

MLA Mohan Lal reviews devp works, public services, issues strict directions

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AKHNOOR: Akhnoor MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat Wednesday chaired a comprehensive review meeting with officials from various departments to assess ongoing development works, public service delivery, and preparedness for the upcoming summer season. The meeting was conducted by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Akhnoor.

Officials present in the meeting included the Tehsildar Jourian, Tehsildar Pargwal, Executive Engineer (Irrigation), AEE PWD, AEE PDD, Horticulture Development Officer, Animal/Live Stock Officer, BDO Akhnoor, BDO Pargwal, BDO Bhalwal Brahmana, AEE Flood Control, Treasury Officer, CDPO, TSO, and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the MLA carried out a detailed review of departmental works, with special emphasis on road construction, blacktopping, and flood protection projects.

He directed officials to ensure timely completion of works while maintaining high quality standards so that the impact is clearly visible on the ground.

Reviewing summer preparedness, he instructed the Jal Shakti Department and the Power Development Department (PDD) to ensure uninterrupted water and electricity supply.

He also raised the issue of faulty electricity billing and directed officials to resolve such complaints on priority to prevent inconvenience to the public.



It was also decided that weekly review meetings of the PDD will be conducted by the SDM to closely monitor power supply and related issues.

The MLA expressed concern over the functioning of the Revenue Department, particularly delays in issuing essential documents such as income certificates, caste certificates, and domicile certificates. He noted that many applications remain pending for months or are rejected at the last moment without valid reasons, which causes hardship to the public.

He also took a strong stand against the role of illegal agents operating in

Patwar offices, stating that such practices lead to exploitation of people. He directed strict action against such agents and called for complete transparency in the system.

Additionally, he instructed that Patwaris must remain present in their offices during designated hours, and that a clear schedule for office and field days should be fixed and made public to avoid inconvenience to citizens.

Reiterating the need for transparency, accountability, and efficient public service delivery, the MLA warned that any form of negligence will not be tolerated.

3-day awareness prog: Inaugural function Live streamed at Rajouri

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RAJOURI: The inauguration of the three-day awareness programme by the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Education Minister Sakina Itoo was live streamed here Wednesday.

The inaugural session was attended virtually by ADDC Malikzada Sheraz ul Haq; Chief Education Officer Mohammad Hafiz; DSWO Abdul Raheem; ARTO Rajesh Gupta along with all Heads of Higher Secondary Schools (HSS) and High Schools (HS) of District Rajouri. The CEO interacted with the Education Minister and briefed her about the various awareness initiatives being undertaken by the Education Department in the district. "The department has been consistently promoting student-centric awareness campaigns aimed at holistic development and social responsibility," he informed.

The programme marks a significant step towards strengthening awareness and sensitization efforts across educational institutions in District Rajouri.

DC Ramban monitors landslide clearance operation at Sherbibi

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RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan on Wednesday monitored road clearance operations at Sherbibi, where a huge landslide triggered by heavy rainfall blocked NH-44. The Deputy Commissioner also visited other affected locations to assess the situation and review ongoing restoration works amid continued inclement weather.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SSP Arun Gupta, SDM

Banihal Mohammad Naseeb Bajraan, Dy SP Traffic Surinder Pal Singh, Tehsildar Majid Keen, representatives of NHAI and other officers. Senior officers from the Police, Traffic Department, NHAI and Civil Administration were also present on the occasion.

Taking prompt action, the Deputy Commissioner pressed an adequate number of men and machinery from NHAI, Police, Traffic Police and other line departments into service to clear debris and remove rocks from the affected

stretches. After continuous efforts and amid adverse weather conditions, traffic movement was restored at Sherbibi and other vulnerable locations on the highway.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for constant monitoring of vulnerable areas along NH-44 and instructed officials to remain on high alert in view of the prevailing weather conditions. He also appreciated the efforts of field staff and emergency response teams engaged in the restoration work.

Army hold health awareness lecture & free medical camp

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JAMMU: The Indian Army conducted a Health Awareness Lecture and Free Medical Camp over the past two days in the villages of Thandi Choi and Ambaram.

This initiative aimed at improving healthcare access and spreading awareness about modern health practices.

The camps featured comprehensive health check-ups and an educational lecture titled "Improving Health in Modern Lifestyle." The session was designed to promote preventive healthcare and encourage healthier living practices among the villagers.

In addition to the lecture, civil doctors and military medical personnel offered consultations, particularly focusing on skin and bone-related ailments. Medicines



were also distributed to all the beneficiaries, ensuring that they had the necessary resources to manage their health.

This initiative further strengthens the Indian Ar-

my's commitment to enhancing healthcare access while fostering a stronger relationship with local communities, contributing to their overall well-being and development.

BJP organizes outreach to Veterans, Public Welfare Initiatives marking foundation Day

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JAMMU: J&K BJP organized a series of programmes including visits to the party veterans, senior citizens, and beneficiaries and felicitating them, as well as holding Gaon Chalo/Basti Chalo Abhiyan, and other programmes marking the 47th Foundation Day of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), reflecting political commitment and social responsibility.

Senior party leaders led by J&K BJP President and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Sat Sharma, and J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, visited the residences of veteran members associated

with BJP, Jana Sangh, and Praja Parishad, acknowledging their lifelong dedication and contribution to the party's ideological foundation.

Sat accompanied by District Prabhari Ayodhya Gupta, District President Nand Kishore, and other senior leaders, visited the residences of three respected veterans, centenarian Chanchala Devi, Mohan Lal Gill, and Mohan Lal Gupta. The leaders interacted warmly with the families and expressed gratitude for their unwavering commitment to nationalist ideals.

On the occasion, Sat Sharma stated that the BJP's Foundation Day is not merely a celebration, but a moment of reflection and gratitude. He

said that the party's strength lies in the sacrifices and dedication of its senior workers and ideologues, whose values continue to guide the present generation. He emphasized that BJP remains committed to public service, inclusive development, and the vision of a strong and self-reliant India.

Similarly, Ashok Koul paid respectful visits to the residences of Jana Sangh and Praja Parishad veterans Sham Lal Sharma and Mukund Lal Sharma at Paloura, where they were honoured for their invaluable contributions.

Ashok Koul, along with BJP Jammu District President Adv. Rajesh Gupta and MLA Jammu East Yudhvir Sethi, also felicitated senior

citizens and beneficiaries at Jain Sabha, Kali Janni Basti, Ward No. 4. He also led the "Gaon/Basti Chalo Abhiyan" at Wards No. 60 and 38 in Paloura, accompanied by local leadership.

Ashok Koul, in his address, reiterated that BJP's core philosophy revolves around "Seva, Samarpan, and Garib Kalyan."

He said that such programmes strengthen the party's bond with the grassroots and ensure that welfare initiatives reach the last person in the queue. He stressed that the party remains dedicated to both honouring its legacy and actively serving society with sincerity and commitment.

Bhalla, Sawhney pay tributes to Lt. Om Prakash Chopra on Birth Anniv

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JAMMU: District Congress Committee (DCC) Jammu Urban Wednesday paid rich tributes to veteran Congress leader and former MLA Jammu East Lt. Om Prakash Chopra Ji on the occasion of his birth anniversary at a function held at the party office.

The programme was held under the leadership of Working President PCC Sh. Raman Bhalla and Sh. Yogesh Sawhney, former Minister J&K & President DCC



Jammu Urban, Ved Mahajan Ex MLC and attended by other party leaders and workers.

Raman Bhalla paid glowing tributes to the late leader and said that his life and

work continue to inspire generations of Congress workers.

He added that Chopra Ji actively participated in the freedom struggle and later served the people with ded-

ication as a Member of the Legislative Assembly from Jammu East.

He also served the party with distinction as District President Jammu (Urban) for more than 25 years and remained closely connected with the people and their issues.

Remembering the immense contributions of the veteran leader, Yogesh Sawhney said that Lt. Sh. Om Prakash Chopra Ji was a respected political figure and a dedicated Congress leader who devoted his

life to public service and strengthening the party at the grassroots level.

He said that Chopra Ji's long association with the Congress party and his commitment towards the welfare of the people of Jammu will always be remembered by party workers and the public alike.

On the occasion, the Congress leaders also expressed deep condolences on the sad demise of Smt. Mohsina Kidwai, former MP and Union Minister, recalling her distinguished

contribution to the nation and her long association with the Indian National Congress.

Among those present on the occasion included Pawan Dev Singh, Rajender Singh Randhawa, Satpal Sapolia, Ram Magotra, Pradeep Bhalla, Sandeep Dogra, Rakesh Sharma, Vijay Kumar, Arvind Sharma, Gurdeep Singh, Jasbeer Singh, Suresh Sharma and Sanjeev Vaid, who also paid floral tributes and remembered the contributions of the late leader.

Awareness Program on Health and Sanitization held on World Health Day

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BANIHAL: On the occasion of World Health Day, the Indian Army organized an informative lecture and awareness program on health and sanitization at Govt High School, Naugam, Banihal, Jammu and Kashmir.

The program aimed to raise awareness about the importance of hygiene, healthy lifestyles and disease prevention among local residents. The event saw active participation from villagers, including youth, elders and women, who attended the session to learn about essential

health practices.

The program focused on key areas such as personal hygiene, safe drinking water, sanitation, waste management and the prevention of seasonal illnesses. Army medical staff and resource personnel emphasized the importance of cleanliness in everyday life and shared practical tips for maintaining physical well-being.

Interactive discussions were held to address attendees' concerns, with special attention given to educating them about hand hygiene, proper nutrition and the importance of regular medical



check-ups. The session also highlighted the role of community involvement in promoting sanitation and preventing the spread of infections.

The initiative was well received by the local populace, who expressed their appreciation for the Indian Army's continuous efforts in promoting health

awareness and community welfare in remote areas.

The Indian Army remains committed to strengthening civil-military relations and contrib-

uting to the overall development and well-being of society.

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Army celebrate World Health Day in Poonch

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POONCH: On the occasion of World Health Day, the Indian Army organised an awareness lecture via video conferencing, at Battalion Headquarters and all Company Operating Bases (COBs) across District Poonch.

The event aimed at spreading awareness about health, hygiene, preventive healthcare and healthy lifestyle practices among the



troops. The session covered crucial topics such as early di-

agnosis, balanced nutrition, sanitation, vaccination and stress management, all of

which are essential for maintaining overall well-being.

This year, World Health Day 2026 is observed under the theme "Together for Health: Stand with Science," which underscores the importance of scientific collaboration and evidence-based healthcare for the welfare of people, animals and the environment, through the One Health approach.

The lecture emphasized personal hygiene, disease

prevention, physical fitness and the importance of trust in science-based medical practices. It aimed to promote a healthier and more resilient force, while also contributing positively to societal well-being.

The initiative was well-received by all ranks and was highly appreciated for its role in enhancing awareness on critical health issues, fostering a healthier and more prepared Indian Army.

Students of IIMC Jammu gain insight into working of DD News



JAMMU: Students of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Jammu, had an enriching and insightful visit to DD News, where they gained first hand exposure to the functioning of a national broadcaster.

During the visit, students were introduced to various aspects of newsroom operations, including news production processes, podcast recording, editing techniques and content publishing patterns on Prasar Bharati's "Shabd" platform.

The visit served as a valuable bridge between classroom learning and real-world media practices, inspiring students to engage more deeply with the field of journalism and broadcasting.

Under the expert guidance of Mrs. Ayushi Puri, Deputy Director (News) at the Regional News Unit, Doordarshan Kendra Jammu, students from the PG Diploma programmes in Hindi Journalism, English Journalism, and MA in New Media Communication explored the working pattern of Doordarshan.