

Rana inaugurates flood protection works worth ₹5.91 crore in Jammu

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Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today inaugurated flood protection works worth ₹5.91 crore along vulnerable stretches of River Nikki Tawi and River Waddi Tawi in Jammu, aimed at strengthening flood resilience and safeguarding nearby habitations, agricultural land and public infrastructure. The inauguration was held in the presence of local legislators MLA Bahu, Vikram Randhawa and MLA Marh, Surinder Kumar.

The projects, funded under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme and NABARD, include flood protection works on the left bank of River Nikki Tawi downstream of the 4th Bridge at Belicharana, construction of two spurs on the left side of River Waddi Tawi at Channi Nankey, Nandni, and flood protection measures along the right side of River Nikki Tawi from Omman Post to Makwal Forward Post.

Emphasising the need to strengthen flood management infrastructure in view of changing climatic conditions, Rana said, preventive measures and timely interventions are essential to minimise the impact of natural disasters on people's lives and livelihood.



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The third project, estimated to cost ₹292 lakh and funded under NABARD, involves flood protection measures along the right side of River Nikki Tawi from Omman Post to Makwal Forward Post in village Makwal. These were inaugurated in presence of MLA Marh, Surinder Kumar. The work includes the construction of revetment crates and earthen embankments at vulnerable locations to strengthen the riverbank against erosion and flooding, while protecting adjoining agricultural land and local infrastructure along the International Border.

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ABVP Reasi organizes Grand 'Yashaswini - YuvatiSammelan' to Empower Girls

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Reasi With the divine Sankalp of "SashaktYuvati, Samarth Bharat", AkhilBharatiyaVid-yarthiParishad, Reasi District organized a grand and inspiring "Yashaswini - YuvatiSammelan" today at DC office Auditorium Reasi. The Sammelan witnessed an overwhelming participation of hundreds of girl students from various schools, colleges and educational institutions of the district.

The main objective of the Sammelan was to make the young girls aware of their role in Nation Building and to connect them with ABVP's core ideological thoughts of PanchParivartan and NariVimarsh.

The program commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp and rendition of Saraswati-Vandana, filling the atmosphere with energy and devotion. Girls presented captivating cultural performances, speeches and poems depicting the strength of Nari Shakti.

The stage was graced by eminent women personalities who have made Reasi proud:

Chief Guest: Smt. GeetuBangotra Ji, CEO, District Reasi, in her inspiring address said, "Girls must



not limit themselves only to marks and degrees. Along with studies, you must give your active contribution towards society and nation. An educated girl is not just a successful individual, she becomes the foundation of a strong family, a conscious society and a developed nation. Be fearless, be self-reliant." She appreciated ABVP's initiative of Yashaswini for reaching out to girls at the grassroots.

Guest of Honour: ShrimatiKusumKumari Ji, President Awardee Teacher, shared her life journey and said that discipline, character and hard work are the real ornaments of a girl. She motivated the girls to dream big and never compromise on education.

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Anjusha Sharma Ji, Renowned Singer of J&K, enthralled the audience and said that our culture has always given the highest status to women and NariVimarsh is the need of the hour to re-establish that glory.

ParishadVakta: Sushri Akshi Billouria Ji elaborated on the concept of PanchParivartan - SamajSamarasta, KutumbPrabodhan, Paryavaran, Swabodh and NagrikKartavya - and explained how Yuvatis are the main drivers of these five transformations. She also explained NariVimarsh, where ABVP sees woman as Shakti, not as Abala.SwagatSamitiAdhyaksh: Sushri Isha Sharma Ji, PrantChhatraVistarak, ABVP JKL, welcomed all the guests and presented the vision of

Yashaswini. She said that ABVP has organized YuvatiSammelans in Jammu Grameen (3 Oct), Udhampur (6 Oct), Jammu Mahanagar (8 Oct), Poonch (9 Oct), Ramban (10 Oct), Doda (11 Oct) and now Reasi, with the target to reach every district including the HER VOICE Sammelans in Kashmir from 17th Oct onwards.

TheSammelan concluded with a collective Sankalp by all the girls to become Yashaswini - glorious, self-reliant and dedicated towards RashtaNirman.On this occasion,ashtra Reasi District Convenor Harsh Ji , District Girls Incharge-SupriyaSatwal Ji District Org Secretary Sudarshan Dogra and a large number of ABVP karyakartas were present.

CBC's 8-Day Multimedia Exhibition on 12 Years of Govt Enters Day -7 at Katra

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On Day-7 of 8 -Day Multimedia Exhibition being organized by Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Jammu, (J&K), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India at Govt. Higher Secondary School Katra Amba Group of Schools visited the Exhibition. The theme of Exhibition is '12 Saal Vishvas Ke, Vikas Ke aur Jan Kalyan Ke' and 'Reform Utsav'. Ashwini Katoch Chairman Amba Group of Schools attended programme as the Chief Guest. Officers and officials of departments of Jal Shakti, Sericulture Department Sheep Husbandry Department, Principal Of Amba Kids Home, Penthall with Staff & Students and CBC Jammu were prominent among others who attended the programme.

Ashwini Katoch Chairman Amba Group Of schools said these kind of awareness programmes

on the schemes and programs of Government of India should be organized on regular intervals so that the general public get to know about the benefits of these schemes. He further said, the programme organized by CBC at Katra is one of its type in the Katra area during Navratra Festival and it's utility is multidimensional and beneficial for the people of this area.

Sh. Vijay Mattoo, Field Officer, Central Bureau of Communication, Poonch in his welcome address said, the government is working towards the upliftment of the poor in the country through its various centrally sponsored schemes and programs and the pro-poor schemes like PM Awas Yojna, PM Jan Arogya Yojna, Ujjwala Yojna, PM Grib Kalyan Ann Yojna, Shishu Janani Suraksha Yojna, Poshan Abhiyan, Jan Aushadhi Kendras, Khelo India, Kissan Samman Nidhi, DBT, , Saubhagya Yojna, Har Ghar Jal, SBM, KCC, Stand up In-

dia, Start up India, Kaushal Vikas, Mudra Loans, etc. of the government have brought a revolution in the country. He emphasized that CBC also brings together various district- and block-level departments under one umbrella to facilitate greater public awareness and ensure that information about these schemes reaches the grassroots level, enabling eligible beneficiaries to avail themselves of the benefits.

Anchal Sharma from Jal Shakti Department, Rakesh Kumar from Sericulture Department and Rahul Kumar from Sheep husbandry Department were the resource persons from concerned departments to deliver Expert Lectures regarding various Centrally Sponsored Schemes related to their respective departments.

The Exhibits in the Exhibition focus on achievements of Government of India in various fields. Displays are especially designed by ministry of

Information and Broadcasting, for enlightenment of visitors about various schemes of Govt. of India. Selfie corners, Audio/Visual consoles, distribution of flyers and booklets on 12 Saal Vishwas, 12 Saal Vikas aur Jankalyan Ke, Expert Lectures by Resource Persons, Stalls of Social Welfare, Sheep Husbandry, ICDS, Agriculture, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Sericulture, Ayushman Bharat Registration and First Aid along with Drawing Competition, Open Quiz, Seminar and cultural items were the main attractions of the day.

Officers, officials of Various departments, locals, students, teachers etc attended the programme. The Exhibition will be open for Yatriis of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi & Locals for all eight days w.e.f 12th to 19th October 2026. Local masses of Katra are requested to visit the Exhibition between 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. (Entry is free).

IGP Traffic chairs joint coordination meeting at DPL Rajouri to strengthen Road Safety, Traffic Management

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IGP Traffic J&K M. Suleman Choudhary chaired a coordination meeting with officers of District Police and Traffic Police at DPL Rajouri to discuss measures to streamline traffic management, strengthen road safety and reduce road accidents and traffic congestion across the Rajouri-Poonch region.

The meeting was attended by DIGP Rajouri Poonch Range Sandeep Wazir; SSP Rajouri Naresh Singh; SSP Traffic Rural Jammu Master Popsy; Additional SP Rajouri Waseem Mehmood; Additional SP Poonch Hamid Bandy; DySP (DAR) Rajouri Khaliq Hussain Choudhary; DySP SOG, Rajouri Shammi Kumar; DySP



Traffic Poonch-Rajouri Ajaz Choudhary; besides SHO Rajouri and DTIs of Poonch, Rajouri and Sunderbani.

Emphasising focused and data driven enforcement, the IGP Traffic J&K

directed officers to intensify enforcement in rural areas, audit school buses and commercial vehicles, identify accident hotspots, organise road safety awareness programmes and establish

joint checking points (Local Police/Traffic Police).

He also stressed strict action against traffic violations, particularly riding without helmets, triple riding and mobile phone use while driving. Officers were further directed to resolve parking issues and strengthen interdepartmental coordination.

The IGP Traffic J&K underscored the need for sustained field level action and coordinated efforts to reduce road accidents, improve traffic discipline and ensure safer and smoother traffic movement across the Rajouri-Poonch region.

Suleman Choudhary directed all officers to ensure that the directions issued during the meeting are implemented in letter and spirit with regular monitoring of enforcement activities and accountability at every level.

CJI inaugurates Ladakh Bench of High Court of J&K and Ladakh at Leh

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In a historic milestone for the administration of justice in the Union Territory of Ladakh, Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India, today inaugurated the newly established Ladakh Bench of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Melongthang, Leh. The establishment of the Bench marks a significant step towards bringing justice closer to the people of Ladakh, particularly those residing in remote and far-flung areas, by reducing the hardships, time and expenditure involved in travelling to Srinagar or Jammu for judicial proceedings.

The dais was graced by Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India; Justice M. M. Sundresh, Justice P. S. Narasimha and Justice Arun Palli, Judges of the Supreme Court of India; R. Venkataramani, Attorney General of India; Vinai Kumar Saxena, Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh; Dr. Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati, Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh; Justice Sanjeev Kumar, Justice Sindhu Sharma and Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Judges of the High Court; and Ashish Kumar Kundra, Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Ladakh.

The occasion was further graced by Justice Tashi Rabstan, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh; all the Judges of the High Court, accompanied by their spouses; the Director General of Police, Law Secretary, Administrative Secretaries and senior officers of the army, civil administration, police and other departments of the Union Territory of Ladakh. Officers of the High Court Registry, headed by M. K. Sharma, Registrar General, Additional Solicitors General of India (ASGIs), Deputy Solicitors General of India (DSGIs) and Presidents of the Bar Association of Ladakh.

The Chief Justice of India also virtually inaugurated the Green Wall, symbolising the judiciary's commitment to environmental conservation. The initiative was marked by the presentation of planters to the dignitaries and screening of a short video.

In his special address, Vinai Kumar Saxena, Lieu-



tenant Governor of Ladakh, termed the establishment of the Ladakh Bench a historic milestone in strengthening access to justice in the region. He also highlighted the significance of the Green Wall initiative in promoting environmental conservation and ecological sustainability in Ladakh.

Justice M. M. Sundresh, Justice P. S. Narasimha and Justice Arun Palli, Judges of the Supreme Court of India, and R. Venkataramani, Attorney General of India, also addressed the gathering on the occasion.

A major highlight of the ceremony was the launch of four significant initiatives by the Chief Justice of India, comprising the Green Wall and digital initiatives, namely, the e-Filing Portal and Document Management System (DMS) for the Ladakh Bench and the Online Recruitment Portal of the High Court. The e-Filing Portal will enable advocates and litigants, particularly those from remote areas, to file cases electronically without travelling to the Court, while the DMS will facilitate digital management of judicial records. The Online Recruitment Portal will streamline recruitment in the High Court and District Judiciary, promoting transparency, accessibility and efficiency.

Significantly, the Ladakh Bench shall function as a fully IT-enabled, paperless Court, equipped with modern digital infrastructure. The Court Complex also houses a dedicated Digitisation Centre, Filing Counter, Bar Room, Litigants' Sitting Area, Conference Room and Video Conferencing (VC) Room, ensuring efficient and technology-driven judicial functioning.

The Chief Justice of India also initiated work for the installation of solar power systems at 11 locations, reinforcing the judiciary's commitment to renewable energy and sustainable infrastructure.

In his Presidential Address, Chief Justice of India emphasised the role of technology and legal aid in ensuring access to justice in Ladakh and appreciated the e-Initiatives launched to overcome geographical barriers.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ashish Kumar Kundra, Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Ladakh, followed by the National Song and National Anthem.

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