

Sat Sharma meets BJP National President JP Nadda, discusses J&K's socio-political scenario and development roadmap

NEW DELHI, DEC 19 Jammu & Kashmir BJP President and Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament, Sat Sharma, today met BJP National President and Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Jagat Prakash Nadda, at New Delhi and held comprehensive discussions on the prevailing socio-political situation in Jammu & Kashmir.



During the meeting, Sat Sharma apprised the BJP National President about key developments and challenges concerning both the Jammu and Kashmir regions, with a focused discussion on a clear path for development, enhancing public welfare delivery, and further strengthening grassroots governance. He highlighted the ongoing expansion of infrastructure, improved road and rail connectivity,

advancements in healthcare and education sectors, and the effective implementation of welfare schemes that are significantly improving the quality of life of the people across the Union Territory. Sat Sharma also sought continued central support for further infrastructure augmentation, promotion of tourism, industrial investment, and expansion of social welfare initiatives to

strengthen booth-level structures, expand cadre outreach, and enhance coordination among party functionaries, reaffirming the J&K BJP's commitment to further consolidating the organization. He also informed the National President about the security scenario and the growing public confidence in transparent, accountable, and corruption-free governance under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which has ushered in an era of peace, stability, and inclusive growth in Jammu & Kashmir. Jagat Prakash Nadda appreciated the initiatives taken by the J&K BJP unit and reiterated the party's unwavering resolve to ensure holistic development, social justice, organizational strength, and lasting peace in Jammu & Kashmir.

Dr. Sanjay Bansal Submits Comprehensive Memorandum on Business & Industrial Issues of J&K to Commissioner Secretary Industries Shri Vikramjeet Singh

JAMMU, DEC 19 Dr. Sanjay Bansal, Board Member, National Traders' Welfare Board (NTWB), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, and National President, Federation of Trade & Industry of India (FTII), today submitted a detailed memorandum to the Commissioner Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce, Jammu & Kashmir, highlighting critical challenges faced by traders, MSMEs, and industrial units across the Union Territory. In the memorandum, Dr. Sanjay Bansal outlined key concerns impacting the ease of doing business, including disincorporation of the New Central Sector Scheme (NCSS), delays in GST refunds and incentive disbursements, lack of support for existing industries, limited access to finance due to poor NIFB presence, and unresolved industrial land issues. He emphasized that "incentives delayed are as



good as incentives denied," urging timely reimbursements with automatic interest compensation. Dr. Sanjay Bansal also proposed structural reforms such as a dedicated traders' registration portal, fast-track loans for small businesses with interest subsidy, weekly virtual grievance redressal mechanisms, NTWB representation in key committees, and improved coordination among departments like PCC, Fire, Labour, KVIB, EDI, GEM, and JKTPD. Special emphasis was laid on protecting local industry through a competitive tax structure

and promoting ONDC and trade exhibitions to expand market access. The submission was supported by prominent representatives from various trade and industry associations, reflecting a broad consensus within the business community. Notable members present and endorsing the memorandum included Anil Suri, Farun Singh, Varinder Jain, Sanjeev Aggarwal, Mohit Gupta, Rakesh Wazir, Rakesh Bhatt, Lalit Mahajan, Tejwant Singh, Ashwani Goswami, Ajay Ahuja, and Jatinder Vermani. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sanjay Bansal stated that the objective is not to

BJP Leaders met with Injured OBC Morcha District President Ashok Verma, Assure Full Support.

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JAMMU, DEC 19 MLA South Rs Pura Dr. Narendra Singh Raina, along with Braham Jyot Satti, State President BJP OBC Morcha and members of the OBC Morcha team, visited the residence (Village Bagga Marh, Jammu South) of Ashok (Lucky) Verma, District President BJP OBC Morcha, to enquire about his health and well-being. It is pertinent to mention that Lucky Verma met with an accident a few days ago, in which he suffered a fracture in his leg. The BJP leaders met him personally, enquired about his condition, extended their sympathies, and wished him a speedy recovery. During the visit, the leaders assured Lucky Verma that the party stands firmly with him and that any kind of assistance required will be provided at every



level. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Dr. Narendra Singh Raina said that the Bharatiya Janata Party is a family, where every worker is treated as a valued member. He stated that whenever any party worker faces hardship or requires support, the BJP stands united with them and will always continue to do so. He praised Lucky Verma as a hardworking and dedicated worker who is always committed to the public welfare and organizational responsibilities and they

prayed for Lucky Verma's early recovery and expressed hope that he would soon regain full health and resume his organizational and social duties with renewed energy. Braham Jyot Satti, said that Lucky Verma is a sincere and committed leader who has always worked selflessly for the welfare of society and the strengthening of the organisation. He said that the OBC Morcha and the entire BJP organisation stand solidly with him in this difficult time. He

further added that the party believes in standing by its workers not only in political activities but also in their personal hardships. SANGOTRA STATE SECRETARY OBC MORCHA JKUT, RAM PAUL, TREASURER OBC MORCHA JKUT, VARINDER KUMAR, STATE EXECUTIVE MEMBER MORCHA JKUT, KRISHAN SABHARWAL, GEN SECRETARY, MANDAL JAMMU SOUTH RS PURA were present on the occasion.

16th state speedball championship 2025 declare open by Dr. Koshal Kumar Sharma, SSP

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JAMMU, DEC 19 J&K speedball association organised a 3 day long 16th state speedball championship in sukh sagar bhawan where more than 300 students from dogra hr.sec. school, sd tara puri public high school, crescent public school, cambridge international school (kathua), humanity public school, jr public school & jammu sanskrit school, delhi public school jammu participated. On this occasion, dr. kushal sharma ias sps per jammu was the chief guest, mr. sharat chandan singh dsp per jammu was the guest of honour, dr. neeraj sharma registrar jammu university was the special guest.

The founder patron of jksba madam pooja malhotra welcomed the



guests and gave a brief about the today's championship was hosted under mr. sunny nanda president of jksba gave a motivational speech and encouraged the participants. Dr. kushal sharma ias sps per jammu encouraged the participants by his motivational words about the importance of sports in life and distributed the

medals & trophies among the winners. The championship was ended by the vote of thanks given by vanshika manhas. The event matches were officiated by anju parihar, sahil kaith, amer kushal, yogant jwal, sahil jania, sandeep sharma, shivang, yashika raina, vishal kumar, nataksha, devashish and gurvarsh choudhary.

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KVK Budgam, ESAF Foundation Conduct Vision Building and Capacity Enhancement Programme for FPOs

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BUDGAM, DEC 19 SKUAST - Kashmir's Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Budgam, in collaboration with ESAF Foundation, Kerala, organised a one-day Vision Building and Network Meeting Programme at its main campus, Haran Budgam, aimed at benefiting various Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) of the district.

The programme focused on strengthening FPOs through improved market linkages, value addition, governance, and compliance mechanisms. ESAF Foundation, which is spearheading initiatives such as Krushak Mitra, shushu Mitra, and Ujja Bandhu, highlighted various government schemes and sustainability measures



designed to empower FPOs and enhance farmers' livelihoods. Director Extension, SKUAST, Kashmir, Prof. Raihan Habib Kanth, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, stressed the need for FPOs to increase their membership base, ensure transparency, and promote collective participation to achieve long-term sustainability. He underlined the importance of cooperation, innovation, and accountability in improving productivity and strengthening the

socio-economic conditions of farmers. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Bilal Ahmad Lone, Head KVK Budgam, emphasized the crucial role of cooperative institutions in supporting FPOs and guiding them towards self-reliance and sustainable growth. He also shared valuable insights on enhancing governance structures, capacity building, and market access for FPOs. From the ESAF Foundation, Mr. Rajesh Pillai (Chief Financial Officer), Mr. Sakshi (Head FPOs), and Mr. Jayarajan

(Compliance Officer) conducted technical sessions and shared practical knowledge with the participants. The programme concluded with an interactive session, during which participants discussed operational challenges and explored strategies to improve coordination among farmers, cooperatives, and government departments. The training programme was highly appreciated by the participants and was moderated by Dr. Shabeer Ahmad Ganie.

IIT Jammu Successfully Hosts International Conference on Sustainable Materials and Infrastructure (ICSMI-2025)

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JAMMU, DEC 19 The Indian Institute of Technology Jammu successfully hosted the International Conference on Sustainable Materials and Infrastructure (ICSMI-2025) from 16th to 18th December 2025. The three-day international conference was organized by the Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Jammu, in collaboration with the Indian Concrete Institute (ICI) Centre, Jammu & Kashmir and brought together leading academicians, researchers, industry experts, and practitioners from India and abroad to deliberate on sustainable construction technologies, eco-friendly and innovative infrastructure solutions aimed at addressing global challenges related to climate resilience, resource efficiency, and sustainable urban development. The conference commenced on 16th December 2025 with the inaugural ceremony attended by distinguished dignitaries including Er. R. S. Yadav, Regional Officer, NHAI, Jammu & Kashmir; Prof. Anurag Misra, Chairperson, ICSMI-2025; Prof. Abhay Sharma, Dean (Academics), IIT Jammu; Prof. Ankit Kathuria; and Dr. Deepak Yadav,



members of the Organizing Secretaries, who emphasized the importance of adopting sustainable and resilient infrastructure practices to meet the evolving needs of society. Over the first two days, the conference featured multiple technical sessions covering a wide range of contemporary themes such as advanced cementitious materials and high-performance concrete, earthquake-resistant structures and seismic response control, low-carbon cements, green concrete and waste material utilization, innovative bridge design and sustainable tunneling technologies, resource conservation and circular economy approaches, as well as applications of artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, and environmental monitoring in construction. A parallel technical workshop on "Advances in Sustainable Tunneling" was also conducted on 17th December 2025,

providing participants with practical insights and interactive discussions on emerging tunneling technologies and sustainable construction practices. Outstanding research contributions were recognized through the Best Poster Award, encouraging innovation and academic excellence, while selected papers presented during the conference are slated for publication in reputed international journals including the ASCE Journal of Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste. The conference concluded with a valedictory session on 17th December 2025, reflecting on key learnings, collaborative opportunities, and future research directions in sustainable infrastructure. On 18th December 2025, the participants went on a technical visit to the Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge. The visit was

Administration Reaches Villages under Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore at Panchayat Mooni

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BILLAWAR, DEC 19 As part of the Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore initiative, a public outreach programme was organised at Panchayat Mooni, Block Billawar, under the chairmanship of ADC Billawar, Vinay Khosla. During the programme, the local residents raised several key issues, including the long-pending demand for an irrigation canal from Mooni to Baril, the requirement of veterinary doctor services, and the upgradation of certain



roads in the area. Addressing the gathering, the ADC informed that the

required funds for the irrigation canal from Mooni to Baril have already been sanctioned

and the work will commence shortly. On the issue of veterinary services, he assured that a

veterinary doctor will be arranged to visit the area one day per week. Regarding road upgradation, the ADC stated that the demands have been duly noted and will be projected at the appropriate level for further action. The programme was organised by the BDO, Billawar, Shailender Kumar, and witnessed active participation from local residents and public representatives, reflecting the administration's commitment to taking governance to the grassroots level.