

# Massive Yatra arrangements reflect the spirit of Atithi Devo Bhava: Priya Sethi

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Senior BJP leader and former Minister, Priya Sethi today inaugurated the Langar (community kitchen) at Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Panjgrain Nagrota for devotees, marking the commencement of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2025. The event witnessed an overwhelming spiritual fervor and was graced by several dignitaries and saints.

The Langar has been set up to provide free meals to the pilgrims undertaking the arduous journey to the holy Amarnath shrine. The inaugural ceremony was held in the august presence of Swami Satyamitrinandaji Maharaj, Secretary of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Jammu Branch, and Swami Mrinmayanandaji Maharaj, reflecting the deep spiritual ethos associated with this sacred pilgrimage.



Prominent among those present on the occasion were Ashishbhai Patel, BJP leader from Gujarat, Brijesh Sharma, SP Rural Jammu; Shri Vinod, SDPO Nagrota; H.C. Katoch, Trustee Member, Bharat Sevashram Sangha; Thoru Ram, Ex-Sarpanch; and other distinguished personalities.

Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi lauded the selfless service of Bharat Sevashram Sangha in organizing the Langar and supporting lakhs of pilgrims

who arrive from across the country and abroad to seek blessings of Lord Shiva. She said that such arrangements reflect the spirit of Atithi Devo Bhava and highlight India's glorious tradition of serving humanity.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the guidance of the Union Home Ministry, the arrangements for the Yatra are elaborate, seamless, and spiritually enriching. The Jammu and Kashmir administration has left no

stone unturned in ensuring the safety and comfort of the devotees," she said.

Priya Sethi further appealed to the people to come forward and participate in the Yatra, which is not just a pilgrimage but a symbol of India's rich cultural and religious heritage.

The event concluded with spiritual chants and blessings by the revered saints, invoking divine protection for all pilgrims embarking on the journey to the holy cave of Shri Amarnathji.

# Apni Party's deputation Submits memorandum to DC Jammu

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A deputation of Apni Party leaders today called on Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, and submitted a memorandum, expressing over discriminatory language policy in Naib Tehsildar examination.

As per a press release, the deputation led by District President Jammu Urban, Abhay Bakaya comprising; Provincial Social Media Incharge Jammu, Vaibhav Mattoo; Senior Vice President District Jammu Urban, Neelam Gupta; Vice President District Jammu Urban, Joginder Singh; Secretary District Jammu Urban, Sheekha Bhardwaj; Secretary District Jammu Urban, Vijay Parkash Gurttoo; Secretary District Jammu Urban, G.L. Pandita; District President KP Wing Jammu Chand Ji Bhat; senior leader Pankaj Gupta and Anshu Koul met the Deputy Commissioner Jammu.

During their interaction with the DC Jammu, the deputation raised concern over the recent notification of Jammu and Kashmir



Services Selection Board (JKSSB) which mandated Urdu language proficiency as a compulsory requirement for candidates appearing for the Naib-Tehsildar examination.

"This decision has sparked widespread concern and strong resentment among the aspiring youth in Jammu," the informed the DC, while handing over a copy of

memorandum of the Party. They further said that this restricted policy on language for the examination excludes a large number of eligible and competent aspiring candidates who have pursued their education in Hindi or English medium.

"This policy not only undermines the constitutional guarantee of equal opportunity of equal op-

portunity and public employment, but it also violates the spirit of linguistic diversity and inclusively enrichment in our laws," they said.

Hence, the imposition of Urdu as the sole medium for Naib-Tehsildar exam creates an artificial barrier for candidates from Jammu, where Hindi and Dogri are the predominant languages.

## Committee on Estimates convenes meeting in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, JULY 2:

The House Committee on Estimates today convened a meeting at the Assembly Complex in Srinagar to review the functioning and fund utilization of the Public Works Department (PWD).

The meeting was chaired by the Committee Chairperson, Shamim Firdous and attended by members Abdul Majid Bhat (Larmi), Ghulam Mohi-ud-Din Mir, Pawan Kumar Gupta, Professor Garu Ram Bhagat, Dr. Shafi Ahmad Wani, Chander Prakash Ganga and Pyare Lal Sharma.

Senior officers including Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Santosh D Vaidya; Secretary PWD, Bhupinder Kumar; Director General, Accounts and Treasuries, Fayaz A Lone; Director Finance; Director Planning; Chief Engineer, PWD; Financial Commissioner, JKPC and other officials from the concerned departments also participated in the meeting.

The Chairperson emphasized the need for strict moni-



toring, efficient fund allocation and effective utilization to accelerate developmental projects and works under PWD across Jammu and Kashmir. She called for timely completion of all the ongoing and languishing projects for public convenience at the earliest. The Committee also deliberated on easing the utilization of Constituency Development Funds (CDF) for the legislators on a discretionary basis.

The members stressed the importance of timely disbursement of funds and

urged for a criteria-based approach to ensure equitable and holistic development across all regions.

The Chairperson asked the officials to ensure effective coordination and prompt response to public grievances, emphasizing that legislators are the voice of public aspirations and must serve to the best of their capacities.

The members further discussed the disbursement and utilization of exigency and emergency funds for the large public benefit.

The Committee resolved to

continue regular review of the functioning of key departments besides scrutinising the budget estimates, revised estimates and actual expenditures on developmental works.

During the meeting, the members offered suggestions and raised various concerns related to fund allocation and project execution. Responding to the concerns, the officials assured that developmental works will be undertaken in a coordinated and streamlined manner to ensure smooth execution.

## 14 BJP MLAs meet CM Omar stresses to make Urdu non-compulsory for post of Naib Tehsildar

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A high-level delegation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), comprising 14 Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), met with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah at his office in Srinagar.

The delegation comprising BJP National Secretary Dr. Narinder Singh, BJP Vice-Presidents Sham Lal Sharma, Yudhvir Sethi, and, Shakti Parihar, General Secretary Dr. D.K. Manyal, and MLAs Chander Prakash Ganga, B.S. Mankotia, Pawan Gupta, Vikram Randhawa, Prof. Garu Ram, Baldev Sharma, Satish Sharma, Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, and Surinder Bhagat presented strong objections to recent administrative decisions that have triggered widespread concern among the public.

At the forefront of the discussion was the controversial and divisive advertisement marking Urdu a compulsory qualification for the post of Naib Tehsildar.

The BJP leaders condemned this move as regressive, exclusionary, and in direct contradiction to the spirit of linguistic diversity enshrined in the Constitution, especially after the



recognition of five official languages in J&K i.e. Hindi, Dogri, English, Urdu, and Kashmiri under the Jammu and Kashmir Official Languages Act, 2020.

The delegation categorically stated that imposing Urdu as a mandatory qualification amounts to systemic discrimination against a significant portion of the youth from the Jammu region and elsewhere, who have not studied the language. "This clause has the potential to deprive thousands of deserving and meritorious candidates of their rightful opportunity to serve in the administrative framework of the UT," the leaders said.

The delegation unanimously demanded the immediate withdrawal of the advertisement with the Urdu clause.

They urged the Chief Minister to revise the decision on the pattern of 2011 during his previous tenure, and issue a fresh advertisement. The Chief Minister gave an affirmative and positive response.

BJP MLAs raised the displacement of shopkeepers from Nai Basti due to the ongoing highway/flyover expansion project. They highlighted the dire situation of affected families and called for urgent rehabilitation. The Chief Minister, ac-

knowledging the gravity of the issue, directed the Principal Secretary to address the matter on priority.

The delegation also pushed for the expeditious release of the long-pending selection list under the 'sportsman quota', emphasizing the need to recognize and reward the contributions of athletes from the UT who have brought laurels to the region and the nation.

The BJP delegation reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding the interests of all sections of society and pressing for fair governance and justice through constructive dialogue and democratic means.

## Sat highlights Modi Govt's transformative push for women empowerment in BJP Mahila Morcha meeting

JAMMU, JULY 02: J&K BJP President Sat Sharma (CA) chaired an organizational meeting of the BJP Mahila Morcha, led by its President Sanjita Dogra at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

BJP Vice-President and Mahila Morcha Prabhari Anuradha Singh Charak, BJP Secretary and Morcha Seh-Prabhari Veenu Khanna, Morcha General Secretaries Neha Mahajan and Reema Padha, along with other members of the State Team and District Presidents of Morcha participated in the meeting.

Addressing the gathering, Sat Sharma commended the tireless efforts of the Mahila Morcha cadre and appreciated their grassroots connect and impactful outreach. He said that the role of women in Indian politics is undergoing a historic transformation under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"From the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill



granting 33% reservation to women in legislatures, to the launch of landmark schemes like Ujjwala Yojana, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, PM Matru Vandana Yojana, and Mission Shakti, the Modi Government has set unprecedented benchmarks in women-centric governance," he said.

Sharma urged the Mahila Morcha team to further intensify their efforts and reach out to every woman at the booth level to spread awareness about the welfare schemes introduced for their benefit. "It is our duty to ensure that the benefits of these transformative policies

reach the last woman in the line," he added.

Sanjita Dogra earlier welcomed the BJP President and presented a detailed account of the ongoing organizational and outreach activities undertaken by the Morcha. "Our cadre is actively working in every district, especially focusing on women beneficiaries of central schemes. We are committed to strengthening the party's base through our consistent presence and service," she stated.

Anuradha Singh Charak, while addressing the team, said that the women are the backbone of the BJP's social fabric,

and their increasing participation reflects the trust reposed in the party's vision.


Veenu Khanna emphasized that the BJP Mahila Morcha is not just an organizational wing, but a movement of empowered women determined to build a stronger nation.

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**Sub :-** Appointment of Candidate against the post of "Junior Assistant" Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, District Cadre Udhampur.

**Ref: I.** J&K 'Service Selection Board Jammu/Srinagar letter No. JKSSB-Scry/2/2025-06 (E-7628025) Dated: 30-04-2025.

**II.** Administrative Department letter No. RDD-EsttONG/37/2025-12 (E-7646503) Dated: 09-05-2025.

**ORDER No. 351-DRDJ of 2025**  
**DATED: 01-07-2025**

Pursuant to the recommendations received from Service Selection Board, J&K, Jammu/Srinagar through Administrative Department vide letters number and date referred above, Sanction is hereby accorded to the temporary appointment of the following candidate as "Junior Assistant" in "District Cadre Udhampur" in the pay Level-4 (25500-81100) with immediate effect;

S. No.	S. No. in No the SSRB Select List	Candidate's Name	Parentage	Address	Selection Category
<b>Resident of Backward Area (RBA) Category</b>					
01	01	Sunil Kumar Sharma	Bishan Dass	Ghordi Khass, Ramnagar Udhampur	RBA

**The above appointment shall be subject to following terms and conditions:-**

- The appointee shall report to Project Officer Wage Employment (Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD)), Udhampur within a period of 21 days from date of issuance of this order failing which his appointment shall be deemed to have been cancelled without any notice in terms of Circular No: 08-JK (GAD) of 2019 Dated 04.12.2019 issued by General Administration Department, J&K.
- The appointee at the time of joining shall produce following testimonials in original which shall subsequently be got verified by the concerned DDO from respective issuing authorities:
  - Domicile Certificate.
  - Date of Birth Certificate.
  - Qualification Certificate(s).
  - Relevant Category Certificate (if any).
  - Physical fitness certificate.
  - Any other certificate required under rule.
- Project Officer Wage Employment (Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD)), Udhampur after verifying his testimonials and other requisite document(s) shall post him as per the requirement/suitability.
- That if the appointee has taken loan for self-employment from DIC/Employment Department, to be ascertained from the District Industries Centre (DIC) and District Employment & Counselling Centre of the Domicile District, he shall relinquish the proprietorship of unit/enterprise and also stakes, if any, in such self-employment unit/enterprise before joining the Government service. He shall be required to repay the entire loan liability in suitable EMIs to be worked out by the DDO concerned from his salary. DDO concerned shall obtain an affidavit from the concerned appointee regarding both relinquishment of proprietorship and stakes, if any, in such a self-employment unit/enterprise and recovery to be made and also personally monitor its recovery.
- That appointee shall give an undertaking in the shape of an affidavit to the effect 4 that if on verification, his Qualification/Date of Birth/Category Certificates, if any, from the concerned issuing authority are found to be fake/forged, the claim of the appointee for appointment as Junior Assistant, shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab-initio and legal action as warranted under rules shall be initiated against him.
- The salary of the appointee shall not be drawn and disbursed unless a satisfactory report in respect of genuineness of Qualification/Date of Birth/Category Certificate, if any, is received from the concerned authorities.
- The appointment of the candidate shall be governed by the "New Pension Scheme" as notified vide SRO-400 of 2009 dated: 24-12-2009.
- The seniority of the members of cadre shall be regulated under J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956 and shall be fixed in accordance with the merit obtained by appointees in the final selection list issued by JKSSB.
- The appointment of the above appointee shall be subject to outcome of writ Petition(s), if any, pending before Competent Court of law.
- The appointee shall be initially on probation for a period of two years.

No:- DRDJ-Estt/85/2025-02(7693537)/14923-49  
Dated: 01-07-2025

DIP/J-2929/25 Dated: 02-07-2025

Sd/-  
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