

## Mir discussed various issues of public importance with the Ministers

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 30 :** Congress Legislator Party Leader & AICC General Secretary Ghulam Ahmad Mir on Monday met Minister for PHE, Irrigation & FC Javed Rana and had detailed discussions on various important issues concerning people in his constituency (Dooru).

Mir also highlighted various irrigation related issues concerning people elsewhere in J&K, laying emphasis over attaching importance to these for their timely resolution, mentioning that people have high expectations from the Govt, which have to responded with timely resolution.

Mir also met Minister for Health, Med Edu and social welfare Sakina Itoo in Civil Sect Srinagar, and discussed required health infrastructure and medical facilities for the general public.

During his meeting with PHE Minister Javed Rana, Mir highlighted the importance of completion of Bringi right irrigation canal, 80% of work on this canal stands completed. Timely completion of the remaining portion will ensure full irrigation coverage and benefit a large agriculture belt; Mir told the Minister while seeking exploration of Irrigation canal Dedibal Dooru Payeen canal.

The CLP Leader told the Minister that this proposed canal is expected to revolutionize irrigation access for numerous villages along its route, so early initiation of DPR preparation and other required formalities will go a long way in addressing persistent irrigation shortfalls.

Regarding repairing of Chenigund irrigation water reservoir, which is lying defunct since 2014 floods. Mir demanded restoration of this dam, which is crucial to revive its utility and support the agrarian economy of the region and also sought express water supply scheme for Manzmou and adjacent villages, besides installation of irrigation bore well at Akingam, Hardpora, Hakura, Damhal, Nowpora and Shankerpora to address the acute shortage of irrigation facilities in these villages. Bore well will serve as a critical emergency intervention to support local agriculture and ensure timely access to water for farmers, Mir maintained.

Mir told the Minister to call an urgent meeting with concerned officials and ensure redressal of the issues which he (Mir) highlighted during his meeting with the Minister.

During the meeting with the Health & Medical Edu Minister, CLP Leader discussed threadbare health facilities and the infrastructure which is urgently required to address the pressing demands of people.

Mir urged utilization of Hospital building Dooru and address the staff shortage of SDH Dooru and PHC Qamar.

During the meeting the construction of a new hospital at Nowgam Shahbad and PHC Hakura Bodsam also came under discussion. Mir told the Minister that these are pressing demands and urgent public requirements, which has to be done at the earliest to ensure respite to patients.

Mir also sought absolute functioning of Sagam PHC, which has a vast feeding area, urging that it should be made fully functional day night for public convenience.

## Civil Defence, Jammu started 05 days CD training programme



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**JAMMU, JUNE 30 :** 05 days Civil Defence basic training programme started at Zila Sainik Welfare Office Ambphalla, Jammu. The programme organized under the supervision Dy. SP. Zia-ul-Haq, Deputy Controller Civil Defence, Jammu, where 150 Ex-servicemen of District, Jammu attending the said training. This training is on the knowledge of First Aid, prevention, management and control of Fire Fighting, Snake bite, Choking and other basic life saving technique especially preventive measures during the air attack and natural/manmade disaster.

On the inaugural programme of the training, Dy. Controller Civil Defence highlighted the role of Civil Defence and importance of this training. He emphasized the significance of Civil Defence training in the current era. He stated that disaster preparedness is not just an institutional responsibility but a social commitment. Sh. Paramjit Kumar, Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu also delivered a lecture and highlighted the role of Civil Defence wardens service in the organization. Col. Bhupinder Singh Sambhal Zila sainik Welfare Office, Jammu, Jammu appreciated the programme and thanked the Civil Defence team for organizing such trainings.

Col. Sukhbir Asla, Col. Manjeet Bhan, R. Vijay Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden CD, Jammu also present on the occasion.

## Dr. Malik appeals for urgent Monsoon readiness in Poonch

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 30 :** The Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JK\_BADC), a registered organization working for the welfare of border and tribal populations in Jammu and Kashmir, has urged the district administration Poonch to take proactive steps ahead of the upcoming monsoon season to safeguard human lives property, and livestock in vulnerable areas of the border district.

Dr. Shazad Ahmed Malik, Chairman of JK\_BADC and former Vice Chancellor, expressed serious concern over the recurring damage caused by heavy rainfall, flash floods, and landslides during the monsoon, especially in hilly and remote border areas.

In a letter addressed to Vikas Kundal (IAS), Deputy Commissioner, Poonch, the BADC chairman vide his letter dated 28/June/2025 urged the district administration to take pro-active measures in safeguarding the lives of humans.

He reminded the administration that in the past, many people from these regions have tragically lost not only their homes and livestock, but also the lives of their dear ones due to natural calamities. He said such disasters push already marginalised communities into deeper hardship and insecurity.

The BADC Chairman appealed the authorities to establish 24x7 main control room for monsoon emergency situation in DC Office, Poonch, then place the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) on high alert and ensure that all necessary arrangements are made in advance.

He called for the deployment of SDRF teams in strategic and disaster-prone zones, and the pre-positioning of rescue equipment, medical supplies, and emergency shelters.

# Kashmiri always carried Amarnath Yatra on shoulders, no need to politicize it: PCC President

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 30 :** Amid ongoing state-wide movement "Hamari Riyasat Hamara Haq", J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President Tariq Hameed Karra on Monday reiterated LOP Rahul Gandhi's assurance to continue fighting for safeguarding rights of people, bring back lost dignity and honour of J&K.

The culmination of Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kashmir demonstrates Gandhi's tireless efforts, his uncompromising fight to ensure justice not only to people of J&K, but in rest of the country, who are witnessing unprecedented situations, besides the assault on democracy & democratic rights of people under BJP rule.

JKPCC President said this while addressing a largely attended workers convention in Border District Kupwara in which



he highlighted the significance of the movement Hamari Riyasat Hamara Haq launched to reiterate Congress Party strong urge for restoration of Statehood to J&K, without any further delay.

He said Congress Party under the leadership of Mallikarjun Kharge and LOP Rahul Gandhi has made Modi Govt accountable and answerable to people, their diversionary tactics shall no longer

work.

Speaking on the occasion, Karra referred to Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, terming it a historic movement in Indian history, mentioning that no other leader ever walked thousands of miles for the protection of democracy and democratic Institutions in the country except Rahul Gandhi whose uncompromising fight against the BJP's assault and injustice has

exposed Modi Govt's policy of lies and deceit. Every Congress worker and leader across India will remain solidly behind Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, who are fighting against Modi Govt's dictatorial policies and political vendetta unleashed to oppress the genuine voice of opposition, Karra said.

The current situation in the country is not favorable to people, for the fact,

Modi Govt has no policy with respect to empowering people or development, rather it is eroding the democratic rights and intuitions systematically aiming to hide their failures and oppress the dissent, Karra added and said BJP's vendetta politics stands exposed fully.

On this occasion, JKPCC President referred to the yearly Amarnath Yatra, he said the Yatra has always been sacred for the people of Kashmir, there is no need to politicize it to cover the Governance failure, at the same time, Karra questioned the silence maintained over Pahalgal incident and said the Kashmir have always carried Yatra on shoulder, while questioning the BJP Govt who will shoulder the responsibility of Pahalgal carnage, in which 26 innocent people were martyred.

Speaking on the occasion Senior Congress

Leaders Haji Abdul Rashid Dar laid emphasis over more public outreach programmes to identify the issue concerning public on the ground, as the dual control of J&K is responsible for adding woes in every respect, with the result people are suffering even for minor things.

MLA Adv Irfan Hafeez Lone said Congress Party under the leadership of PCC President Tariq Hameed Karra has launched a statewide movement Hamari Riyasat Hamara Haq, (i) (Congress) will further intensify fight for restoration of Statehood J&K, which is our right.

Senior Leader Nissar Ahmad Mundoo, DCC President Kupwara Javed Ahmad Mir, Fayaz Ahmad Mir, Iqbal Mir, Haji Farooq Mir and various other Leaders, Block Presidents and prominent leaders of Kupwara addressed the convention.

## Sat stresses mass contact, youth & women empowerment, equitable development in a BJP's organizational meeting

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 30 :** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, under the leadership of its President Sat Sharma (CA), held an organizational meeting at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The meeting was convened to assess the progress of party programmes and to strengthen grassroots-level connect across the Jammu, Akhnoor, and Jammu Border organizational districts.

Prominent leaders present included former Deputy Mayor of Jammu Municipal Corporation Baldev Singh Billawaria, District Presidents Adv. Rajesh Gupta (Jammu), Rinku Choudhary (Jammu Border), Kuldeep Sharma (Akhnoor), along with senior leaders Rajeev Charak, Parduman Singh, Prof. Kulbhushan Mohtra,



Sanjay Kumar Baru, and others.

During his address, Sat Sharma took comprehensive ground feedback on ongoing party initiatives and instructed the cadre to enhance their engagement with the public through meaningful outreach. Emphasizing the importance of inclusive development, he urged BJP workers to proactively assist the needy, marginalized, and underprivileged segments in availing benefits from the welfare schemes

launched by the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre.

He highlighted youth and women empowerment as two of the party's top organizational and social priorities.

"Our programmes must actively promote the participation of youth and women in political, social, and economic spheres. We are committed to building a self-reliant generation and a secure, dignified space for women," Sat Sharma said.

The BJP President reiterated that the party stands firm against any discriminatory or biased policy attempts by the NC-led government in the Union Territory.

He made it clear that BJP will vocally resist and legally counter any effort aimed at unfairly granting benefits to one community over others, undermining the principles of equality and justice.

Sat Sharma underlined that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has laid a solid foundation of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas, ensuring equitable development in every region of Jammu & Kashmir. "The BJP cadre must take this message to every household that under PM Modi's leadership, no region, no community, and no individual will be left behind," he asserted.

## NC exposes failure of LG Admin in utilisation of development funds: Rattan

**India's eminent personalities have written a letter to Chief Justice of India for seeking early restoration of Statehood to J&K**

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 30 :** Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, has raised serious concern over the failure of the LG administration in utilising funds meant for the development as well as the construction of underground bunkers in border areas, as revealed through a recent RTI. He shocked over utilization of only 53% of the central funds allocated over the past five years have been spent under the LG led administration, which is a matter of serious concern considering the grave threat to civilians during frequent cross-border shelling incidents.

In a press release issued here today, the senior NC leader said the negligence of the administration has once again exposed its disconnect from ground realities. "Despite receiving generous financial support from the Centre, the LG-led dispensation has failed to implement even the most critical safety measures for border residents. This is not just a case of financial mismanagement but also of criminal neglect towards the lives of people

living along the International Border and LoC," he said.

Taking a strong dig at the LG administration, Rattan Lal said that no real development has taken place in the last 10 years under the BJP regime in J&K as most of the funds under vital social welfare schemes have either lapsed or remained unutilised. "From rural development to youth welfare, from health to infrastructure - every sector has been ignored. The administration has mastered the art of photo-ops and announcements, but the people on the ground continue to suffer," he added. The Senior NC leader further pointed out that even after the formation of the popular government led by Omar Abdullah, the LG administration is acting as a parallel power centre and deliberately creating hurdles in the smooth functioning of the elected government. "This is unacceptable in a democratic setup. If the Centre claims to have restored normalcy, then it must also allow the elected representatives to function without any interference," he said. Rattan reiterated the urgent need for restoring full statehood to Jammu and

Kashmir, asserting that statehood is a constitutional right of the people and must not be delayed any further. "The time has come to return the stolen democratic rights to the people of J&K," he stated. The senior NC leader also referred to the open letter sent to the Chief Justice of India, Justice B R Gavai, by a group of five eminent citizens, expressing concern over the continued denial of statehood to J&K. The signatories - former Union Home Secretary Gopal Pillai, Major General (Retd.) Ashok K. Mehta, Air Vice Marshal (Retd.) Kapil Kak, Prof. Radha Kumar (former J&K interlocutor), and ex-Union Secretary Amitabha Pande - have urged the apex court to set up a constitutional bench that would hear petitions on the unconstitutionality of the removable of Jammu and Kashmir's Statehood.

Rattan Lal Gupta said this petition reflects the sentiment of every citizen of Jammu and Kashmir and demanded that the Centre must act without delay and restore statehood to allow the Omar Abdullah-led government to function fairly, freely, and effectively.

## Kavinder welcomes commencement of Amarnath Yatra, calls for Coordinated Efforts to ensure smooth Pilgrimage

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 30 :** Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta today welcomed the commencement of the annual Shri Amarnath Yatra, slated to begin on July 2, with the first batch of pilgrims being flagged off from the Jammu base camp.

Speaking at the meeting held at Party Headquarters here today, the BJP stalwart expressed immense joy and pride over the beginning of the sacred pilgrimage and said that the yatra holds a special spiritual significance for crores of devotees across the nation and abroad. "The Shri Amarnath Yatra is not just a spiritual journey but also a symbol of India's cultural ethos and centuries-old faith. Jammu and Kashmir takes immense pride in hosting the devotees who undertake this journey with unflinching devotion," he said.

Lauding the arrangements being made by the administration, security agencies, and Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB), Kavinder Gupta emphasized that every stakeholder must work in close coordination to



ensure the safety, comfort, and smooth movement of yatis throughout the pilgrimage period.

The senior BJP leader also appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to extend their traditional hospitality and full support to the yatis, as has been the hallmark of the region's communal harmony and brotherhood. "People of J&K have always played a key role in making the yatra a success. Their cooperation and service are vital in upholding the sanctity and glory of this spiritual journey," he added.

Kavinder urged the youth and BJP cadres to come forward in helping the pilgrims in any way possible-be it assistance, medical aid, guidance, or logistical support. He also prayed for a safe, peaceful, and spiritually enriching yatra for all the pilgrims and hoped for favorable

weather and seamless arrangements throughout the duration of the pilgrimage.

"May Lord Shiva bless all the devotees with strength and divine grace," he said.

## Indian Army Conducted an Interaction with Media

**Personnel at Daraba, Poonch**

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**JAMMU, JUNE 30 :** The Indian Army conducted an interaction with media personnel, covering news reports in Surankote and neighbouring areas. This engagement aimed to foster transparency and build a stronger relationship between the Indian Army and media. The interaction provided a platform for the exchange of views on various issues of mutual interest, including security, development and community related matters in the region.

## Amarnath Yatra to cross all marks amid strong arrangements: Suri

**TT CORRESPONDENT**

**JAMMU, JUNE 30 :** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) executive member Raman Suri today lauded the unwavering spirit of devotees participating in the Shri Amarnath Yatra, stating that despite the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgal, the enthusiasm among pilgrims to pay obeisance at the holy

Shri Amarnath Cave Shrine remains undeterred.

Suri commended the Lieutenant Governor's administration for making elaborate arrangements to ensure a smooth and safe pilgrimage. "The LG administration has worked tirelessly to create a secure environment for pilgrims, and the Union Government has

deployed sufficient security personnel to safeguard the devotees," he said. He also highlighted significant improvements in infrastructure, noting that the Yatra track has been widened and additional facilities have been introduced to enhance the pilgrims' experience.

Reflecting on the Pahalgal attack, Suri

remarked, "The atmosphere following the attack created fears of a significant decline in registrations. However, it is heartening to see thousands of devotees continuing to show immense enthusiasm for the Yatra." He emphasized that the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board and the government have been in constant contact to facilitate

the pilgrimage. Last year, over 5 lakh pilgrims visited Baba Barfani, and expectations were high for even greater participation this year.

Condemning the attack, Suri stated, "The irony is that terrorists and their Pakistani masters cannot tolerate peace, prosperity, and progress."