road done on priority basis, so as to provide succor to the residents.

Director Anti Corruption Bureau interacts with CUJ fraternity

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JAMMU, Nov 2: As part of ongoing weeklong Vigilance Awareness Week which began with an integrity pledge by all CUJ fraternity under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain on National Unity Day, Director, Anti Corruption Bureau, Anand Jain graced the Vigilance Awareness Week celebration as chief guest today.

In a stimulating session, Jain enlightened the faculty and staff members with the mission and vision of Corruption Bureau.

The programme began with a welcome note by Prof. Sunil Dhar, CVO, CUJ which was followed by a detailed presentation by Dilip Kumar, SSP, ACB, Jammu on the aims and objectives of Corruption Bureau.

This was followed by a highly interactive session wherein Director, ACB, Anand Jain responded to the volley of ques-

tions and observations of CUJ fraternity about Corruption Bureau and its functioning.

Speaking on the occasion, Anand Jain underscored the Governmental priorities to make the country corruption free. Further, he also dealt at length with what constitutes corruption.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Sanjeev Jain, VC, CUJ gave a highly relevant interpretation to the term corruption, when he said that corruption is not only a monetary give and take but what is more dangerous is the corruption of mind and inaction.

Prof Yashwant Singh, Registrar, CUJ proposed the vote of thanks and explicitly conveyed the relevance of the weeklong celebration which is of immense national relevance.

Dr Aman, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, conducted the proceedings.

PAL KIA upgrades its Narwal showroom

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JAMMU, Nov 2: PAL KIA situated at National Highway, Narwal Bypass (Jammu) has



The exterior view of upgraded PAL KIA showroom in Jammu.

been completely transformed, giving it a beautiful new look.

The KIA showroom in Jammu operated by PAL JAY Automobiles Private Limited has upgraded its existing showroom as per the new Identity of KIA. It

can be seen that the Red look has been changed to a newer, younger and more energetic Black look. This goes with the Brand's identity of being young, energetic and inspirational.

Not only this, PAL KIA in Jammu had delivered 40 new vehicles on a single day on Dhanteras in the month of October. As per PAL KIA's Sales Manager Alka

Dhar, the upcoming months seem to be more promising as the Passenger Vehicle Segment has seen a good recovery after Covid.

Joginder Singh, General Manager, PAL KIA says, "KIA is a young brand and we believe that the customer is always first".

India enters era of 'Steel' roads: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI, Nov 2 : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today declared that India has entered the era of 'Steel' roads. Indian roads are moving on from concrete to steel slag, he said.

The Minister was speaking after flagging off virtually the dispatch of 1600 metric ton of processed Steel Slag Aggregates railway rack from Tata Steel Jamshedpur to Border Road Organization Project Arunachal, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

This is the first of its kind initiative in the world by CSIR-CRRI, TATA Steel and Border Roads Organization, wherein processed steel slag aggregates is going to be utilised in construction of steel slag road stretch in strategic areas.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, to meet the demand of Border Roads, India's second largest and oldest Steel Company, TATA Steel has come forward under the collaborative R&D alliance with CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) to supply processed BOP steel slag aggregates developed at TATA Steel Jamshedpur plant under CRRI technological guidance.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, as per Prime Minister Modi's vision for "Waste to Wealth" and NITI Aayog instructions, CSIR CRRI has developed this technology under the

sponsored research project of the Ministry of Steel. He said, one third of 37 labs of CSIR in the country are working for developing suitable technologies for creating Waste to Wealth.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, today's



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after virtually flagging off the dispatch of processed Steel Slag aggregates railway rack from Jamshedpur to Arunachal Pradesh, on Wednesday.

event is yet another demonstration of application of science for "Ease of Living" and it also underlines the Integration and Whole of Government Approach, as 4 prominent entities TATA Steel, CSIR, Border Roads Organization and Ministry of Steel came together to take "Waste to Wealth" concept to a new level.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, it is worth mentioning that construction cost of this road is 30% less than the conventional road constructed with Natural aggregates, while it has 3 to 4 times higher strength. India has a vast road network and under the national highway development program, Bharatmala Project, massive Road construction is happening. The Minister hoped that the success of this technology would not only address the problem of the availability of natural aggregates for road construction but also be helpful in restraining the unsustainable quarrying of land resources.

Dr V.K.Saraswat, Member NITI Aayog emphasised the urgent need of utilisation of waste steel slag in Roads, Railways and Runways and informed that the CSIR-CRRI is also exploring utilisation of steel slag as substitute of railway ballast for Indian Railways.

On this occasion Director General CSIR and Secretary DSIR,

IETE JK chapter celebrates 69th foundation day

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JAMMU, Nov 2: In an impressive function organized today, Institution of Electronics and Telecommunications Engineers (IETE), J&K chapter celebrated its 69th foundation day.

On the occasion R S Chib (Fellow IETE and former Cabinet Minister of J&K) was the chief guest. While addressing the audience, Chib laid stress on the skill-based programmes in the colleges in line with the National Skill Development Mission.

Maj Gen SK Sharma (Fellow IETE) was the main speaker. He

Dr. N. Kalaiselvi spoke that the CSIR-CRRI under the R&D study with Ministry of Steel and four major leading steel industries TATA Steel, JSW Steel, AMNS India and RINL has successfully explored the potential utilisation of 195 lakh

tonne of steel slag as road making aggregates, which set a good example of translational research under Waste to Wealth.

Director General Border Roads Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chaudhary, PVSM has informed that the BRO is looking forward to implement the steel slag road technology at Arunachal Pradesh for long lasting durable infrastructure and inducted Shri Satish Pandey, Principal Scientist CSIR-CRRI as officer on board in BRO for implementation at Arunachal Pradesh.

Prof. Manoranjan Parida, Director CSIR-Central Road Research Institute, in his welcome address at TATA Nagar Railway Station, highlighted the advantages of steel slag road technology such as high strength and long-term durability, thickness reduction and environmental benefits.

Uttam Singh, Vice President, Tata Steel, informed that around 1.6 million tonne steel slag is generated annually in TATA Steel, Jamshedpur plant. By supplying a value added industrial by product for road construction in the form of steel slag aggregates, TATA Steel has reiterated its commitment to building a more sustainable steel sector by adopting the principle of circular economy and has pioneered in a nation building initiative.

Immediate past chairman, Prof Pawanesh Abrol and Head of Department of Computer Science & IT, University of Jammu, dwelled on the courses and workshops being conducted for the students in the University of Jammu to make them job-ready. He laid stress on the futuristic courses like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Big Data etc.

Prof Rakesh Vaid (FIETE, University of Jammu) gave the global connotation of the NEP and

talked about benefits of the International Conference he had organized during his tenure as chairman of the Institution.

Dr Sumeet Gupta, Dean SMVDU, enumerated the good practices being followed in line with the NEP 2020. He also gave the concluding remarks.

Others who attended the foundation day function include Prof Lalit Sen, Prof Rocky Gupta, Prof Rao, besides faculty, PhD scholars and engineering students from University of Jammu, SMVDU, MIET, MBSCET, GCET and YCET.

Finally, Dr Radhika Khanna (treasurer, Jammu Sub Centre) presented the vote of thanks.



Former minister RS Chib addressing engineers during 69th foundation day function of IETE JK chapter in Jammu.

dwelted on the theme NEP 2020: A paradigm shift in skill based higher education, challenges, and opportunities. Giving example of Model Institute of Engineering and Technology, Jammu where the campus placements have been as high as 80% as against the national average of 20%, he stressed on the need to identify skill courses and include in the curriculum.

While presenting welcome address, Joy Ganjoo (Chairman IETE, Jammu Sub Centre) gave details of the IETE's planned activities to promote awareness of electronics and computer technology among the college and university students.

Vijay Kumar Sharma (secretary, IETE Jammu Sub Centre) read out the message received from National president IETE, New Delhi.

Nursing students hold protest

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Nov 2: The nursing students of the Government College of Nursing Baghi Dilawar Khan Srinagar today protested against the Health and Medical Education

administrative jurisdiction over our college instead of the Higher Education Department. We are having a lot of problems because the order has not been implemented yet," a student said.

She continued that since the higher education department had been released from the college's administrative oversight, they were not subject to any governing body. "For the past three months, we have been rushing from pillar to post, but no one has listened to our complaints. Even our parents have traveled between offices to protect our future," she said.

The students complained that they were not receiving the facilities provided at other Government colleges. "Their (students of other colleges) charge is less than Rs 10,000, however, our fee is close to Rs 50,000, and our admission fee is Rs 70,000, which is comparable to private colleges," another student said, adding that the practical training is the most important aspect of the curriculum, yet they are unable to access any hospitals because they do not have a valid authorization.

Department for failing to implement a recent Government order to take over administrative control of the college.

Scores of students assembled at the Pratap Park Press Enclave and raised slogans in support of their demands. They claimed that despite a three-month-old Government order to the department of Health and Medical Education to take administrative control of the college, it had not been implemented.

"Three months ago, the government issued an order stating that the Health and Medical Education department now has



Nursing students of Govt Degree College Baghi-Dilawar Khan staging a protest in Srinagar.

Students protesting for filling up vacant posts of teachers at GHSS Bupp in Chenani.

GHSS Bupp students protest for filling up of vacant posts of teachers

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CHENANI, Nov 2: Students of Government Higher Secondary School Bupp in Chenani Tehsil of Udhampur district today staged a strong protest against district administration and Education Department for their failure to fill up the vacant posts of teachers in the school.

AISF Tehsil President, Thakur Lal Singh led the protest and alleged that despite shortage of teaching staff in the school, the Education Department officials were transferring those posted HSS Bupp. He said that there are only two expert lecturers in the HSS and rest of the posts are lying vacant.

AISF activist Sneha Sharma said that due to the shortage of staff they have not been getting the authentic knowledge of subjects and this makes the students suffer.

The protesting students

warned the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Udhampur, Director School Education (DSE) Jammu and District administration that if the vacant posts of teachers are not filled up immediately, they would resort to road blockage.

2 DySPs transferred

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Nov 2: Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh has ordered transfer and posting of two Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs) with immediate effect.

According to the order, Vinod Kumar has been transferred from DySP Headquarters Rajouri and posted as SDPO Railways Vijaypur and Chanchal Singh has been transferred from SDPO Railways Vijaypur and posted as DySP Headquarters Rajouri.

House numbering among issues still unresolved in Ward No. 46

Sanjeev K. Sharma

JAMMU, Nov 2: While the tenure for elected body of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) is going to end after some months, Ward Number 46, which includes many parts of Sanjay Nagar, is yet to see resolution of issues dominating among those remained regularisation of residential areas, water crisis and numbering of houses at many places along with demarcation of the Ward.



This was revealed by Dwarika Chowdhary, Councillor of Ward Number 46, in an interaction with the Excelsior wherein he informed that his Ward includes the areas of Sanjay Nagar Sectors 1, 2, 3, 4, Extension-4 and some parts of Preet Nagar.

Chowdhary, a second time Councillor from Congress party and chief whip of the party in General House of JMC, informed that other issues which are still not resolved in his Ward include power crisis, the reason for which mostly remains frequent strikes by the concerned employees.

He also informed that a Nallah (deep drain) in the Ward which gets flooded in rainy days also awaits up-gradation or diversion to get some relief but the same could not be done due to official red tape while the issue was raised many times before the concerned authorities.

"The issue of regularisation of Sanjay Nagar colony is still pending and the colony has some 700 houses. JDA has prepared a list of colonies which will be regularised but nothing has been done in this regard so far," the JMC Councillor maintained adding: "The Ward still requires some street lights at certain places

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and the issue was raised by me many times in General House Meetings of JMC but nothing has been done in this regard so far."

He said that the issues of the Ward failed to get any solution due to the lackadaisical attitude of former Mayor and others at the helm as they did not took the issues seriously and failed to get the required funds for the development works from the government.

"Though the present Mayor has assured that officers of JMC shall accompany the Councillors

to see the issues but nothing of that sort has so far happened on ground," Chowdhary said.

He informed that when he became JMC Councillor in 2018, his Ward was having very few street lights and there were only a few Safai Karamcharis for maintaining cleanliness.

"There were also problems of garbage disposal, poor lanes and drains, power and water crisis, issue of stray animals while the widows, old age persons and physically challenged persons were facing problems in getting pensions, house numbering was not done at many places in the Ward and some part of Sanjay

Nagar colony was not regularised.

"The Ward also lacked a playground," the Councillor said adding that 85 per cent of lane-drain work in the Ward has been completed by now, blacktopping of lanes has been done while for garbage collection autos have been pressed into service for door-to-door collection of garbage and number of Safai Karamcharis have been increased in the Ward and many cases of pensions have been solved.

He expressed dismay over

new procedure of pensions exclusively to BPL category beneficiaries.

Chowdhary informed that a High Mast light has been installed near a Gurudwara in the Ward and tile works has also been done there.

"During COVID-19 pandemic we helped sick people, maintained cleanliness and sanitized the Ward and distributed ration among the needy people with the help of JMC authorities," he further said adding: "We have now developed a park in sector 4 at Rani Tallab with facilities like open air gym, benches for sitting, pathway for walkers, swings etc."

He further said that during this tenure he got two more high mast lights installed in the Ward with one at Sanjay Nagar extension.

"At Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park (in sector 1 of Sanjay Nagar) near Digiana, facilities like 38 globe lights and two gyms along with benches etc have been provided," the Councillor claimed.

He said that 100 per cent blacktopping of the lanes has been done in the Ward and efforts are on to do the same again to further strengthen the same.

Chowdhary said that of the total requirement in his Ward, 90 per cent of street lights have been provided.