

# Jasrotia lays foundation stones for Rs 2.66 crore Road projects in Jasrota Constituency

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**JAMMU:** In a major push towards strengthening rural infrastructure and improving connectivity in the Jasrota constituency, MLA Jasrota Rajiv Jasrotia today laid the foundation stones for multiple Public Works Department (PWD) road projects worth approximately Rs 2.66 crore in different parts of the constituency.



The projects include the Plah More to Teda road project being undertaken at a cost of Rs 1.23 crore, Plah More to Kumri via Androte road estimated at Rs 60 lakh, Hatli link road costing Rs 50 lakh, and the Hote link road project worth Rs 33 lakh. The developmental works are aimed at improving road infrastructure and easing transportation facilities for thousands of residents living in rural and far-flung areas.

A large number of local residents, public representatives and party workers were present on the occasion and welcomed the initiation of the projects, stating that these roads were long-pending demands of the people. Speaking after laying the foundation stones, Rajiv Jasrotia said that road connectivity plays a crucial role in the socio-economic development of any region and added that the government

is committed to ensuring that even the remotest villages receive quality infrastructure and better civic amenities. He said the projects will significantly benefit villagers, farmers, students, traders and patients who face difficulties due to poor road conditions, especially during adverse weather conditions. The MLA stated that the improved road network will strengthen connectivity between villages and markets,

schools, healthcare institutions and other public facilities, thereby improving the overall quality of life for the people. He added that better roads would also facilitate faster transportation of agricultural produce and help local businesses and economic activities grow in rural areas. Highlighting the importance of balanced development, Rajiv Jasrotia said that the present government is focusing on accelerating infrastructure projects

across Jammu and Kashmir with special emphasis on neglected and border areas. He assured the public that all developmental works in the constituency are being executed with transparency, accountability and a commitment to quality standards. He further directed the concerned officials and executing agencies to ensure timely completion of the projects without compromising on the quality of work. He said regular monitoring would be carried out to avoid unnecessary delays and ensure that the public receives the intended benefits at the earliest. During his visit, the MLA also held public grievance meetings and interacted with residents of villages Kadyar, Alair, Teda and Hatli. The locals apprised him of several issues concerning road connectivity, electricity supply, drinking

water, irrigation facilities, healthcare services, drainage systems and other developmental needs of their respective areas. Residents also raised concerns regarding damaged roads, inadequate public utilities and the need for strengthening basic infrastructure in rural belts. Many villagers urged the MLA to take up pending developmental works on priority and ensure speedy implementation of welfare schemes at the grassroots level. Rajiv Jasrotia patiently listened to the grievances and assured the people that their concerns would be taken up with the concerned departments for immediate attention and resolution. He emphasized that public welfare remains his top priority and that continuous interaction with people is necessary to understand ground-level issues and ensure effective governance.

## SMVDU organized Skill Development Training Prog on Automation and IIoT Implementation



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**KATRA:** School of Mechanical Engineering in collaboration with Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) successfully completed a four-day Skill Development Training Programme on "Automation and Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) Implementation" by professional team of M/s Opsight AI Private Ltd at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. The workshop aimed to provide industrial skills to B.Tech. and M.Tech. students to enhance their technical knowledge and practical skills in industrial automation and Industry 4.0 technologies. Program activity (soft component) is financed by fund from PM-USHA under Grants to strengthen University Scheme. The programme was organized by Prof. Balbir Singh, Dean Academics Affairs with program co-coordinators, Dr. Yatheshth Anand (HoD, Mech. Engg.), Dr. Amit Sinha, Dr. Sanjay Mohan

(EDC Coordinator), Dr. Varun Dutta and Karan Vohra. The Head of the Department appreciated the initiative and emphasized the importance of skill-based learning for future industrial applications. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar motivated the students to actively participate in such industry-oriented programmes and encouraged them to continuously upgrade their technical skills to meet modern industrial requirements. During the workshop, students received hands-on training on PLC programming, industrial sensors, automation systems, and IIoT implementation through expert lectures and practical sessions. Industry experts also demonstrated real-time industrial applications and smart manufacturing techniques used in modern industries. The sessions helped students understand the importance of automation in improving productivity, efficiency, and industrial safety.

# Ashok Koul reviews organizational programme in BJP Jammu south meeting, calls for mass outreach

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**JAMMU:** BJP Jammu South district led by its President Naresh Singh Jasrotia held an organizational meeting at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. BJP J&K General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul, accompanied by MLA Ch. Vikram Randhawa, chiefly addressed the meeting. The meeting was also addressed by J&K BJP Secretary & District Seh-Prabhari Reema Padha, District Prabhari Parduman Singh, and attended by other senior party leaders and activists from District Jammu South. Ashok Koul reviewed the ongoing party programmes and discussed the roadmap for the forthcoming



activities to be organized under the nationwide campaign highlighting the twelve years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government dedicated to "Vishwas, Vikas aur Jan Kalyan". Ashok Koul said that the BJP cadre must actively reach every household and inform the masses about the historic achievements

and welfare initiatives of the Modi government. He said that the upcoming programmes including Vishesh Jansampark Abhiyan, cleanliness drives, plantation campaigns, Viksit Bharat Sankalp meetings, Jan Kalyan Shivirs, and environment protection activities should be conducted effectively at every

booth and mandal level. He asked party activists to strengthen public outreach and ensure maximum public participation in all the upcoming programmes. Vikram Randhawa said that the unprecedented development works and public welfare measures undertaken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi have transformed the lives of common people across the country. He stressed that party workers must take these achievements to every section of society and further strengthen the bond between the party and the public. Reema Padha highlighted the importance of public participation in the upcoming programmes and

said that BJP activists must work with full enthusiasm to make the campaigns impactful. Parduman Singh said that the organizational structure of BJP is its biggest strength and every activist has an important role in making the upcoming programmes successful. Naresh Singh Jasrotia said that BJP Jammu South district is fully prepared to implement all organizational programmes at the grassroots level. He stated that district teams and booth-level workers are continuously working to connect with the public and spread awareness about the welfare schemes and developmental works of the Modi government.

## Jyeshtha Adhik Maas Ratri Purnima on May 30, Diva Purnima Fast on May 31: Mahant Rohit Shastri

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**JAMMU:** In Sanatan Dharma, Jyeshtha Purnima holds special religious significance. This year, the Purnima falling during Adhik Maas is considered especially auspicious, and the spiritual merits attained on this day are believed to multiply manifold. Mahant Rohit Shastri, chief of Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, stated that worshipping Lord Satyanarayan, a form of Lord Vishnu, and listening to the Satyanarayan Katha on this day brings immense blessings and Blessed outcomes. Worship of Lord Ganesha, Goddess Parvati, Lord Shiva, and Moon God (Chandrama) is also considered highly beneficial. According to Mahant Rohit Shastri, the Jyeshtha (Adhik) Shukla Paksha Purnima Tithi will begin on Saturday, May 30 at 11:58 AM and continue until Sunday, May 31 at 2:15 PM. Devotees who observe the Purnima fast and worship during the night may keep the sacred fast on Saturday, May 30 with devotion and faith. Those who observe the daytime Purnima fast may do so on Sunday, May 31 according to proper rituals and traditions. As per Udaya Tithi,



bathing and charity performed on Sunday, May 31 will carry special spiritual merit. He further stated that taking a holy bath in a sacred river or pilgrimage site, offering charity, and worshipping Lord Vishnu on Adhik Maas Purnima grants everlasting spiritual merit. Considering present circumstances, devotees may also attain religious merit by adding Gangajal to their bathing water at home. According to Hindu scriptures, one should avoid tamasic food, intoxication, and impure conduct on this day, and instead follow a sattvic lifestyle

along with celibacy and self-discipline. Doing so helps attain mental peace, prosperity, and positive energy. Mahant Rohit Shastri added that donating a water-filled pot, grains, clothes, sweets, and gold according to one's capacity on Purnima is considered highly virtuous. During the night, devotees should worship the Moon God with lamps, incense, flowers, jaggery, and grains, and offer Arghya. Thereafter, feeding a deserving Brahmin or a needy person before taking one's own meal is regarded as auspicious. He said that virtuous deeds performed on this day strengthen the Moon in one's horoscope, helping remove mental stress, financial troubles, and family-related difficulties. Powerful Remedy for Financial Stability; On Jyeshtha Purnima, offer 11 cowries before Goddess Lakshmi's idol and apply a turmeric tilak on them. The next morning, on Sunday, May 31, tie those cowries in a red cloth and keep them in your locker or the place where money is stored. It is believed that this remedy strengthens financial stability and increases wealth and prosperity.

## 47th day of 78-day Vedic Yajna observed at Yol; Swami advocates Vedic worship and noble deeds

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**YOL:** On the 47th day of the ongoing 78-day Yajna Anushthan based on all four Vedas at Ved Mandir, Yol, Himachal Pradesh, Yogacharya Swami Ram Swarup Ji delivered a spiritual discourse based on the first mantra of the Samaveda. He emphasized that all human beings should continuously pray to Almighty God to illuminate their hearts with divine knowledge and devotion. He further stated that according to the Vedas, one must perform righteous deeds and worship God sincerely so that the Almighty becomes manifest within the heart. Focusing on Samaveda Mantra 350, Swami Ji explained that seekers call upon one another as friends and urge everyone to gather together and praise the pure, formless Almighty through sacred Samaveda chanting and holy Vedic mantras.

He said the mantra inspires devotees to glorify God through Vedic recitation so that the Almighty may bless humanity with purity and divine grace. Explaining the deeper meaning of the mantra, Swami Ji said that God is formless and eternally pure. Therefore, God neither needs purification nor ritual cleansing, as He is inherently pure and eternal truth himself. He elaborated that "truth" means that which cannot be created or manufactured by any material substance. Referring to Yajurveda Mantra 40/8, Swami Ji stated that God is Swayambhu — self-existent and eternal. He added that the description of this Almighty has been given by God Himself through the Vedas. The four Vedas collectively impart the knowledge that humanity should worship only this one Supreme God in accordance with Vedic principles.

## Shah's border crackdown will smash Terror-Narco network in J&K: Bhagat

**JAMMU:** Senior BJP leader and former Minister Bali Bhagat on Thursday strongly backed Union Home Minister Amit Shah's directive for strict action against illegal structures within 15 kilometres of the International Border, saying the move will deliver a decisive blow to the terror, infiltration and narco-terror network operating in Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement issued here, Bhagat said Jammu and Kashmir has suffered for decades because of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, cross-border infiltration, drone smuggling and radical networks that thrived under political appeasement and weak governance. He said illegal structures near sensitive border belts often become shelters, transit points and logistical hubs for anti-national elements involved in smuggling weapons, narcotics and aiding infiltrators. Bhagat said the Modi Government has adopted a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism and anti-national activities, unlike previous regimes that allowed separatist and Pakistan-backed elements to flourish in Jammu and Kashmir. "Amit Shah has made it absolutely clear that every network supporting terrorism, narco-funding and infiltration will be dismantled completely. This is not merely an administrative action but a direct strike on Pakistan's proxy war machinery operating in J&K," he said. The senior BJP leader said border districts including Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Rajouri and Poonch have repeatedly witnessed drone intrusions, heroin consignments, weapon drops and infiltration attempts from across the border. He added that Pakistan has increasingly been using narco-terrorism as a weapon to destabilise Jammu and Kashmir and mislead local youth. Launching a scathing attack on opposition leaders, Bhagat accused Mehbooba Mufti, Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah of repeatedly making statements that indirectly strengthen Pakistan's narrative and demoralise security forces. "Whenever strong action is taken against terrorism, separatism or illegal networks, these leaders suddenly start crying foul and speaking the language that suits Pakistan. Instead of supporting the nation's fight against terror, they try to create confusion and fear for cheap political gains," Bhagat alleged. He also urged the administration and security agencies to strictly implement the Home Minister's directions and ensure that every illegal structure and support system aiding anti-national activities near border areas is completely dismantled.

## ICICI Bank holds placement drive at SKUAST-Jammu

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**JAMMU:** A placement drive for the recruitment of Relationship Manager was successfully conducted at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu under the university's growing Industry-Academia Partnership initiative. The placement drive was organized in collaboration with ICICI Bank and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of the Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Horticulture and Forestry. The recruitment process was conducted by

Rajesh Parihar, Regional Head (Sales), and Shivali Saini, ER Manager. The selection procedure involved an online aptitude and screening test, followed by offline personal interviews of the shortlisted candidates. After a comprehensive evaluation process, a total of seven students were selected for the position of Relationship Manager. The successful conduct of the placement drive reflects the strengthening collaboration between academia and industry at SKUAST-Jammu, aimed at enhancing employability, professional

exposure, and career opportunities for students. The initiative also aligns with the university's vision of integrating academic learning with industry requirements and practical skill development. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. B. N. Tripathi, congratulated the selected students and appreciated the efforts of the Counselling and Placement Cell for organizing such recruitment opportunities on campus. He expressed satisfaction over the growing Industry-Academia partnership being developed at the university through periodic

Industry-Academia Meets, signing of MoUs with reputed organizations, and recruitment of Professors of Practice from leading industries. He emphasized that these initiatives are creating a strong ecosystem for experiential learning, internships, skill enhancement, and placement opportunities for students of the university. The students expressed gratitude to the university administration and the recruiting team from ICICI Bank for providing them with a valuable career opportunity and exposure to the banking and financial services sector.

## Sharma highlights '12 Golden Years of Modi Govt' through poster campaign

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**JAMMU:** Senior BJP leader Devraj Sharma on Wednesday launched a poster campaign highlighting the achievements of the Narendra Modi-led government over the last 12 years, describing the period as 'Swarnim 12 Varsh' of development, governance and national transformation. The campaign, themed "Mazboot Netritva, Mazboot Bharat", showcases major policy initiatives and achievements across multiple sectors under the vision of "Viksit Bharat, Samridh Bharat." The poster also carries the slogan "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas", emphasizing inclusive growth and collective national progress. Through the infographic-style

campaign, Devraj Sharma highlighted 12 key focus areas that, according to him, reflect the government's commitment towards building a stronger, self-reliant and developed India. Among the major achievements mentioned in the poster are India emerging as the world's fifth-largest economy under the theme 'Mazboot Arthyavastha', and rapid expansion of roads, railways, airports and modern public infrastructure under "Vishwastariya Infrastructure." The campaign also underlined the success of initiatives such as Make in India, promotion of startups and strengthening of MSMEs under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' mission. Highlighting welfare measures, the poster referred to flagship schemes including

Ujjwala Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, rural housing, sanitation, electrification and tap water connections, describing them as part of the government's 'Jan Kalyan Ki Guarantee.' Special emphasis was laid on farmers' welfare through schemes such as PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi, improved irrigation facilities and enhanced crop production under the theme 'Kisan Hit Sarvopari.' The campaign further highlighted the expansion of educational institutions including IITs, IIMs and universities, along with skill development initiatives aimed at empowering youth. Digital transformation initiatives including Jan Dhan accounts, Aadhaar integration, UPI and digital pay-

ments were also showcased as milestones achieved under the "Digital India" mission to ensure transparency and efficient governance. The poster additionally highlighted women empowerment initiatives such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, promotion of women entrepreneurship and leadership opportunities. Environmental protection and sustainable development initiatives including Swachh Bharat Mission, Green India campaigns and promotion of solar energy were also featured prominently. Referring to India's growing international stature, the campaign mentioned the country's successful G20 Presidency, stronger diplomatic ties and enhanced global recognition under the theme 'Vaishvik Netritva.'