

MLA Dr Bhardwaj holds mega Public Darbar at Ramnagar, assures time-bound redressal of people's grievances

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In a significant outreach initiative aimed at strengthening public participation in governance and ensuring swift resolution of civic issues, MLA Ramnagar Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj today held a Mega Public Darbar at the Town Hall, Ramnagar, where hundreds of residents, delegations and representatives from different parts of the constituency interacted directly with him and senior government officials.

The Public Darbar witnessed an overwhelming response, with people from urban and rural areas placing before the MLA a wide range of issues concerning road connectivity, drinking water supply, electricity, healthcare, education, rural development, sanitation, revenue matters and other essential public services. Demonstrating the government's commitment to responsive and accountable administration, Dr. Bhardwaj patiently heard every grievance and instructed the concerned departmental officers to address the issues on priority. He stressed that genuine public concerns should not remain pending and directed officials to ensure prompt and time-bound action, particularly in matters affecting the daily lives of citizens.

MP Ghulam Ali Khatana seeks transparency in Samagra Shiksha fund utilization in J&K

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Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament (Nominated) Ghulam Ali Khatana has sought greater transparency and accountability in the implementation of the Samagra Shiksha scheme in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir by raising the issue through Unstarred Question No. 1941, answered in the Rajya Sabha on August 5. Seeking detailed information from the Ministry of Education, Khatana asked for district-wise details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised under the scheme during the last three financial years. He also sought information on approved works and interventions, school-wise implementation status, pending or delayed projects along with reasons for delays, and the monitoring mechanism in place to ensure timely execution and effective utilisation of public funds. In its reply, the Ministry of Education informed the House that under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Samagra Shiksha, the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) is prepared by the Jammu & Kashmir Administration based on district-specific requirements and is approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB). The Ministry clarified that the allocation of funds among districts, sanction of works and interventions, and



their implementation are undertaken by the Union Territory Administration in accordance with approved plans and local priorities.

The Government also shared financial details of the scheme in Jammu & Kashmir. During 2023-24, the proposed Central share was Rs 1,736.49 crore, of which Rs 865.43 crore was released. The total funds available stood at Rs 1,289.50 crore, while Rs 1,103.22 crore was utilised. In 2024-25, Rs 823.49 crore was released against a proposed Central share of Rs 1,721.60 crore, with expenditure of Rs 944.49 crore. For 2025-26, Rs 516.92 crore was released against a proposed Central share of Rs 1,435.99 crore, while Rs 1,102.64 crore was utilised out of Rs 1,102.65 crore available. The Ministry further informed that component-wise approvals under Samagra Shiksha for 2026-27 amount to Rs 1,250.06 crore (Rs 125006.33 lakh). The

cerned departments until their logical resolution. He reiterated his commitment to the holistic development of Ramnagar Constituency, stating that improving civic infrastructure, strengthening public services and ensuring better delivery of welfare schemes remain among his top priorities.

He also urged officials to maintain regular interaction with the public, remain accessible to the people and adopt a proactive approach in resolving grievances, observing that responsive governance is the cornerstone of public trust. The Public Darbar was also attended by several senior BJP leaders and party functionaries, including Rajinder Sharma, District Vice President; Kewal Parihar, Vice President; Dikshant Sharma, State Vice President, BJYM; Mandal Presidents; Smt. Lalita Vikas Gupta, and a large number of party workers. The participants appreciated the initiative, describing the Public Darbar as an effective platform that allows people to directly communicate their concerns to the administration and elected representatives, while expressing hope that the issues highlighted during the interaction would be resolved expeditiously.

approved interventions cover key sectors, including Access and Retention, Quality Interventions, Teacher Support, Skill Education, Inclusive Education, Gender and Equity, Teacher Education, Sports and Physical Education, RTE Entitlements, Programme Management and Monitoring.

The reply also detailed the monitoring framework adopted for effective implementation of the scheme. It stated that progress is reviewed through periodic meetings of the Project Approval Board, monthly and quarterly reports submitted through the PRABANDH portal, field inspections, UDISE+, the Online Monitoring System (OMS), internal audits and regular reviews by the State Project Office and other designated authorities to ensure transparency, accountability and timely execution.

Reacting to the Ministry's response, Ghulam Ali Khatana said that quality school education and efficient utilisation of public resources are fundamental to strengthening the education sector in Jammu & Kashmir. He emphasised that transparent implementation, effective monitoring and accountability are essential to ensure that the benefits of the Samagra Shiksha scheme reach every eligible student and educational institution across the Union Territory.

GDC RS Pura organizes series of events celebrating 79th Independence Day

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RS PURA, AUG 7:

As part of the series of events commemorating the 79th Independence Day, Government Degree College, R.S. Pura organised a series of literary and cultural competitions to instill the values of patriotism, peace, national integration, and responsible citizenship among students. The celebrations commenced on 5th August 2026 with an Intra-College Essay Writing Competition on the theme "Role of Education in Promoting Peace and National Unity", organised by the Literary Committee under the worthy patronage of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Preetpal Kour and the supervision of Dr. Kiran Pathania, Convener, Literary Committee. Around 20 students participated with great enthusiasm, presenting insightful essays that highlighted education as a powerful instrument for promoting peace, harmony, tolerance, and national unity in a culturally diverse nation like India. The competition was judged by Dr. Neeru Sawhney, Prof. Harpreet Kour, and Prof. Lukesha Dubgotra, who eval-

uated the entries on the basis of content, originality, and effective use of vocabulary. Sunakishi Mottan secured the first position, Sunakshi Devi stood second, and Kuldeep Sandhu bagged the third position. The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Prof. Anju Kumari, Assistant Professor in Physics and member of the Literary Committee.

On 6 August 2026, the Literary Committee organised an Intra-College Seminar Competition on the theme "Role of J&K Youth in Making Viksit Bharat@2047." Around 15 students participated and eloquently presented their ideas on the role of youth in building a progressive, peaceful, and self-reliant India. The competition was adjudged by Dr. Neeti Chibber, Prof. Priyadarshini, and Dr. Shivani Gulati, who assessed the participants on the basis of content, presentation skills, and relevance to the theme. Addressing the participants, Principal encouraged the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to contribute towards Viksit Bharat@2047 by embracing innovation,

entrepreneurship, skill development, artificial intelligence, cyber security, and start-ups in tourism and handicrafts while promoting communal harmony, dialogue, and national integration. Ayushi Sharma secured the first position, Sarbjit Hira the second, and Sunakishi Mottan the third position. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Vijeta Anand, Assistant Professor in Political Science.

The celebrations continued with an Intra-College National Anthem Singing Competition on 07.08.2026, organised by the Cultural Committee under the supervision of Dr. Anupama Pandotra IQAC Convener and Dr. Jasmeet Kour, HOD Music. A total of 10 students enthusiastically participated, rendering the National Anthem with dignity, discipline, and patriotic fervor, reflecting their love and respect for the nation. Gurpreet Kour and Najika Bhagat, Manish Kumar and Krish Mandi, and Namandeep Kour and Taranjeet Kour secured the first, second, and third positions, respectively.

IIM Jammu concludes leadership development programme for SAIL Young Managers

Five-day executive programme equips participants with leadership, AI, strategic management and operational excellence skills

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The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu successfully concluded the five-day Leadership Development Programme (LDP) for Young Managers (Batch-III) of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) with a valedictory ceremony held at the Bharat Classroom, Jagti Campus. The programme, conducted from August 3 to 7, was designed to strengthen the leadership capabilities, strategic thinking, managerial effectiveness and future-ready business perspectives of young SAIL executives through an immersive and application-oriented learning experience. The valedictory ceremony was presided over by Prof. Prashant Mishra, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy, IIM Jammu, in the presence of Programme Directors Dr. Sakthi Nagaraj T., Dr. Harsha Jariwala and Dr. Parvathy B. Presenting the programme report, Dr. Sakthi Nagaraj T. highlighted the key outcomes achieved across the three phases of the programme and



expressed satisfaction over the participants' project work and their enthusiastic engagement throughout the training. He noted that the programme successfully combined academic excellence with practical learning to enhance managerial competencies.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Prashant Mishra congratulated the young managers on successfully completing the programme and underscored the importance of lifelong learning and the practical application of acquired knowledge. He urged the participants to translate the insights gained during the programme into meaningful organisational

outcomes and to serve as ambassadors of IIM Jammu by upholding the values of excellence, innovation and continuous learning. Emphasising the significance of action-oriented leadership, he encouraged them to remain open to new ideas, embrace change and contribute proactively to organisational growth.

During the reflection session, the SAIL executives shared their experiences and described the programme as highly enriching and professionally rewarding. They said the three-phase training enhanced their understanding of organisational practices across various SAIL units

while strengthening their knowledge in conflict resolution, team management, communication, financial management and operational excellence. The participants particularly appreciated the practical sessions on Artificial Intelligence, stating that hands-on exposure to AI tools, dashboard creation, predictive analytics and real-time data applications would enable them to introduce innovative solutions and improve operational efficiency in their respective workplaces. The executives also lauded the academic environment, experienced faculty and warm hospitality extended by IIM Jammu, expressing

confidence that the knowledge and skills acquired during the programme would significantly contribute to their professional development and leadership journey.

The programme concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Parvathy B., who expressed gratitude to the leadership of SAIL and IIM Jammu, faculty members, resource persons, participants and the organising team for their collective efforts in making the programme a success. The ceremony ended with the rendition of the National Song and the National Anthem.

The successful completion of the Leadership Development Programme reaffirms IIM Jammu's commitment to promoting leadership excellence through impactful executive education. By integrating academic rigour with industry relevance, the Institute continues to strengthen industry-academia collaboration and develop competent, innovative and future-ready leaders capable of addressing the evolving challenges of the global business environment.

Samba Police organises Thana Diwas at Purmandal to strengthen community policing

Residents urged to support crime prevention and anti-drug campaign

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SAMBA, AUG 7:

Continuing its efforts to strengthen police-public relations and promote community policing, Samba Police organised a Thana Diwas at Police Station Purmandal, providing a platform for direct interaction between the police and local residents.

The programme was presided over by the Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO), Bari Brahmana, and attended by the Station House Officer (SHO), Police Station Purmandal. Prominent citizens, youth, senior citizens and members of various sections of society participated enthusiastically

in the event.

The objective of the programme was to establish a direct interface between the police and the public, enabling citizens to share their concerns, discuss local issues and strengthen mutual trust and cooperation.

Addressing the gathering, the SDPO reaffirmed Samba Police's commitment to maintaining peace, preventing crime and ensuring a safe, secure and fear-free environment for law-abiding citizens. He emphasised that public participation is vital for effective policing and maintaining law and order.

He urged residents to remain vigilant and promptly inform the police about sus-

picious activities, the movement of anti-social elements or any information that could help prevent criminal incidents. Stressing collective responsibility, he also appealed to the public to actively support the campaign against drug abuse and work together to eradicate the menace from society.

During the interaction, the SDPO patiently heard the grievances and suggestions of the participants and assured them that all genuine issues would be taken up for appropriate action. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks to the participants for their active involvement and continued cooperation with the police.

Sat seeks ownership rights, fair compensation for border residents

Tarun Chugh, Sat Sharma call upon Rajnath Singh

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J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma, in presence of BJP National General Secretary, J&K Prabhari and Member of Parliament Tarun Chugh, met Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi and strongly projected the long-pending issues affecting the people living along the International Border.

A few days earlier, a deputa-tion of border residents led by J&K BJP Kisan Morcha President Rakesh Pant had called on Sat Sharma and highlighted several unresolved issues concerning the border population. The delegation had sought permanent ownership rights for the refugees of 1965 and 1971, who have been residing in border areas for decades but continue to face uncertainty over their land and property rights. They had also demanded fair and adequate compensation for agricultural land acquired by the Border Security Force for the construction of border roads, fencing, bunkers and other strategic defense infrastructure, which has adversely impacted the livelihood of numerous farming families.

The deputa-tion had further urged that a joint team of

senior officers from the Revenue Department and Defense authorities be deputed to the affected villages to conduct a comprehensive on-ground assessment so that practical and time-bound solutions could be formulated for the benefit of the border residents.

Taking forward these concerns, Sat Sharma placed all the demands before the defense minister and emphasized that the people living on the International Border have always stood as the nation's first line of resilience, making immense sacrifices for the country's security. He said these patriotic families deserve justice, dignity, security and sustained developmental support, and requested the Union Government to ensure early redressal of their genuine issues.

Tarun Chugh said the Narendra Modi-led government has consistently demonstrated its commitment towards the welfare and security of border residents and remains sensitive to their aspirations. He expressed confidence that every genuine issue concerning these patriotic citizens would receive due attention from the Government.

Rajnath Singh gave a patient hearing to the issues raised during the meeting and stated that the concerns of the border residents would be examined seriously. He said the Government of India remains committed to safeguarding both national security and the welfare of citizens living in border areas, and appropriate decisions would be taken in the larger public interest after due consideration.



Kathua Police arrest drug peddler with heroin-like substance in Marheen

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KATHUA, AUG 7:

Continuing its anti-narcotics drive under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, Kathua Police arrested an alleged drug peddler and recovered approximately three grams of heroin (chitta)-like narcotic substance near Bandhore in the Marheen area. During patrolling, a police team intercepted a suspicious individual and, during questioning and search, recovered the suspected contraband from his possession. The accused was identified as Sukhvinder Kumar, son of Lovely Kumar, a resident of Bandhore, Tehsil Marheen, District Kathua. A case under FIR No. 187/2026 has been registered at Police Station Rajbagh under Sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act, and further investigation is underway. Kathua Police appealed to the public to share information regarding drug-related activities through the emergency helpline or the district police helpline, assuring confidentiality of informants.

Kathua Police seize 55 quarters of illicit liquor; bootlegger arrested

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KATHUA, AUG 7:

Kathua Police continued its drive against the illegal trade and transportation of liquor by arresting a bootlegger and seizing 55 quarters of JK Special Whisky during naka checking in the Ramkot area. A police team established a special checking point at Mandi, Ramkot, where a car bearing registration number JK08G-5267 was intercepted. During the search, police recovered 55 quarters of JK Excise Special Whisky (180 ml each) allegedly being transported for illegal sale. The accused, identified as Inder Prashad Gupta alias Happy, son of Sudesh Kumar and a resident of Ward No. 4, Kah, Tehsil Ramkot, District Kathua, was arrested, and the vehicle used in the offence was seized. Police registered FIR No. 161/2026 at Police Station Billawar under Section 48(a) of the Excise Act, and further investigation is in progress. Kathua Police reiterated its commitment to taking strict action against those involved in the illegal trade and transportation of liquor.

Indian Army conducts tree plantation drive at Sangaldan

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As part of its ongoing Community Outreach and Environmental Conservation initiatives, the Indian Army conducted a Tree Plantation Drive at Sangaldan in collaboration with the local populace of Sangaldan Sub-Tehsil and the Forest Department. The initiative was organised by the Indian Army and witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents and representatives of the Forest Department. A number of saplings were planted during the drive with the aim of enhancing green cover, promoting environmental awareness and encouraging collective responsibility towards preservation and protection of the environment. The event also provided a valuable platform for meaningful interaction and joint participation among the Indian Army, local community and Forest Department. Such collaborative initiatives help strengthen mutual trust, cooperation and goodwill while encouraging residents, particularly the youth, to actively contribute towards a cleaner and greener environment. Through such community-oriented activities, the Indian Army continues to reaffirm its commitment towards environmental conservation, sustainable development, community welfare and nation building.

Dept of History, GDC Ramnagar organizes lecture-cum-documentary screening on India's freedom struggle

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RAMNAGAR, AUG 7:

As part of the ongoing Independence Day celebrations, the Department of History, Government Degree College Ramnagar organised a Lecture-cum-Documents Screening on "India's Freedom Struggle" under the patronage of the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Daljeet Singh Manhas. The programme commenced with an enlightening lecture by Prof. Manmohan Singh, Head, Department of History, who traced the major phases of India's freedom movement and highlighted the invaluable contributions of the countless freedom fighters who dedicated their lives to securing the nation's independence. Emphasising the importance of preserving the legacy of the freedom struggle, he urged students to imbibe the values of patriotism, unity, courage, and selfless service that continue to inspire generations. The lecture was followed by

the screening of a documentary on India's Freedom Struggle, which presented a vivid account of the key events, movements, and eminent personalities that played a pivotal role in the country's journey to independence.

The documentary enabled students to gain a deeper understanding of India's rich historical heritage and the sacrifices made in the cause of freedom. A large number of students attended the programme with enthusiasm and actively participated throughout the event, reflecting their keen interest in learning about the nation's glorious past. The programme was attended by faculty members, including Dr. Sunil Kumar, Prof. Anice Ahmed, Prof. Sanjay Malhotra, and Prof. Tanmeet Kour, whose presence added to the significance of the event. The programme concluded with a renewed sense of patriotism and appreciation for the enduring values of India's freedom movement among the participants.