



Breakthrough achieved in the Silkyara tunnel of Uttarkashi

CM Dhami names the tunnel after Baba Boukhnag

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Nearly 17 months after it hogged national and international lime-light due to the workers trapped in a tunnel collapse for 17 days, the breakthrough was achieved in the con-

project. He said that this breakthrough is not just a success of advanced engineering but an example of faith and dedication. The CM said that the Silkyara tunnel rescue was one of the

eration successful. He said the entire world was watching the Silkyara rescue. With the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the full support of the union government, the State government successfully conducted this extremely challenging operation in which experts and modern resources from across the country and the world were brought in. He appreciated the patience and courage shown by the trapped workers, which boosted everyone's morale.

The CM announced that the Silkyara tunnel will be named after Baba Boukhnag and the Baoukhnag Tibba will be developed as a tourist destination.

The event was attended by Union Minister of State Ajay Tamta, MLAs Suresh Chauhan, Durgeshwar Lal, Sanjay Dobhal, NHIDCL MD Krishna Kumar, district magistrate Meherban Singh Bisht and Superintendent of Police Sarita Dobhal.

The Project
The breakthrough in the 4.5131 kilometre -long Silkyara tunnel project is a significant achievement considering its importance. Once completed the project will give an impetus to the Char Dham Yatra. The double-lane tunnel will be constructed at a total cost of approximately Rs 1384 crore. Upon completion, the tunnel will reduce the distance between Gangotri and Yamunotri Dhams by 25 kilometres. The project is expected to boost trade, tourism, and employment opportunities in the region, thereby strengthening the local economy.



struction of Silkyara tunnel on Wednesday.

The breakthrough ceremony of the Silkyara tunnel was attended by chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. It may be recalled that on November 12, 2023, 41 workers were trapped inside the tunnel and after a massive operation they were safely rescued after 17 days.

Speaking on the occasion, the CM congratulated all engineers, technical experts and workers associated with the

longest and most complex rescue missions in the world. Every individual involved in the mission demonstrated an extraordinary example of humanity and teamwork. It was a true test of technical and human resolve, and everyone came together to ensure its success, he said.

The CM expressed gratitude to the rescue team, rat miners, NDRE, SDRF, and all cooperating agencies who played a crucial role in making the op-

NDMA reviews preparations for Char Dham Yatra mock drill

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The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) reviewed the preparations for the upcoming Char Dham Yatra mock drill, scheduled to be conducted on April 24 by NDMA in collaboration with the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA). A coordination and orientation conference was held on Wednesday with the officials from all Char Dham districts and various line departments. During the session, NDMA senior consultant major general (retd) Sudhir Bahl provided detailed insights into the planning and execution of the mock drill. He stated that the aim of the mock drill

the exercise. He stated that the mock drill will test inter-departmental coordination and identify areas needing improvement to ensure a smooth and safe pilgrimage. Bahl issued crucial safety guidelines for the Char Dham Yatra, including assessing the capacity of hotels and dharamshalas to accommodate stranded pilgrims in case of a disaster, providing timely weather alerts and mapping high-risk zones such as landslide-prone areas. He recommended exploring satellite-based communication systems in regions with poor network coverage. The mock drill will simulate various disaster scenarios including



is to assess and enhance the preparedness and response capabilities of all stakeholders involved in the pilgrimage. The drill will be conducted under the Incident Response System (IRS). Bahl also shared that agencies like SDRF, NDRE, police, fire services, and others will serve as observers during the drill. The State emergency operations centre at USDMA will oversee the execution of

road accidents, helicopter crashes, earthquakes, fires in hotels and dharamshalas, stampedes at crowded locations, adverse weather events, floods, lightning strikes, landslides and avalanches. It will also evaluate how local administration coordinates with central agencies such as the Air Force, Army, ITBP, NDRE and paramilitary forces in disaster response, he added.

Breakthrough of Jansu rail tunnel historic: Union Railway Minister

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The Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw visited the Jansu Tunnel being built between Deyprayag and Jansu which had a breakthrough on Wednesday. The chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Garhwal MP Anil Baluni and the State cabinet minister Dhan Singh Rawat accompanied the Union Minister. It is a part of the 125 km- long

being constructed using traditional drill and blast technology. In view of the complex geological conditions of the area, special TBM machines had been ordered from Germany to dig the tunnels.

Hailing the tunnel construction work, Vaishnaw said that this project is a major achievement for Uttarakhand, which would strengthen rail connectivity in the mountainous areas. "The tunnel construction with modern technology will set an example for future projects," he added. He further said that the day was doubly historic. "On this day in 1853, the first train in India ran between Bori Bunder and Thane and today India's longest transportation tunnel has also had a breakthrough," he said.

CM Dhami said that the dream of bringing rail to the mountains dreamt by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi was now coming true. "This tunnel will be fully ready in the coming few months," he said while congratulating the engineers, technical experts and workers engaged in the tunnel construction for this breakthrough.



the PM-ABHIM and the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana (PMVY) on Wednesday.

He sought detailed information from the officials regarding these schemes and emphasised the need for a time-bound action plan to complete the construction of all



Consecration ceremony of Baba Boukhnag temple organised

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Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami also took part in the consecration ceremony of the Baba Boukhnag Temple. For the ceremony, he brought offerings and puja material from his residence in Dehradun. During the Silkyara rescue mission, the CM had camped at the site to supervise and monitor the operation and had vowed to construct a temple dedicated to Baba Boukhnag for the successful rescue of the trapped workers.

He said that when Baba Boukhnag was enshrined at the tunnel's entrance, the rescue operation progressed suc-



cessfully. "At that time, I had announced the construction of a grand temple, and now with its consecration, that promise has been fulfilled. Devotees will now be able to seek blessings from Baba Boukhnag," he said.

Recalling the incident of November 12, 2023, the CM said that in that dark tunnel, where even hope seemed to fade, Baba Boukhnag emerged as a beacon of strength and belief.

Cong holds protest against ED action on Sonia, Rahul

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Agitated by the filing of chargesheets against Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, leader of opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and other leaders by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the National Herald case the workers of Uttarakhand Congress held a vehement protest in Dehradun on Wednesday. The agitation was part of the nationwide protest by the Congress party on the issue.

Led by the leader of opposition in Vidhan Sabha Yashpal Arya, former Pradesh Congress Committee president Pritam Singh and vice president (organization) Suryakant Dhasmana large number of party workers assembled at Parade

the post of Prime Minister in 2004 and 2009 despite having the opportunity and full majority, by making baseless allegations of money laundering. He said that today Rahul Gandhi is the only leader in the country who is speaking openly and fighting against the divisive policies of RSS and BJP without any fear.

Former PCC president Pritam Singh said that if Modi Government thinks that it will silence the Congress leaders by threatening them with jail and lathi then it is their mistake because they should remember that when in 1977 Janta Government tried to intimidate Indira Gandhi and sent her to jail then whole India stood up against this.



Ground from where they took out a protest march to the ED office located at Cross Road. Here they raised slogans against the union government, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the ED.

Speaking on the occasion, Arya said that the Modi government at the Centre is prejudiced and is misusing ED, CBI and other investigation agencies against the Gandhi family. He said that it is ridiculous to chargesheet Sonia Gandhi, who refused

president Jaswinder Singh Gogi, Parwa Doon district president Mohit Uniyal, chief spokesperson Garima Dasgupta and other party workers carried arrest. They were taken to the police line from where all were later released on bonds. Former Ministers Nav Prabhat, Hira Singh Bisht, NSUI state president Vikas Negi, former MLA Rajkumar, Jayendra Ramola and others took part in the protest.

Set up units under PM-ABHIM: CS to officials

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The State chief secretary Anand Bardhan directed the officials to take prompt steps to set up Block Public Health Unit, District Integrated Public Health Laboratory (DIPHL) and Critical Care Block under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) and stressed on bringing them into operation at the earliest. He made these observations while presiding over a meeting convened to review

units and initiate their operations. He instructed that monitoring should be conducted at both the State and district levels to ensure timely implementation of the schemes. The chief medical officers (CMOs) were directed to monitor these units on a weekly basis. Further, he urged the utility certificates for completed units be submitted to the Central government promptly.

The CS stressed on maximising

local body.

"Continuous monitoring is essential to ensure that artisans receive maximum benefits," he said while highlighting the need to promote the sale of handloom and handicraft products through ecommerce platforms under PMVY. He suggested making adequate arrangements for stalls to showcase the State's products in unity malls located in other states.

Transport department to issue trip cards a day before registered date of Char Dham Yatra

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The Transport department will issue trip cards for commercial vehicles participating in the ensuing Char Dham Yatra only one day prior to the registered date of pilgrimage. Their validity will end once the pilgrims complete their scheduled darshan. This move is aimed at controlling unauthorised operations and addressing complaints that arise during the pilgrimage season, the joint transport commissioner Sanat Kumar Singh said. With just two weeks left for the Yatra to begin, the department has intensified its efforts to streamline arrangements. The department has taken strict steps to address recurring issues reported by pilgrims, especially those related to commercial vehicle drivers. These include sudden fare hikes and misbehaviour, which have been common during previous Yatras. Singh said that a large number of private and commercial vehicles travel to Char Dham during the pilgrimage period. Many pilgrims, especially from outside the State, rely on commercial vehicles. In recent years, instances of fraud and mistreatment by some commercial operators have come to light. Considering this, the department has decided that in cases where complaints of fraud or misconduct are reported, both the trip card and the green card of the vehicle involved can be revoked. Vehicles without valid cards will not be allowed to operate on the Yatra routes. He said, "This year, changes have been made to the existing regulations. The number of pilgrims is expected to rise compared to 2024, when about 32,000 green cards were issued. For 2025, the department anticipates issuing between 35,000 and 40,000 green cards." He further stated that ensuring availability of vehicles for pilgrims remains a key priority for the department. He said that the department is taking all possible measures to prevent any form of overcharging, last-minute cancellations or exploitation. "The department has also linked the trip card system to the tourism website's registration data. Only vehicles associated with registered pilgrims will receive trip cards and these cards will be time-bound, based on the dates of darshan," he said.

District hospital gears up for dengue following early cases

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Taking a serious note of the recent Dengue cases reported from some private health facilities in Doon, the administration at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya District Hospital has ramped up its preparations to combat the vector-borne disease. Notably, 16 dengue cases have been reported in Dehradun so far. This is worrisome as the early onset of the disease is unusual for April.

The medical superintendent at the district hospital Dr V S Chauhan said that they were leaving nothing to chance as far as preparation to combat the disease is concerned. "We have taken note of the early emergence of dengue cases and set up a 10-bed dengue ward on the fourth floor of the hospital. Besides, mosquito traps have been installed at each bed. Additionally, all the doctors, including pediatricians and physicians, have been instructed to conduct malaria, typhoid and dengue tests for any patient coming with fever at the outpatient department (OPD)," he said.

He further assured that medications and treatment facilities are available at the facility for dengue patients. "Pathologists have been directed to perform ELISA tests for dengue. Besides, we have stocked dengue test kits in sufficient numbers. To take on severe dengue cases, beds equipped with ventilators are also available at the 10- ICU bed ward," he added.

Asked what had caused the early emergence of dengue cases, he said that it was due to sudden changes in weather and excessive heat. "Those with pre-existing conditions such as diabetes and hypertension as well as pregnant women should take extra precautions during this time. I advise all to keep away from stagnant water and wear full-sleeve clothing," he said.

The hospital has further assigned a dedicated in-charge to handle dengue cases. "We have taken all steps to ensure that reports are investigated thoroughly and the patients receive the required care," he said.

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