

Rail Connectivity to Kashmir – A Dream Realised for J&K people: Adv. Rattan Lal Gupta

GY CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, JUNE 5 Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), said that the upcoming inauguration of the Kashmir Rail Line on June 6 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi seems to be the realisation of a decades-old dream of the people of the region.

In a press statement issued here today, the senior NC leader said the long-awaited completion of the railway line connecting the Kashmir Valley with the rest of the country through Indian Railways is not just an infrastructural milestone but an emotional and developmental breakthrough for the people of J&K. "This project has been the aspiration of generations, and today, it stands as a symbol of unity and integration," he stated.

Rattan Lal Gupta also applauded the inauguration of the world's highest railway arch bridge over the Chenab River, describing it as a world-class engineering



marvel and a future global tourism attraction. "This bridge will not only showcase India's technological prowess, but will also serve as a catalyst for economic growth, boosting tourism, trade, and employment across the Union Territory," he remarked. He highlighted that the project will especially benefit fruit growers, farmers, and transporters by enhancing market access and reducing transit times.

Recalling the historical journey of the rail project, the senior NC leader emphasized that it would be unjust to ignore the contributions of previous governments. "The foundation stone of the Jammu-Udhampur section was laid by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on April 14, 1983, in the presence of the then Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah. Later, the Udhampur-Katra section was initiated on March 15, 1997, by

Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and so on.

He said it is important to acknowledge the vision and commitment of the past leadership in making this national dream a reality. "The journey has been long and challenging, but every brick laid over the decades has brought us to this historic day," he added. Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta said the present National Conference-led Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Omar Abdullah is making concerted efforts to promote tourism, develop rural infrastructure, and boost the state's economy through inclusive and sustainable development.

The Provincial President urged the citizens to wholeheartedly participate in the historic event on June 6 and be part of the unfolding chapter of development and connectivity. "Let this be a celebration not just of steel and tracks, but of unity and the promise of a better future," he added.

Rekha Mahajan participates in 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign on World Environment Day

GY CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, JUNE 5

Senior BJP leader Rekha Mahajan today joined the nationwide green initiative Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam by planting an Amla (Indian Gooseberry) sapling on the occasion of World Environment Day in the presence of enthusiastic booth-level karyakartas. Highlighting the sacred significance of Amla, Rekha Mahajan said, "Amla is not only known for its immense medicinal value but also holds religious reverence, being associated with Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi. Planting such trees is both a spiritual and environmental contribution."

Rekha Mahajan hailed the visionary campaign #EkPedMaaKeNaam, initiated by Hon'ble



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, as a meaningful way to pay tribute to motherhood while protecting Mother Earth. "This is a small step, but it carries a powerful message. Let's all come forward and plant a tree in our mother's name, not just to honour her, but to secure a cleaner and greener future for generations to come," she

added. She appealed to every citizen, especially the youth and BJP karyakartas, to make tree plantation a collective responsibility and a routine act of gratitude toward nature. The event concluded with a pledge to nurture the planted saplings and spread awareness about environmental conservation.

Tony stresses for revival of full-fledged SRTC Bus Operations to Delhi, other states

GY CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, JUNE 5

Senior Congress leader and DDC, Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony has strongly appealed to the Transport Minister to intervene and direct the J&K State Road Transport Corporation (SRTC) to restore full-fledged bus services up to Delhi and other states, which have remained curtailed for years.

In a press release issued here today, the senior Congress leader pointed out that while buses from other State Road Transport Corporations are running uninterruptedly in Jammu and upto Katra, but J&K SRTC buses are not plying beyond Jalandhar, a situation causing immense inconvenience to the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He noted that these routes were shortened during the India-Pakistan conflict, but unfortunately, the



original services were never resumed. "This has led to mounting losses for SRTC, and those responsible for this continued negligence must be held accountable," he said, asking the Managing Director of J&K SRTC to act swiftly and resume earlier long-distance routes upto Delhi and other states. Furthermore, Tony urged the Commissioner Secretary of the Transport Department to overhaul the functioning of the SRTC bureaucracy, alleging

corruption as a major reason for the present state of affairs. "Officers who have failed the corporation must be shown the door if SRTC is to regain its lost glory," he asserted.

The senior Congress leader also expressed concern that the current limitations on route operations not only hamper public convenience but also severely impact the revenue generation potential of the SRTC. "By not restoring the key long-distance routes, the Corporation is missing out on critical earnings, especially from pilgrims, tourists, and business travellers who frequently travel between Jammu and Delhi. This negligence must end," Tony added.

Tony urged the authorities to treat the issue with urgency and ensure that the people of J&K get the reliable and efficient public transport system they rightfully deserve.

BSP got people enrolled in party under its membership drive in three assembly constituencies

GY CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, JUNE 5

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) organised meetings in different Parts of Marh, Jammu and Jammu South Assembly constituencies on Thursday as part of its membership drive being run across the state and to make people aware of the party policies, more and more people were connected to the party. During these meetings, which were presided over by Bahujan Samaj Party J&K president Darshan Rana, zone coordinator Darshan Thapa, General Secretary Sardar Raja Singh, District president Tarsem Lal, Senior leader Swarn Lata, Pooja Meenla and District coordinator Jagdish Bhagat, along with a large number of party workers were present during these programmes. During this, tribute was paid to Shaheed Bhagat Amarnath on his death anniversary and his contribution in getting reservation for Dalits and backward class people was also highlighted. Addressing the meeting



on this occasion, BSP state chief Darshan Rana said that Bahujan Samaj Party is running a membership campaign across the country and under the same series, more and more people are being added to the party by giving momentum to this campaign in Jammu and Kashmir. Rana said that today by organizing meetings in different areas falling under Marh, Jammu South and Jammu East assembly constituencies, people have been made aware of the party policies and dozens of people have also been given party membership.

Rana said that in the coming days also more and more people will be added to the party by organizing such arrangements. On this occasion, BSP General Secretary Sardar Raja Singh, District president Tarsem Singh, Swarn Lata, Pooja Meenla, Jagdish Bhagat, and other party workers expressed their views and said that the BSP aim is to reach out to the people and listen to their problems and solve them. He appealed especially to the women to come out for their rights.

During the meeting, the people who joined the party were welcomed with great enthusiasm.

"Bhaderkashi chess association district doda (bcadd) to conduct chess trials"

GY CORRESPONDENT

BHADERKASHI, JUNE 5

Bhaderkashi Chess Association District Doda (BCADD) will be conducting Chess Trials in Junior and Open Categories viz. U-17, U-19 and Senior category on 13th & 14th June 2025 under the aegis of All J&K Chess Association (AJKCA). The players of District Doda who are interested to participate in any of the Category, may contact president (BCADD) on mobile number: 7006471020. The last date of receiving entries is 11th June 2024 upto 5 P.M as the arrangements are to be made accordingly for smooth conduct of Chess trials. No on spot registration will be made. For registration players are requested send their name, date of birth and Aadhar card to the above given number. The number of rounds will depend upon number of players in each category.

For U-17 age category, players born on or after 01-01-2008 are eligible to participate. For U-19 age category, players born on or after 01-01-2006 are eligible to participate and in Senior category any players can participate irrespective of age. Girls can participate in boys category but no male is allowed to participate in girls/ women category as per laws. The venue of the trials will be in Bhaderkashi. The reporting time will be 09:30 A.M sharp on 13th of June. All the players and accompanying person will be provided snacks/ tea free of cost. The first round will start at 10:30 A.M on 13th of June 2025. All the players will be given certificates. The winners will be given certificates and Medals. For any query regarding Chess in Chenab Valley, feel free to contact on Mob: 7006471020 any time 24x7

Gandhi Global Family J&K continues relief efforts for border-affected families in Jammu Border

GY CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, JUNE 5

In continuation of its humanitarian mission post Operation Sindoor, the Gandhi Global Family (GGF) J&K, under the leadership of Dr. S. P. Varna, President of GGF, J&K, organized the 4th and 5th batches of Relief Camps to support families affected by cross-border shelling. The 4th Relief Camp was held at the Tehsildar Office premises, Tehsil HQ Suchaitgarh, Village Chakroi (Jammu Border). Grocery kits were distributed to families impacted by Pakistani shelling. The camp was held in the presence of Mr. Rahul Sharma (Tehsildar). Naib Tehsildar, other revenue officials and local residents of Suchaitgarh. However, the 5th Relief Camp took place at the SDM office in R S Pura, where relief material was handed over to needy families identified by the local administration. The camp was held in the presence of Mr. Anuradha Thakur SDM R.S. Pura, Mr. Shekar Sharma Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar and other

concerned officials of R S Pura, Jammu.

Both the camps were efficiently organized by the GGF Jammu team, comprising of senior officials Dr. Dinesh Gupta, S. Kiran Singh, Mr. Mahesh Bhardwaj, Mr. Imtiaz, Com. S. Garmest Singh, along with the active support of the local volunteers and community members. The details of the affected families were provided by the local administration of the region. Since the initiation of Operation Sindoor, Gandhi Global Family J&K has been consistently conducting relief camps across Jammu & Kashmir, with a special focus on the cross-border-affected families residing along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB). Key areas of focus include Poonch, Rajouri and Jammu in the Jammu Division and Baramulla and Kupwara in the Kashmir Division. These ongoing efforts reflect GGF J&K's unwavering commitment to standing in solidarity with the border population and providing timely humanitarian aid.

Dr. Rameshwar highlights critical need for environmental conservation

GY CORRESPONDENT

BANI, JUNE 5

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Dr. Rameshwar Singh, Hon'ble MLA Bani, led a significant plantation drive aimed at promoting environmental consciousness and sustainability in the region. The drive was organized in collaboration with the Forest Department, Government Degree College Bani, and the students of Higher Secondary School Bani. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, forest officials, and local residents, who came together to plant a variety of saplings across selected green zones in Bani. Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble MLA Bani, Dr. Rameshwar, emphasized the critical importance of environmental conservation in today's rapidly changing world. He stated that protecting the environment is not just a responsibility but a



collective duty of every citizen, especially the youth who hold the key to a sustainable future. He urged students to become ambassadors of environmental awareness in their communities and to adopt eco-friendly practices in their daily lives. Dr. Rameshwar lauded the commendable efforts of the Forest Department, Government Degree College Bani, and the Higher Secondary School Bani for coming together to promote this noble cause. He praised the

proactive participation of students and teachers in the plantation drive and expressed hope that such initiatives would inspire many more across the region. Reiterating his commitment, he assured continued support for green and eco-conscious projects that contribute to preserving the natural beauty and ecological balance of Bani. The plantation drive served as a reminder of our shared responsibility to nurture and protect our natural surroundings for generations to come.

Experts call for mandatory thyroid screening in newborns

GY CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, JUNE 5

The Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism at Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) on Thursday

organised a comprehensive day-long awareness and educational programme to enhance public awareness and improve early detection of thyroid-related ailments.

As reported by the news agency, the event brought together medical professionals, students, and members of the general public to shed light on the growing burden of thyroid

disorders in the region and beyond. The programme was inaugurated by Prof M Ashraf Ganie, Director SKIMS and Executive Officer, SKIMS Governing Body (EOGB), who is also one of India's

most renowned endocrinologists. In his address, Prof Ganie emphasised the pressing need to integrate routine thyroid screening in key areas of healthcare, particularly in newborns and expectant mothers.

GY CORRESPONDENT

GANDERBAL, JUNE 5

In a significant boost to regional connectivity and public welfare, MLA Kangan, Mian Mehraj Ali, inaugurated the much-awaited Jammu & Kashmir Road Transport Corporation (J&K RTC) bus service from Gund to Srinagar Thursday. The flag-off ceremony, held in Gund, was attended by local officials,

and residents. The launch marks a long-pending demand fulfilled for the people of the region, who have often faced difficulties commuting due to a lack of reliable transport options. Calling the new service a "significant relief," Mian Mehraj Ali stated, "This bus service will bring much-needed ease to the daily lives of

students, laborers, and the elderly who travel to Srinagar for work, education, or healthcare. It is a step toward bridging the distance between rural and urban areas." In a landmark announcement welcomed with loud applause, the MLA declared that bus rides on this route would be free of cost for all women passengers.

Department of Youth Services & Sports Organizes Ending Plastic Pollution Globally Campaign with District-wide Walkathon/Marathon on 5 June 2025 for World Environment Day



GY CORRESPONDENT

RAJOURI, JUNE 5

Demonstrating its dedication to environmental protection, the Department of Youth Services & Sports (DYSS) District Rajouri today hosted a walkathon/marathon as part of its Ending Plastic Pollution Globally campaign to raise awareness about plastic pollution and encourage sustainable practices. The walkathon/marathon was led by ZPEO Baljiraj Lal, Mr. Wali Mohd II commenced from Dak Banglow Rajouri and traveled through key areas including ALG Ground and concluded

back at Dak Banglow Rajouri. Participants including students youth groups and local residents actively took part carrying banners with slogans such as Say No to Plastic, Say No to Drugs, Shehar Ko Bachana Hai Plastic Ko Hatana Hai and Har Ghar Paigham Pohanchana Hai Plastic Ko Hatana Hai. They also distributed educational materials to promote responsible waste disposal and reduced plastic consumption. Throughout the event participants raised these slogans to inspire the community to take action against plastic pollution and other social issues

The marathon aimed to foster behavioral change and motivate residents to contribute toward a cleaner healthier environment. This initiative is part of a series of efforts leading up to World Environment Day. The Department emphasizes community involvement youth empowerment and awareness campaigns as essential components of sustainable development. Through these activities the Department of Youth Services & Sports Rajouri reaffirms its unwavering commitment to environmental preservation and social responsibility.