

Ramban's 'unsafe' bridge to be replaced next month: Dr Jitendra

Excelsior Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Oct 20 : The "Jhula Bailey Suspension Bridge" at Ramban, the replacement work of which had got delayed from time-to-time for one reason or the other, is finally being taken up on a mission mode, so that the entire work is complete within a month or so, with least inconvenience to the public.

This was stated here today by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, who also happens to be the Lok Sabha Member of Parliament representing the area. It may be recalled that there had been a long standing demand for replacement of Jhula Bailey Suspension Bridge, because the existing bridge had turned "unsafe" being quite old and unable to cope up with the current requirement of the traffic move-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking to media about his constituency projects, at New Delhi on Thursday.

ment on the highway. The work for replacement of the bridge was assigned to Border Roads Organisation, but it got stalled for technical and other reasons.

In August this year, Dr Jitendra Singh called a meeting with senior BRO officials led by

Lieutenant General BRO Rajeev Choudhary and issued instructions to find whatever feasible option to get the project complete. Meanwhile, on the directions of Dr Jitendra Singh, Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mussarat Islam also provided his views and comments on the issue.

Following this, the BRO swung into action and on 1st September, the Director General BRO Lieutenant General Rajeev Choudhary, under his Emergent Powers sanctioned a job for replacement of Jhula Bridge. Thereafter, all the follow-up action was taken on high priority and the existing bridge was de-launched on 24th September this year.

New bridge items have been procured by BRO through GRSC Kolkata and all the stores have reached Ramban. It is, therefore, expected the complete work of the replacement of the bridge will be accomplished in the next few weeks.

A written confirmation of this was done by DG BRO Lieutenant General Rajeev Choudhary, by means of a DO letter written by him to the Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, wherein he committed that as a follow up to instructions conveyed in the meeting held with the Minister, the work on the replacement of existing Jhula Bailey Suspension bridge is being taken up.

BRO Chief has also assured the Minister in writing that the BRO agencies will endeavour to complete the work by the middle of November 2022.

Appreciating the initiative taken by the BRO, Dr Jitendra Singh said, this will come as a huge relief to the people of the

region, who were constantly suffering from traffic jams coupled with the risk of safety incurred by commuting on a bridge that had outlived its lifespan.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, he will soon try to personally visit Ramban and seek an on the spot review. Meanwhile, he said, he is receiving regular updates both from the BRO authorities as well as the district administration.

MD & CEO J&K Bank calls on LG

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SRINAGAR, Oct 20: Baldev Prakash, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the J&K Bank, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan here today.

Prakash apprised the Lt Governor about the financial services extended to the people, and the efforts being made by the bank for greater



MD J&K Bank Baldev Prakash calling on LG Manoj Sinha at Srinagar.

financial inclusion in the UT. The Lt Governor directed the MD & CEO to expand the access to digital financial services and focus on the financial inclusion which is a key enabler to bridge income gaps and boost shared prosperity.

He further called for dedicated support and financial handholding to the youth, farmers & women through ongoing schemes.



Chairman Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, Dr. Karan Singh performing water offering ritual to Shivling at Shri Ranbireswar Temple in Jammu on Thursday.

Karan Singh inaugurates ramp at Ranbireswar Temple

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Oct 20: Chairman Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust and former MP, Dr. Karan Singh on Thursday inaugurated the newly constructed ramp for specially-abled persons at Shri Ranbireswar Temple, Shalamar Road Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion he said that the Trust has done a commendable job by making the ramp for specially-abled persons to make the shrine accessible and inclusive for all.

The former MP was accompanied by Ajatshatru Singh and Kuwrani Ritu Singh.

Ajay Gandotra, President J&K Dharmarth Trust was also present.

After inaugurating the ramp, Dr. Singh along with others performed Pooja in the temple and prayed for peace and prosperity of J&K.

He said that this facility in the

temple premises has been designed in a manner that the solutions that work for people with disability are likely to also work well for people in diverse circumstances.

"The Dharmarth Trust has a history to provide state of art facilities to the visiting devotees and this is one among those to provide an opportunity to physically challenged people to pay obeisance at the shrine without any difficulty and hardship," Dr. Singh maintained.

Ajatshatru Singh said that launch of the ramp in the temple is testimony to the fact that Dharmarth Trust is focused to take care of one and all.

He said that the facility dedicated to the people at Shri Ranbireswar Temple will ensure that persons with disabilities have no barrier in entering and using all the facilities necessary for paying obeisance at the shrine.

Dr Bhatia to hold charge of GMC Rajouri Principal

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JAMMU, Oct 20: Government today assigned charge of the post of Principal Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri to Dr Amarjeet Singh Bhatia, Professor in Department of Biochemistry, GMC Jammu.

"Dr Amarjeet Singh Bhatia shall temporarily look after the charge of the post of Principal GMC Rajouri, in his own pay and grade with immediate effect, till further orders, in addition to his own duty," an order issued in this connection reads.

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