

DENGUE WARNING SIGNS

Many people with dengue can be cared for at home with adequate rest and hydration. But, if you experience any warning signs, go immediately to the nearest medical center.

Watch out for dengue warning signs!

A drop in body temperature accompanied by any of the following symptoms:

- Severe and continuous headache
- Joint and muscle pain
- Severe stomach pain
- Redness on the face
- Redness on the eyes
- Redness on the skin
- Redness on the tongue
- Redness on the throat
- Redness on the chest
- Redness on the back
- Redness on the abdomen
- Redness on the legs
- Redness on the feet
- Redness on the hands
- Redness on the fingers
- Redness on the toes

If you have any of these symptoms, go to the nearest medical center IMMEDIATELY.

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'OPERATION SINDOOR'

IAF jammed Pak's Chinese-supplied air defence systems, wiped out targets in 23 minutes

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NEW DELHI, MAY 14 (KNO)

The Indian Air Force (IAF) in the first phase of "Operation Sindoor" completely jammed Pakistan's Chinese-supplied air defence systems and wiped out the nine terror camps in Pakistan and the Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) within a span of 23 minutes, officials said on Wednesday.

An official told the news agency that all strikes were executed without loss of Indian assets. "These strikes underscored the effectiveness of our surveillance, planning, and

delivery systems. The use of modern indigenous technology, from long-range drones to guided munitions, made these strikes highly effective and politically calibrated," he added.

The official said, "Indian Air Force bypassed and jammed Pakistan's Chinese-supplied air defence systems, completing the mission in just 23 minutes, demonstrating India's technological edge."

According to the officials "Operation Sindoor" also produced concrete evidence of hostile technologies neutralized by Indian systems: Pieces of

PL-15 missiles (of Chinese origin) Turkish-origin UAVs, named "Yiha" or "YEEHAW" Long-range rockets, quadcopters and commercial drones

These were recovered and identified, showing that despite Pakistan's attempts to exploit advanced foreign-supplied weaponry, India's indigenous air defence and electronic warfare networks remained superior.

The officials said, "Operation Sindoor emerged as a calibrated military response to an evolving pattern of asymmetric warfare, one that increasingly targets unarmed

civilians along with military personnel. The terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam on 22 April 2025 served as grim reminder of this shift. India's response was deliberate, precise, and strategic. Without crossing the Line of Control or international boundary, Indian forces struck terrorist infrastructure and eliminated multiple threats."

They said, "Beyond tactical brilliance, what stood out was the seamless integration of indigenous hi-tech systems into national defence. Whether in drone warfare,

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LoC Shelling: 3 persons brought dead as many injured received after May 7, says Pr GMC Rajouri

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Three persons were brought dead while three others were critically injured after shelling started across the border on May 7th, officials said on Wednesday.

In a press conference at GMC Rajouri, Principal GMC Rajouri Dr Amarjeet Bhatia as per the news agency that a total of 27 patients were brought to the GMC Rajouri, who were injured due to the shelling in Poonch and Rajouri areas. He said that three persons were brought dead to the hospital and three were critically injured while a total six are undergoing treatment

at the hospital while the rest have been discharged after recovery. Bhatia also said that a child was hit by a shell, which had pierced through his belly and had critically injured his intestines, and he was timely operated and his intestines were repaired and currently he is out of danger.

He added that another girl child was brought to hospital whose hip was badly damaged by the shell and she was treated with the modern technology and she is also currently out of danger.

A lady with multiple compound injuries was also treated and operated a day and she is also out

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Pak deliberately targeted civilian areas in J&K: CM



JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, MAY 14

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Wednesday accused Pakistan of deliberately targeting civilian areas in Jammu and Kashmir, saying the local population bore the brunt of cross-border shelling.

According to the news agency, the Chief Minister said that civilians bear the brunt – homes destroyed,

lives uprooted in relentless cross-border attacks. "Relief and support are being extended to affected families," he said.

"The pattern of shelling in Uri mirrors what we've seen recently in Tangdhar, Rajouri and Poonch. Civilian areas were hit hard and people have suffered immensely. It appears that the targeting was deliberate," he told reporters

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Three Lashkar militants killed in Shopian behind recent terror activities: Army



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SRINAGAR, MAY 14

A day after three militants affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba and its shadow outfit "The Resistance Front" were killed in a gunfight in the south Kashmir's Shopian district, the Army said the trio were actively involved in recent terror activities in the region.

The militants – Shahid Kuttay, Adnan Shafi Dar, and Ehsan ul Haq Sheikh – all residents of Shop-

ian, were killed during an encounter in the upper reaches of Keller on Tuesday. Officials identified Kuttay as the operational commander of LeT in South Kashmir.

According to the Army, the operation was launched based on intelligence inputs regarding the presence of militants in the Keller forest. A joint team of the Army, J&K Police, and CRPF was involved in the

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India rejected Trump's mediation offer: Union Minister Athawale

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 14 (KNO)

Union Minister Ramdas Athawale on Wednesday said that India turned down the offer of US President Donald Trump to defuse recent India-Pakistan military tensions.

Addressing a news conference here, Athawale, according to the news agency said, "US President Donald Trump had volunteered to mediate in the ongoing military tensions between India and Pakistan. However, New Delhi firmly rejected any third-party involvement."

Athawale praised the opposition for supporting the government during the standoff but criticized them for politicizing the matter. He urged the opposition to remain united with the govern-



ment and avoid questioning its approach on such a crucial issue. Pertinently Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Adampur airbase in Punjab on Tuesday praised the Indian Armed Forces for their decisive response during "Operation Sindoor" and the message they sent to Pakistan.

"Armed Forces had made it clear to the Pakistan Army that there is no place in Pakistan where

terrorists can hide," PM Modi said, adding, "If there is another terror attack, India will respond, and will definitely respond."

PM Modi said that there's a need for the armed forces to remain vigilant and to continually remind the enemy that "this is a new India." The Prime Minister stated that India had suspended its military actions only after receiving a plea for ceasefire from Pakistan. KNO

Prez Murmu praises bravery, dedication of armed forces

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 14 (KNO)

Tri-services chiefs, including General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff; General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff; Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, Chief of the Air Staff; and Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff called on President Droupadi Murmu here on Wednesday.

A Rashtrapati Bhavan statement in possession of the news agency said, "They briefed the President on the successful conduct of Operation Sindoor"

"The President praised the bravery and dedication of the Armed Forces, which made India's response to terrorism a resounding success."

"General Anil Chauhan,



Chief of Defence Staff, along with General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff, Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh, Chief of the Naval Staff, called on President Droupadi Murmu and briefed her about Operation Sindoor. The President commended the valour and the dedication of the Armed Forces that made India's response to terrorism a sterling success," the statement reads.

Notably, "Operation Sindoor" was a series of precision missile strikes conducted by the Indian Armed Forces on May 7, 2025, targeting nine terrorist infrastructure sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK).

The operation was a direct response to the Pahalgam attack, aimed at neutralizing terrorist camps linked to Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT),

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Rajnath Singh's visit to J&K today postponed

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 14 (KNO)

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's scheduled visit to Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday has been postponed, official sources said.

Sources told the news agency that Rajnath Singh was scheduled to visit Jammu air base and forward areas tomorrow, but it has been cancelled now.

They said that the visit has been cancelled due to some prior engagements.

Earlier, it was reported that Singh will visit Jammu and Kashmir to meet and interact with the Army soldiers and praise them for the success of Operation Sindoor against Pakistan—(KNO)

Hajj flights resume, 640 pilgrims depart today

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SRINAGAR, MAY 14 (KNO)

After a brief but tense pause in Hajj operations triggered by rising tensions between India and Pakistan, the flights ferrying pilgrims from Jammu and Kashmir resumed on Wednesday, with 642 pilgrims successfully departing for the holy city of Madeena.

Executive Officer J&K Hajj Committee, Dr Shujhat Qureshi, confirmed the resumption while speaking to news agency, said, "Today, we operated four flights from Srinagar Airport to New

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Mata Vaishno Devi pilgrimage picks up after ceasefire

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JAMMU, MAY 14 (KNO)

The tension between India and Pakistan had impacted the pilgrimage to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi (SMVD) shrine. However, following the recent ceasefire and reduction in hostilities, devotees are gradually returning to the world-famous pilgrimage site, Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan, although numbers remain modest.

The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDB) has announced several measures to facili-



tate pilgrims, including free Aarti Darshan and accommodation.

As per the figures accessed by the news agency, on May 6, a total of 12,917 pilgrims arrived from across the country.

The day prior, May 7,

coinciding with India's Operation Sindoor, saw 12,760 devotees visit Katra for darshan. Subsequently, the number of visitors declined over the following days: 8,670 on May 8; 3,962 on May 9; 1,352 on May 10; 1,303 on May 11;

1,658 on May 12; and 2,808 on May 13. By 3:00 pm on May 14, approximately 3,300 devotees had registered and departed for Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan, with more arriving continuously.

With the easing of tensions, devotees are beginning to return to the pilgrimage, aided by the Shrine Board's efforts to provide free facilities from the base camp at Katra to Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan. This initiative aims to encourage more pilgrims to undertake

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GoC-in-C Northern Command calls on LG



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 14 (KNO)

Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GoC-in-C) Northern Command, called on Lieutenant Governor

Manoj Sinha, Wednesday and briefed him on latest developments and different aspects pertaining to prevailing security scenario.

He was accompanied by Lt Gen Prashant Srivastava, GoC 15 Corps. KNO

20 professor posts among 473 vacant positions at GMC Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 14 (KNO)

The Government Medical College (GMC) Udhampur, a key healthcare institution in Jammu and Kashmir, continues to face challenges due to staff shortages and infrastructural deficiencies.

A Right to Information (RTI)

filed by activist M M Shuja reveals that approximately 473 posts, including 20 professor positions, remain vacant at the hospital.

This information, accessed by the news agency, reveals that out of the sanctioned posts, only four of the 20 professor positions are filled, with 16 vacant.

Among the 34 associate professor posts, three are occupied while 31 remain vacant; out of 52 assistant professors, 36 are in position and 16 are vacant.

The staffing situation extends to senior residents, where 32 are in position while 52 posts remain vacant, and among junior residents, 46 are in position with

17 vacant. For medical officers, only three of the 14 posts are filled, leaving 11 vacant. There are 326 vacant posts for paramedics.

Despite functioning for nearly two years, GMC Udhampur still lacks an MRI facility, a crucial diagnostic tool for numerous medical conditions. Patients

requiring MRI scans are often referred to private centres or hospitals in Jammu, causing inconvenience, treatment delays, and additional financial burdens on patients, the RTI reveals.

On a positive note, the hospital has made some

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Awareness/ Enrollment Drive under Mission YUVA conducted at Kulgam

JI NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, MAY 14

To monitor and assess the implementation and effectiveness of the ongoing awareness-cum-enrollment drive under Mission YUVA, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Altaf Ahmad visited multiple awareness venues on the second day of the drive.

As part of the drive, awareness camps were held at Hangalush, Nowpora, Kheejogipora and Pariwan, covering a total of 12 Panchayats.

During the visit, detailed information regarding Mission YUVA was disseminated among potential entrepreneurs.

Participants were also facilitated in downloading the official mobile applica-



tion and assisted in initiating the application submission process on the spot.

The drive aims to empower local youth by encouraging entrepre-

neurship and facilitating access to various self-employment schemes.

The ADC was accompanied by Assistant Director Employment & Career

Counselling Officer (AD Employment & CCO), District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Kulgam, along with other concerned officers.

Omar Abdullah led Government committed for holistic development of every sector, section of society across J&K: Sakeena Ito

JI NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, MAY 14

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Ito today inaugurated the Outpatient Department (OPD), AYUSH & Wellness Centre and several other critical sections of the Trauma Hospital at Bijbehara here.

Addressing a large gathering on the occasion, Sakeena Ito maintained that the present government led by Omar Abdullah is committed for the holistic development of every sector and section of the society across Jammu and Kashmir. "This Government has been formed by the vote and trust of people and, as such, we are committed to work tirelessly for the welfare and development of our people", Sakeena stated.

"The report card of our last seven months of governance reflects that Jammu and Kashmir is back on the track of development in every sector, be it health, education or other social sectors", she added.

The Minister further said that the medical infrastructure is being upgraded across J&K besides an ample push has also been given for recruitment of medical officers as well as



other paramedical staff. "In the last few months this government recruited more than three hundred doctors and posted them in required areas to uplift the medical care facilities", Sakeena said. She added that a large number of doctors were also posted in rural areas to strengthen the medical care services from grassroots level, which is core objective of present Omar Abdullah led government.

On the occasion, the Minister advised the people to take best utilisation of this newly established Ayush and Wellness Centre for their well-being.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Srigrufwara-Bijbehara, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Veeri submitted a detailed memorandum concerning various developmental needs related to the health and education sectors in his constituency.

The Minister assured him that these demands

would be taken up with urgency and fulfilled on a priority basis.

After the inauguration ceremony, Sakeena Ito also took a detailed round of the Trauma Hospital and assessed its functioning. She interacted with doctors and other staff, emphasising on the availability of all critical care equipments and other medicines. She highlighted that this hospital is very vital during emergencies as it is situated on the sidelines of National Highway.

During the inauguration ceremony, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Anantnag briefed the Minister about the range of facilities now available in the upgraded sections of the hospital. He briefed the Minister about current infrastructure, manpower deployment and services.

Later, the Minister also visited the Government Degree College (GDC) Bijbehara and Government

Girls Higher Secondary School Bijbehara, where she conducted a comprehensive review of the existing infrastructure, academic environment and faculty positions. She personally interacted with the students and enquired about their academic needs and institutional requirements. The students on the occasion shared suggestions and concerns with the Minister.

While interacting with them, Sakeena Ito assured the students that their issues would be addressed promptly.

Interacting with the faculty during the visit, the Minister stressed on the importance of quality education and underlined the government's approach on upgrading both physical and academic facilities in educational institutions across Jammu and Kashmir.

Among others, the Minister was accompanied by a MLA, Srigrufwara-Bijbehara, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Veeri; Director Colleges, Director Social Welfare, Kashmir, Director School Education Kashmir, Director AYUSH, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Anantnag, Medical Superintendent and other senior officers from Health, Social Welfare and Education departments.

Govt appoints 122 Junior Assistants to address clerical staff shortage in RDD

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 14

In a major Human Resource boost to the rural sector, the Jammu and Kashmir government has appointed 122 Junior Assistants (UT/Divisional/District Cadre) in the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (RDD&PR) department, addressing a critical shortage of clerical staff that had plagued the field offices since 2021.

The appointments included a structured distribution across various administrative levels, with 1 post allocated at the UT level, 2 posts each for the divisional cadres of Jammu and Kashmir, 55 posts distributed among districts in the Jammu division and 62 posts assigned to districts in the Kashmir division.

The recruitment drive is aimed to fill the critical clerical and executive staff vacancies at district-level RDD offices and Block Development Offices (BDO) throughout the UT.

Secretary, RDD&PR, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, emphasized that the

prolonged process aimed at addressing the staffing gap that had persisted since 2021. "The recruitment of Junior Assistants is a long-overdue measure, aimed at reinforcing rural governance and ensuring timely service delivery to the public," he asserted.

Aijaz Asad said that the newly recruited Junior Assistants will play a pivotal role in expediting the file processing in rural offices, improving public grievance redressal systems, strengthening implementation of welfare schemes and providing much needed support to the overburdened Block Development Offices (BDOs), thereby enhancing the

overall efficiency of rural governance in Jammu and Kashmir.

Among the 122 posts, 120 have been cleared for immediate appointment, while 2 posts are withheld pending further recommendations. The selected candidates are required to submit their Personal Verification Roll (PVR) within 21 days to secure their appointment.

Last year, the Jammu and Kashmir government appointed 1,395 Panchayat Secretaries across various districts, significantly bolstering the workforce in the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (RDD&PR) department. Prior to that, the government had appointed 1,889 Panchayat Accounts Assis-

DC listens to people's issues at Palmar- Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 14

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan today convened a public outreach camp at Block Palmar to directly engage with residents and assess their developmental needs.

A large number of locals, including civil society members, participated in the interaction and projected a range of issues of public importance, including augmentation of infrastructure to improve healthcare, education, road connectivity and other civic amenities.

The key demands brought to the DC's attention included provision of Fire and Emergency services, construction of boundary wall at local GHSS and adequate staff in the Educational Institutions. They further demanded Bhandarkoot to Ikhalia Road, Lower Palmar to Upper Palmar Road and the payment of pending land compensation and Technical sanctioning to the Hatna-Pal-



mar Road.

Responding to the issue of land compensation and technical sanctioning to the Hatna-Palmar Road, the DC assured that the matter would be taken up with the concerned higher authorities.

The DC also shared

insights into various ongoing schemes across departments, including Mission Yuva, HADP, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, the Tejasvini Scheme, and the Mumkin Scheme. He urged the youth to actively participate and take full advan-

tage of these initiatives. Additionally, the DC highlighted the benefits of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana (RVY Scheme) and urged the general public to avail themselves of the scheme. The DC emphasized 100% saturation of all centrally sponsored schemes in the Block Palmar.

Locals also raised the issue of ambulance service, to which the DC assured prompt redressal on a priority basis.

The AD Handicrafts informed the gathering that an Elementary Training Course Centre under the Handicrafts Department would soon be established in Block Palmar.

Later, the DC distributed school bags among orphaned and underprivileged girl students as part of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative.

SSP Naresh Singh, AD FCS&CA Shafqat Ali Keen, DSWO Zubair Ahmed, AD Handicrafts Pardeep Shan, along with other senior officers were present during the visit.

Chief Secretary takes stock of relief efforts in Jammu's border areas post shelling

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

In a move aimed at assessing the ground situation and ensuring the well-being of affected populace, Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today visited the border subdivisions of Akhnoor and Khour, that had witnessed unrelenting cross border shelling over the past few days.

Accompanying the Chief Secretary were Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, along with other senior officials from the local administration.

The Chief Secretary inspected the local Higher Secondary Schools of Sohal and Bhalwal Brahmna in Subdivision Akhnoor, which had been convert-



ed into temporary shelters for the residents displaced due to cross border shelling. He interacted with the affected families to assess their concerns and issues. He reviewed the arrangements made for their stay, including the provision of food, water and power supply.

CS also assessed the medical facilities available to the sheltered villagers. He took note of the adequacy of medical aid being

provided to the inmates. He directed the health officials to enhance medical services, ensuring that these distressed families receive proper treatment without the need to travel elsewhere.

While interacting with the inmates, the Chief Secretary sought feedback regarding the arrangements. He instructed the local administration to remain in constant touch with the affected people,

ensuring their needs are met without any disruption.

Later, the Chief Secretary toured the villages impacted by the shelling, inspecting the damage inflicted upon the residential houses and public infrastructure. He asked the administration to promptly assess the damages and initiate relief measures for the affected population. He also emphasised the need for long-term safety measures, including construction of community bunkers, to safeguard the residents from future incidents.

The Chief Secretary reiterated the government's commitment towards supporting the border residents and ensuring their safety and well-being amidst such challenging circumstances.

Div Com Kashmir reviews arrangements for Mela Kheer Bhawani

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 14

To ensure a smooth and spiritually enriching experience for devotees during the upcoming Mela Mata Kheer Bhawani, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Tuesday chaired a detailed review meeting with officials from various departments.

Calling for meticulous planning, Bidhuri directed Deputy Commissioners and departmental heads to put in place robust arrangements at the main shrine in Tulmulla, Ganderbal, as well as at other key locations in Kupwara, Kulgam, and Anantnag. He emphasized the need to surpass last year's efforts in providing facilities for pilgrims.

Key areas of focus included transportation, accommodation, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, food services (langars), and toilets.

Div Com stressed timely desilting of the canal at Tulmulla, beautification of temple surroundings, repair of approach roads, and restoration of non-



functional streetlights.

He directed for security arrangements, deployment of SDRF teams and fire tenders near the shrine. Departments were instructed to nominate nodal officers to ensure effective coordination throughout the festival.

He directed for providing special transport facilities for migrant employees wishing to attend the mela. The Health Depart-

ment was asked to position skilled medical teams, while the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department was directed to ensure an uninterrupted supply of essentials including LPG.

Deputy Commissioners of all concerned districts briefed on ongoing preparations, while representatives from Kashmiri Pandit organizations outlined their suggestions for a

smooth and safe celebration.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners of Srinagar, Ganderbal, Anantnag, Kupwara and Kulgam besides senior officers from Tourism, Relief and Rehabilitation, Police, Traffic, PWD, KPDCCL, PHE, SRTC, SDRF, Fire & Emergency, Information departments and representatives of various Kashmiri Pandit organizations.

Rana advocates mandatory bunkers in border areas to protect lives

J1 NEWS SERVICE
MENDHAR, MAY 14

Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Environment & Ecology and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, today advocated the need for mandatory bunkers for people residing along the Line of Control (LoC) to protect them from erratic shelling in these areas.

He emphasized that the provision of mandatory bunkers would go a long way in ensuring safety of the people living in these vulnerable areas along the LoC.

The Minister, for the second consecutive day, visited various shelling hit areas in Mendhar to assess the extent of losses to property and livestock. He empathised with the victim families who have been affected by the recent shelling incidents.

During his visit, the Minister interacted with the affected families, taking stock of their grievances and difficulties. He expressed deep concern over the losses suffered by the people and assured them of all possible support from the government.



Following the visit, the Minister convened a meeting of Sub-Divisional Officers, where he directed them to undertake detailed planning for restoration of the affected public infrastructure. He emphasised the need for prompt action to ensure that normalcy is restored in the area at the earliest besides the essential public services.

The Minister instructed the officers to engage closely with the victim

families and extend all possible support to them. He directed that compensation to the affected people should be processed expeditiously, ensuring that they receive the necessary assistance to rebuild their lives.

The Minister exhorted upon the officers to demonstrate highest level of commitment to public service and efficiently help the affected communities by taking concrete steps to compensate them.

DLSA Budgam organises awareness programme

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, MAY 14

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam, in collaboration with Legal Literacy Club, Boys Higher Secondary School Budgam conducted an awareness programme on the Legal Services to Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Scheme, 2024.

The programme was held under the supervision of O.P. Bhagat, Chairman, DLSA Budgam and under the guidance of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Budgam. Members of the Legal Services Unit for Mentally ill Individuals and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (LSUM), students, teachers & officials of DLSA and Boys Higher Secondary School Budgam attended the programme.

All the participants actively engaged in comprehensive discussions to



deepen their understanding of the NALSA scheme 2024 and strategize its effective execution.

The scheme's significance in ensuring access to justice for Persons with Mental Illness and Persons with Intellectual Disabilities was discussed at length.

Assistant LADC Budgam, Zahoor Ahmad Malik addressed the attendees, highlighted the significance of the NALSA Scheme 2024 in safeguarding the individuals with mental illnesses and intellectual disabilities. He emphasized the necessity of a collaborative approach to ensure

the scheme's successful implementation.

He stressed the importance of equipping participants with the knowledge and tools required for effective implementation of the scheme, ensuring justice reaches the most vulnerable sections of society and implementation of the NALSA scheme 2024 & also shared his practical experiences in the field.

All the participants actively participated in the discussions, sharing insights and experiences contributing to a broader understanding of the scheme's objectives and strategies for its successful implementation.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch conducts city tour, inspects shelling hit areas

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 14

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, accompanied by a team of officers of the district administration, conducted a comprehensive city tour today to inspect areas affected by recent cross border shelling and to oversee the administrative response to public safety and infrastructure restoration.

During the tour, the Deputy Commissioner visited Mohalla Shankar Nagar, one of the affected localities in the cross border shelling. He interacted with local residents and assessed the ground situation firsthand.

Expressing concern over the extent of damage caused to residential properties and public infrastructure, he instructed the revenue officials to carry out an immediate and thorough assessment of all losses. He further directed them to submit a consolidated report at the earliest to facilitate prompt relief and rehabilitation measures.

The Deputy Commissioner assured the affected families that the administration is fully committed



to ensuring their safety and well being, and all necessary resources will be mobilized to support them during this difficult time. He emphasized that timely compensation, repair of damaged structures, and relocation where necessary would be taken up on priority.

Later, the DC visited the Divisional Forest Office building, which had also sustained damage due to shelling. He inspected the affected sections and directed concerned officers to begin restoration and renovation work without delay to restore normal functioning of the department.

The Deputy Commissioner reiterated the administration's resolve to remain vigilant and responsive. He added that coordinated efforts are underway across departments to ensure that genuine needs are met, essential services remain uninterrupted, and affected citizens receive timely support.

The visit underscored the district administration's proactive approach in responding to difficult situations and reflected its on ground presence to reassure and assist the public in times of need.

DIC Kulgam organizes awareness programme under RAMP

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, MAY 14

District Industries Centre (DIC) Kulgam today organised an awareness creation cum outreach programme under RAMP (Raising and Accelerating of MSME Performance) at Municipal Committee Devsar.

Officers from line departments viz. Lead District Manager Kulgam, besides representatives from KVIB, SICOP, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Handicrafts/ Handloom, CSCs and Cooperatives Department, Industrial Promotion Officers and other officials of DIC Kulgam were present in the programme.

More than 100 beneficiaries from various departments, viz. Handicrafts/ Handloom, Cooperatives, Agriculture and industrial unit holders of DIC Kulgam attended the programme.

In the inaugural address, participants and other stakeholders were sensitized about the



importance and vibrancy of Udyam Registration for taking their business and industrial establishments to new heights in collaboration with the Government and the flagship schemes run by it.

The process flow and benefits under Udyam

Registration was explained to the participants through a detailed powerpoint presentation by the IPOs of DIC, Kulgam.

On the occasion, officers also interacted with the participants regarding entrepreneurship and the benefits of registration.

Medical camp, Yoga sessions organised at Keegam, Kapran of Shopian

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, MAY 14

On the directions of Director AYUSH J&K, Dr. Nuzhat Bashir Shah, a series of wellness activities were conducted today in Shopian.

A Medical Camp was organised at Astanpora, Keegam by a team of AHWC Keegam and AHWC Zarkan, providing essential healthcare services to the local community.

In continuation of the countdown to the 11th International Yoga Day, a Yoga session was also held at Government Higher Secondary School Kaprin

The session focused on promoting holistic health and well-being through yoga, receiving active participation from students and staff.



DC reviews progress of road projects in Panchari-Moungri area

J1 NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MAY 14

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai today chaired a meeting of officers to review the execution of different road projects in Panchari-Moungri and the status of vacant government quarters in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Prem Singh; Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Iqbal and other concerned officers. While reviewing the

progress of road works in the Panchari and Moungrri areas, the DC directed the concerned officers to strictly adhere to the prescribed specifications and ensure the timely completion of all ongoing projects.

The DC further directed the concerned to accelerate the pace of work and ensure that all targets are achieved within the stipulated time frame. Expressing concern over the delay in some projects, the DC instructed the officers to serve

show-cause notices to the contractors responsible for the delays. Taking a serious view of the slow progress and abandonment of work by certain contractors, she also called for initiating action to blacklist such defaulting contractors.

While reviewing the status of vacant government quarters in the district, the DC directed the ADC to constitute a committee to inquire into the matter and submit a detailed report within week's time.

RAMP awareness programme held at Ramnagri, Shopian

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, MAY 14

As part of its ongoing efforts to boost the local entrepreneurial ecosystem, District Industries Centre (DIC) Shopian today conducted a programme on formalization of MSMEs under RAMP (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) for block Ramnagri at the Govt. Higher Secondary School, Ramnagri.

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SOPORE, MAY 14

In a major step towards strengthening the Horticulture infrastructure in North Kashmir, Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, today visited the Fruit and Vegetable Mandi Sopore and inaugurated the long awaited macadamization work on the Mandi premises.

The macadamization project, being executed by the Roads & Buildings (R&B) department at an estimated cost of Rs 117.63 lakh, aims to improve transportation and trading conditions for the fruit growers and dealers. This development fulfills a long pending demand of the fruit growers of North Kashmir.

While speaking to the media, the Minister said that the government is committed towards creating a comprehensive and grower friendly environment in the Mandi. "Along with road improvement,

we are also working to enhance the facilities for the labourers, including construction of a Labour Sarai and other essential amenities to support their welfare, he added".

He announced that a Mega Kisan Mela will be organized soon at Sopore Mandi to promote awareness, showcase innovations in the horticulture sector and connect the growers with new market opportunities.

In terms of security and infrastructure, Javid Dar said that additional CCTV cameras and high mast lights will soon be installed across the Mandi premises to ensure better surveillance, safety and night time functioning.

The Minister was accompanied by MLA Sopore, Irshad Rasool Kar; Director Horticulture Planning & Marketing; Director Animal Husbandry and Additional Deputy Commissioner Sopore.

The team inspected ongoing works and interacted with various stakeholders at the Mandi.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/J&K acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the works/services listed below. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make online payments against these tenders. Document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender Type: Open, **Bidding System:** Single Packet System.
Date of Uploading Tenders: 13.05.2025, **Bid Closing Date/Time:** 04/06/2025 at 15:00 Hrs., **Date and Time of opening E-Tender:** 04/06/2025 at 16:00 Hrs.

S.No.: 1, **Tender Number:** 01-2025-26-C&W-JAT, **Details of Tender:** Design, supply, installation and commissioning of brushing arrangement at 3rd washing line along with revamping and customization of existing Automatic Coach Washing Plant with customized sub-assemblies (ETP & Control Panel) along with two years warranty at coaching depot SVDK. **Advertised Value:** Rs. 1,39,24,000/-, **Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,19,600/-, **Validity of Offer:** 45 Days, **Period of Completion:** 120 days

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

IAF jammed Pak's...

layered air defence, or electronic warfare, Operation Sindoora marks a milestone in India's journey towards technological self-reliance in military operations."

UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS, ADS NEUTRALIZED PAK DRONES, OTHER THREATS

Providing details about how the adversary tried to escalate the tension, the officials said, "On the night of 07-08 May 2025, Pakistan attempted to engage a number of military targets in Northern and Western India including Awantipura, Srinagar, Jammu, Pathankot, Amritsar, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Adampur, Bhatinda, Chandigarh, Nal, Phalodi, Uttarai, and Bhuj, using drones and missiles. These were neutralised by the Integrated Counter UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) Grid and Air Defence systems."

They said that Air Defence systems detect, track, and neutralise threats using a network of radars, control centres, artillery, and both aircraft- and ground-based missiles. "On the morning of May 8, the Indian armed forces targeted air defence radars and systems at a number of locations in Pakistan. An air defence system at Lahore was neutralized."

"As part of "Operation Sindoora," the following were used: Battle-proven AD (Air Defence) systems like the Pechora, OSA-AK and LLAD guns (Low-level air defence guns). Indigenous systems such as the Akash, which demonstrated stellar performance.

AKASH is a Short Range Surface to Air Missile system to protect vulnerable areas and vulnerable points from air attacks. The AKASH Weapon System can simultaneously engage Multiple Targets in Group Mode or Autonomous Mode. It has built in Electronic Counter-Counter Measures (ECCM) features. The entire weapon system has been configured on mobile platforms," they added.

The officials said, "India's Air Defence Systems, combining assets from the Army, Navy, and primarily the Air Force, performed with exceptional synergy. These systems created an impenetrable wall, foiling multiple attempts by Pakistan to retaliate. The Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS) of the Indian Air Force brought all these elements together, providing the net-centric operational capability vital for modern warfare."

PINPOINT ACCURACY

According to the officials India's offensive strikes targeted key Pakistani airbases- Noor Khan and Rahimyar Khan with surgical precision. Loitering munitions were used to devastating effect, each finding and destroying high-value targets, including enemy radar and missile systems. "Loitering munitions also known as "suicide drones" or "kamikaze drones", are weapons systems that can hover or circle a target area, searching for a suitable target before attacking," they added.

"All strikes were executed without loss of Indian assets, underscoring the effectiveness of our surveillance, planning, and delivery systems. The use of modern indigenous technology, from long-range drones to guided munitions, made these strikes highly effective and politically calibrated," they said.

EVIDENCE OF NEUTRALIZED THREATS

On May 12, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, Director General Military Operations, in the "Operation Sindoora" press briefing highlighted the excellent performance of a mix of legacy and modern systems.

"Since precise strikes on terrorists were conducted without crossing the Line of Control or International Boundary, it was anticipated Pakistan's response would come from across the border.

A unique blend of counter Unmanned Aerial Systems, Electronic Warfare assets, and Air Defence Weapons from both Army and Air Force Multiple defensive layers from the International Boundary inward: Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems Shoulder-Fired Weapons, Legacy Air Defence Weapons, Modern Air Defence Weapon Systems. This multi-tier defence prevented Pakistan Air Force attacks on our airfields and logistic installations during the night of May 9-10. These systems, built over the last decade with continuous government investment, proved to be force multipliers during the operation. They played a crucial role in ensuring that both civilian and military infrastructure across India remained largely unaffected during enemy retaliation attempts," the officials added.

ISRO'S CONTRIBUTION:

At an event on May 11, ISRO Chairman V Narayanan mentioned that At least 10 satellites are continuously working round-the-clock for the strategic purpose to ensure the safety and security of the citizens of the country. To ensure the safety of the country, the nation has to serve through its satellites. It has to monitor its 7,000 km seashore areas. It has to monitor the entire Northern part continuously. Without satellite and drone technology, the country can't achieve that.

Business of Drone Power

A Rising Indigenous Industry, the Drone Federation India (DFI), is a premier industry body representing over 550 drone companies and 5500 drone pilots[4]. DFI's vision is to make India a global drone hub by 2030, and it promotes the design, development, manufacturing, adoption and export of Indian drone and counter-drone technology worldwide. DFI enables ease of doing business, promotes the adoption of drone technology, and hosts several programs like Bharat Drone Mahotsav. [5] Some companies involved in the drone space are: Alpha Design Technologies (Bengaluru): Partnered with Israel's Elbit Systems to build SkyStriker.

Tata Advanced Systems offers a full range of integrated solutions across Defence & Security and has served as a trusted partner to India's armed forces for over six decades[6]

Paras Defence & Space Technologies operates within the Defence and Space segments, distinguished by Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured (IDDM) capabilities.

IG Drones is a Drone Technology Company for manufacturing and R & D of Drones specialized in defence and other industry applications along with provider of drone related services like drone surveying, mapping & inspection by industry experts. The company has partnered with Indian Army, Government of India, multiple State Governments, among others.[8]

The Indian drone market is projected to reach \$11 billion by 2030, accounting for 12.2% of the global drone market.

DRONES AT THE CENTRE OF MODERN WARFARE

The integration of drone warfare into India's military doctrine owes its success to years of domestic R&D and policy reform. Since 2021, the ban on imported drones and the launch of the PLI (Production Linked Incentive) scheme have catalyzed rapid innovation. The scheme of Production Linked Incentive for drones and drone components of Ministry of Civil Aviation was notified on 30th September, 2021 with a total incentive of Rs 120 crores spread over three Financial Years (FYs), FY 2021-22 to FY 2023-24.[10] The future lies in autonomous drones with AI-driven decision-making, and India is already laying the groundwork.

DEFENCE EXPORTS CROSSED RECORD FIGURE

Defence exports crossed the record figure of about Rs 24,000 crore in Financial Year 2024-25. The aim is to increase the figure to Rs 50,000 crore by 2029, and make India a developed nation and the world's largest defence exporter by 2047.

Make in India continues to power the growth of the defence sector.

India has emerged as a major defence manufacturing hub, driven by the "Make in India" initiative and a strong push for self-reliance. In FY 2023-24, indigenous defence production reached a record Rs 1.27 lakh crore, while exports soared to Rs 23,622 crore in FY 2024-25, a 34-fold increase from 2013-14. Strategic reforms, private sector involvement, and robust R&D have led to the development of advanced military platforms like the Dhanush Artillery Gun System, Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun, Light Specialist Vehicles, High Mobility Vehicles, Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas, Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), Light Utility Helicopter (LUH), Akash Missile System, Weapon Locating Radar, 3D Tactical Control Radar, and Software Defined Radio (SDR), as well as naval assets like destroyers, indigenous aircraft carriers, submarines, frigates, corvettes, fast patrol vessels, fast attack craft, and offshore patrol vessels.

The government has backed this growth with record procurement contracts, innovations under iDEX, drives like SRIJAN, and two Defence Industrial Corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. Key acquisitions such as LCH (Light Combat Helicopters) Prachand helicopters and the ATAGS (Approval for Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System) highlight the shift towards indigenous capability. With targets of Rs 3 lakh crore in production and Rs 50,000 crore in exports by 2029, India is firmly positioning itself as a self-reliant and globally competitive defence manufacturing power.

OPERATION SINDOORA VALIDATION OF INDIA'S POLICIES

Operation SINDOORA is not just a story of tactical success. It is a validation of India's defence indigenization policies. From air defence systems to drones, from counter-UAS capabilities to net-centric warfare platforms, indigenous technology has delivered when it mattered most. The fusion of private-sector innovation, public-sector execution, and military vision has enabled India to not only defend its people and territory but also assert its role as a hi-tech military power in the 21st century. In future conflicts, the battlefield will increasingly be shaped by technology. And India, as shown in Operation SINDOORA, is ready, armed with its own innovations, backed by a determined state, and powered by the ingenuity of its people. KNO

LoC Shelling: 3 persons...

of danger now, he said.

He said that all six injured patients admitted in hospital are out of danger and are being treated properly at the hospital and will be discharged after recovery.

Recording manpower shortage, Dr Bhatia said that manpower shortage isn't in GMC Rajouri only it is pan state and government is working upon it. KNO

Pak deliberately...

in Uri. Omar assured the residents that relief measures are being initiated and that a detailed damage assessment is currently underway. "We are taking stock of the situation. Relief efforts are in motion and will continue over the next few days," he said, adding that the priority would be to provide immediate relief to the affected families, followed by long-term safety measures, including the construction of bunkers in vulnerable areas.

He said the demand for bunkers, which had faded over the years due to relative calm, has now resurfaced as a unanimous plea from border residents. This need cannot be ignored anymore.

The Chief Minister, who is on a visit to shelling-affected areas for the past three days, said the J&K government would coordinate with the central government to draft a comprehensive plan for bunker construction along the LoC. "After relief, bunkers are the next crucial step. We will work with the central government to ensure the safety of our people," he said.

Replying to a query, Abdullah said, "Only those who buried their loved ones can truly understand the cost of this conflict. From day one, I have maintained that this war was not initiated by us. It was a retaliatory response following the events in Pahalgam."

He acknowledged the efforts of the Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMO) from both sides in facilitating communication and restoring the ceasefire. "It's only after the DGMOs held talks that calm has returned along the borders. We are thankful for that, but long-term peace must be the goal," he said.

Omar said hostilities from one side always lead to inevitable escalation. "The day guns fall silent from across the border, they will stop from our side as well. Violence benefits no one," he remarked.

Moreover, in a series of posts on X, the Office of Chief Minister, J&K, shared the details of today's visit to Uri. "Met the family of Nargis Begum, who lost her life in the recent shelling in Uri. No words can express the depth of their grief or the magnitude of this tragedy. I pray they find the strength to bear this irreparable loss. We stand with them in this hour of grief," the post reads.

The CM, according to the post, visited shelling-affected areas of Uri, including Salamabad, Lagama, Bandi and Gingal. "This land has endured so much – from the impact of the 2005 earthquake to the pain of cross-border shelling. Yet, its people rise every time, with courage in their hearts and resilience in their spirit."

The Chief Minister said these visits should have been to share joy, to speak of development – not to offer condolences. "The pain of my people is deeply personal," he said. KNO

Three Lashkar...

operation, which culminated in the elimination of the three "hardcore terrorists," including the LeT/TRF commander.

"The three were actively involved in recent terror activities in the region. Recoveries from the operation include AK series rifles, a large quantity of ammunition, grenades and other war-like stores," the Army said in a statement.

It added that the operation was a result of excellent coordination between security forces and intelligence agencies.

Reaffirming its commitment, the Army stated: "We remain unwavering in our mission to eliminate terrorism. Every attempt to disturb peace will be met with decisive and unrelenting force."

Defence officials said that in the wake of the Pahalgam massacre, security forces have significantly intensified operations against LeT and other terror outfits. Vulnerable routes and areas in South Kashmir have been re-dominated and put under heightened surveillance.

"For the past several days, we had continuous inputs about terrorist movement in Shopian. On the night of May 12, their presence was confirmed in the upper reaches of Keller," a defence official said.

A joint operation was swiftly initiated, and on the morning of May 13, around 9 AM, troops spotted movement of three armed militants.

"When challenged, they opened indiscriminate fire. Our troops retaliated effectively, resulting in the neutralisation of all three," the official said, adding the trio were responsible for multiple terrorist incidents in the region.

Prez Murmu praises...

and Hizbul Mujahideen.

The strikes were carried out at around 1:00 AM on May 7, lasting 23 minutes, using Indian Air Force (IAF) jets, including Sukhoi-30MKI fighters armed with BrahMos missiles, SCALP cruise missiles, Crystal Maze-2 missiles, Hammer precision-guided munitions, and Spice-2000 bombs. KNO

Mata Vaishno Devi...

the journey.

Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, said the number of pilgrims is increasing as the situation improves. "As the security situation gets better, the number of devotees is also rising. Jammu Airport has resumed operations, including civilian flights and helicopter services," he said, adding, "We are also facilitating air travel through both online bookings and counters. All services are being maintained to ensure a smooth pilgrimage experience, and we expect the numbers to grow in the coming days."

Garg further added, "We have implemented comprehensive security arrangements along the route from Katra to the Bhawan, under the supervision of police and CRPF. Our CCTV surveillance systems and Integrated Command and Control Centre are operational."

Based on the recommendations from joint security reviews, we are working diligently to ensure a safe and pleasant environment for all pilgrims, the CEO said, adding that to encourage participation during the current lower attendance, they are offering free walk-in services for Garbhjoon Aarti and Attaka Aarti on a first-come, first-served basis.

Anshul Garg said the safety of pilgrims remains a priority. "Security arrangements are robust across Katra and along the entire route. We are committed to providing a secure environment so that devotees can enjoy their pilgrimage without concern," he said.

Locals said that while there has been some activity during the early morning and evening Aarti sessions, much of the daytime remains quiet, with many shops on the Bhawan road and in Katra closed due to the decreased footfall. The ongoing decline in pilgrims has affected local businesses, but the community continues to hope for an increase in devotees.

The SMVDB, along with the tourism department, hotel and restaurant associations, and local businesses, remains actively engaged in restoring the pilgrimage's usual vibrancy. It is anticipated that in the days ahead, the number of pilgrims will rise, which will revitalise the spiritual and economic life around Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan, the route and Katra. KNO

20 professor posts...

progress under the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) scheme. Over the past two years, approximately 10,000 patients have benefited from cashless treatment under this scheme, providing some relief to economically weaker sections of society. However, the absence of specialised diagnostic services like MRI continues to restrict the scope of medical care available at GMC Udhampur.

Locals have urged the government to urgently address the staffing shortages and upgrade diagnostic facilities to enable GMC Udhampur to function as a fully equipped tertiary care centre, to ensure better healthcare services for the region. KNO

Hajj flights resume...

Delhi. From there, two Hajj flights departed directly to Medina, carrying a total of 642 pilgrims."

Dr Qureshi noted that the committee was working round-the-clock to clear the backlog caused by the suspension. "We have written to the Ministry of Minority Affairs, requesting additional flights to manage the pendency. Tomorrow, we have scheduled two more flights, one as per the regular schedule and another dedicated to accommodating those whose departures were delayed," he said.

According to the plan, 641 pilgrims are set to fly out on Thursday around 320 from Jammu & Kashmir and

Ace of Spades Gunners Extend Humanitarian Aid to Shelling-Affected Civilians in Bela Village Nowshera



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NOWSHERA, MAY 14

The Ace of Spades Gunners demonstrated their unwavering commitment to the welfare of civilians by extending timely humanitarian assistance to the residents of Bela village, Naushera, who were severely impacted by cross-border shelling during Op SINDOORA. Understanding the gravity of the situation, the unit acted swiftly to address the urgent needs of the affected population. Amidst escalating tensions and intense shelling in the region, multiple homes in Bela village suffered extensive damage, leaving several families vulnerable and in need of immedi-

ate support. Rising to the occasion, the unit promptly mobilized its resources and launched relief operations to mitigate the suffering of the locals. As part of this aid mission, essential supplies including food, blankets, and first aid were distributed among the affected families. The efforts were aimed not only at providing material relief but also at restoring a sense of normalcy and stability to the distressed community. In addition to physical aid, the unit prioritized psychological support and reassurance, engaging closely with the villagers to reinforce the Army's role as a pillar of strength during times of crisis.

In a first, Aaj Tak screens film from window screen of KPC

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SRINAGAR, MAY 14 (KNO)

In a first of its kind, a national Hindi Television Channel—Aaj Tak screened a film from the window screen of Kashmir Press Club here on Tuesday.

As per the news agency, the film screened at Kashmir Press Club was based on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the Army soldiers at Admanpora in Punjab in which he boosted the morale of forces in the retaliatory action against Pakistan over the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, 2025, that left 26 people, mostly tourists dead.

The Hindi National Television Channel also became the first to screen a live program from Delhi studio at the commercial hub Lal Chowk, adjacent to the famous clock tower.

A sizable number of pedestrians watched the live discussions on the skirmishes of two countries—India and Pakistan.

This was for the first time that any news channel has streamed its live discussions directly from Delhi studio at the historic Lal Chowk in Srinagar.

Achieving the milestone, Aaj Tak has successfully undertaken a challenge to screen the live discussion at Lal Chowk and create awareness among the masses on various aspects during the discussion.

The success of the Indian Armed forces was highlighted during the discussion, which was appreciated and lauded by the attendees. KNO

Rare snow leopard sighted in Kargil's Suru Valley

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KARGIL, MAY 14 (KNO)

In a landmark development for wildlife conservation and eco-tourism in Ladakh, a Snow Leopard was captured on camera with its kill—an Ibex—for the first time in Suru Valley's Sangrah area in March this year.

The rare and dramatic sighting was documented by seasoned wildlife explorer Maqbool Hussain Moqudasi, known for his efforts in tracking elusive species in the region.

Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoo, as per the news agency, lauded the Wildlife Department and Moqudasi for this milestone. Dr. Akhoo noted that of the estimated 477 Snow Leopards in Ladakh, 127 are found in Kargil—a testament to the region's thriving and largely untouched ecosystem.

"This sighting is not only a breakthrough in wildlife documentation but also a gateway to eco-tourism and local employment opportunities," Dr. Akhoo stated.

242 from Ladakh. An additional group of 80 pending pilgrims, initially scheduled to travel on May 9 from Ladakh, will also be accommodated.

"We are addressing the backlog in a phased, date-wise manner, starting with May 7, followed by May 8 and onwards," Dr Qureshi said, adding that both J&K and Ladakh pilgrims affected by the disruption are being prioritised.

Notably, the temporary suspension of Hajj services had created concern among intending pilgrims, particularly those scheduled to travel earlier in the week. However, with the situation easing, the authorities have swiftly reinstated operations, ensuring that no pilgrim is left behind.

Dr Qureshi added that they were hopeful that the entire backlog will be cleared soon, and the regular Hajj flight schedule will be back on track. KNO

Pulwama set to launch Dharti Aaba Abhiyan across tribal villages

JI NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, MAY 14

In a major step towards ensuring holistic and sustainable development of tribal communities, District Administration Pulwama is set to implement the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan—a flagship initiative launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on October 2, 2024.

This nationwide campaign seeks to saturate tribal villages with essential service infrastructure and bridge gaps in human and economic development.

In alignment with the

national vision, District Administration Pulwama has initiated a focused strategy for the effective rollout of the campaign. This includes conducting a baseline gap analysis under the supervision of Block Development Officers to identify critical deficits in infrastructure and human development indicators in tribal settlements, ensuring these are addressed during the campaign.

The programme will be implemented through a series of well-structured awareness and service camps designed to reach the last mile beneficiary in each location. As part of this initiative, aware-

ness and benefit saturation camps will be conducted from 15th June to 30th June in various tribal villages of the district.

The Dharti Aaba Abhiyan in Pulwama will focus on intensive outreach, benefit saturation, and awareness campaigns across the tribal villages of the district.

These camps will provide on-the-spot services and entitlements under various government schemes, including social security, livelihood, education, housing, skill development and financial inclusion.

The campaign will ensure on-the-ground delivery

of services such as Aadhaar and voter ID enrolment, Jan Dhan Account, Ayushman Bharat card issuance, social security pensions, and registration under schemes like PMAY-G, Ujjwala Yojana, and PM-KISAN among others.

Besides, focus will also be on spreading awareness about Sickle cell disease and relating testing. Special attention will be given to addressing local development bottlenecks, ensuring universal access to basic amenities.

The campaign is a crucial step in advancing the collective vision of an inclusive and empowered tribal India.

District admin Srinagar reaches out to the fire victims of Guru Bazar

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SRINAGAR, MAY 14



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SRINAGAR, MAY 14

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat a team of District administration, Srinagar led by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadil Fareed today visited Guru Bazar area in Tehsil South of the District to provide immediate assistance to

the fire affected families whose houses were gutted in a fire incidents here on Wednesday.

The Immediate relief was sanctioned by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and was provided to the affected families in the form of blankets, Mattress etc to each affected families as an interim relief out of the District Red Cross Fund.

Deputy Commissioner meets shelling victims at District Hospital Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 14



Deputy Commissioner Poonch Vikas Kundal, along with Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik, today visited District Hospital here to meet and inquire about the well being of civilians injured in the cross border shelling. The officers interacted with the injured individuals, offering words of assurance and support in this difficult time.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Parvaiz Khan, briefed the Deputy Commissioner about the current medical arrangements, including the availability of essential medicines, presence of medical staff, and the

readiness of ambulance services. He informed that doctors are attending to patients round the clock extending all necessary care to them.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed hospital authorities to ensure the injured receive the best possible treatment without delay. He also appreciated the dedication of the medical teams working under challenging circumstances.

RAMP awareness programme held at Ramnagri, Shopian

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Power shutdown

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Bishnah, Chak Hasla, Rehal Pandorian, Kheri, Nandpur, Ramgarh, Kamore, Rangpur, Abtal, Nanga, Shahpur and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 15 from 7 am to 1 pm.

DC Reasi holds Public Outreach Camp at Panthal, inspects developmental works

JI NEWS SERVICE
REASI, MAY 14



Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Nidhi Malik today convened a comprehensive public outreach camp during her tour to Block Panthal conducted to review ongoing developmental works and address public grievances.

The camp was held at the Community Hall, Sira Kotla, Panthal and witnessed active participation from locals, including DDC members, Ex-Sarpanches, Panches and the general public.

During the camp, the locals projected varied demands seeking adequate and safe drinking water supply, road blacktopping and widening, implementation of schemes for Agriculture development, resolving disputes to facilitate execution of projects and timely pension disbursement.

The DC gave a patient hearing to all the concerns and issued on-spot direc-

tions to the concerned departments for timely redressal of issues. She instructed the PHE Department to conduct water quality testing, particularly to monitor and reduce calcium levels, and submit an action taken report.

Regarding the delayed cases of widow pensions, she directed the Social Welfare Department officials to make a list of left out beneficiaries and convene a special camp to address

the issues.

Addressing electricity-related grievances, DC Malik directed the PDD Department to conduct a thorough assessment for the requirement of additional poles to fix low-lying wires and resolve low voltage issues. She also encouraged locals to avail PM Surya Ghar Bijli Yojana, while asking the concerned government functionaries to spread community awareness for its broader

implementation.

In a move to promote local agriculture, the Agriculture Department was asked to explore the feasibility of establishing a dedicated counter for the local Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) to boost output and sales.

The PWD Department was instructed to ensure that all road works are executed as per approved DPRs, and observing zero tolerance against encroachments that might hinder project progress. Discussions were also held to expedite the construction of a vegetable shed near the railway station.

The DC assured the public that all projected issues would be resolved within the stipulated time-frame and that action taken reports would be submitted for monitoring and transparency.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited several developmental sites in Panthal. She inspected the cleanliness of local ponds,

reviewed facilities at the Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG), inspected the newly constructed Panchayat Ghar building at Sira Kotla, and visited the lemongrass processing unit and the project being executed under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). She also visited a polyhouse set up by the Agriculture Department and stressed the need to replicate such initiatives to enhance farmer welfare.

Additionally, the DC visited the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) building to review its current status and explore possibilities for its optimal usage. She also interacted with a beneficiary of the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, encouraging him to spread awareness about the scheme to help more residents benefit from it.

The outreach program was attended by ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal, ADC Rakesh Kumar, CPO Narinder Kumar, SDM Katra Piyush Dhotra, and other district and sectoral officers.

Dr Jitendra launches voluntary blood donation drive by DoPT

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 14

In a heartfelt gesture of solidarity with India's defence forces and the larger cause of national service, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated a voluntary Blood donation Camp today.

The Camp was organised by the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) at North Block here, where over 150 employees donated blood.

Earlier, a similar Blood Donation Camp was launched by Dr Jitendra Singh on behalf of the Ministry of Science & Technology at Ambedkar International Centre.

Addressing the gathering at the Voluntary Blood Donation Camp organized by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India, in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society, Dr. Jitendra Singh underscored the Ministry's commitment to national welfare. He highlighted that this Ministry is among the first to launch such an initiative, focusing not only on the management of personnel but also on training, capacity building, and fos-



tering a compassionate spirit among citizens.

Dr. Jitendra Singh personally interacted with the donors, applauding their selfless service and addressing common misconceptions surrounding blood donation, leveraging his medical expertise as a renowned endocrinologist.

The Minister also announced that similar blood donation camps will be organized across all departments and institutions under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions in the coming weeks. These efforts aim to establish a robust and diverse national blood pool that can be mobilized swiftly during

emergencies.

"This initiative echoes the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose resolve and commitment to national service we are proud to support through this small yet meaningful gesture," Dr. Singh added.

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Indian Red Cross Society, all participating institutions, and every individual who contributed to this noble cause. This momentous day not only celebrates the spirit of Indian science but also reaffirms the Ministry's ongoing commitment to nation-building and national service.

DC Shopian reviews implementation of self-employment schemes

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In order to assess the progress and implementation of various self-employment schemes in the district, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta at Mini-Secretariat Shopian today.

Addressing the Officers, DC emphasized the importance of working with dedication, zeal and a proactive approach to ensure that the benefits of these schemes reach the intended beneficiaries. He urged all departments to work in close coordination for the effective implementation of self-employment programmes in the district.

DC reiterated the Administration's commitment to empowering youth through sustainable livelihood opportunities and directed all the stakeholders to intensify efforts in this regard.

The meeting witnessed participation from key District Officers from the departments engaged in the implementation of self-employment initiatives aimed at promoting livelihood opportunities for the youth and unemployed sections of society.

During the review, existing gaps in implementation were identified, and concerned departments were directed to take corrective measures to ensure smoother execution.

General Manager District Industries Centre was stressed for achieving the full target under PMEGP and other schemes in the district.

Agriculture and other allied departments were also emphasized for achieving the target in full in all the schemes meant for the well-being of the unemployed youth of the district to enable them to earn their livelihood at ease to shine their future.

Banks were advised not to reject self-employment scheme applications without valid reasons, ensuring greater support for aspiring entrepreneurs.

ECI launches capacity building programme for new batch of field-level electoral officers from Bihar, Haryana and NCT of Delhi

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Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India Shri-Gyanesh Kumar inaugurated a two-day capacity-building training programme for Booth Level Officers (BLOs), BLO Supervisors, Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) from Haryana and NCT of Delhi at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), New Delhi today.

A total of 371 grassroots election officials (306 BLOs from Bihar; 30 EROs and BLO Supervisors from Haryana; 35 EROs and BLO Supervisors from NCT of Delhi) are taking part in the training programme. Including the current batch, over 2,600 field officials have been trained in the last two months by ECI in New Delhi.

In his inaugural address, CEC Gyanesh Kumar said that the BLOs will soon be issued standard Identity cards so as to facilitate their functioning during door-to-door verifications. He added that these participants will further train other BLOs in their respective States/UTs. The CEC impressed upon the participants that they are to function strictly as per the Representation of the People Act 1950, Registration of Electors Rules 1960, Conduct of Election Rules,

1961 and the instructions issued by the ECI from time to time.

The training is designed to enhance participants' practical understanding especially in the areas of voter registration, Form handling, and field-level implementation of electoral procedures. The participants will be familiarised with the provisions of first and second appeals against the final electoral rolls as published with the DM/District Collector/Executive Magistrate under Section 24(a) of RP Act 1950 and the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of the State/UT under section 24(b) respectively.

It may be recalled that no less than 2,600 officials from Bihar, Haryana and NCT of Delhi after the announcement of General Elections 2024 have been trained by the ECI till 10th of January 2025.

The two-day training programme will include sessions on field level activities like simulating house-to-house surveys, case studies, and hands-on exercises for filling Forms 6, 7 and 8. Additionally, participants will receive practical training on the Voter Helpline App (VHA) and the IT tools. The officials will also be provided technical demonstrations and training of EVMs and VVPATs including mock polls.

NCSC starting free, Stipendiary Coaching, Training for SC, ST Jobseekers

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National Career Service Centre (NCSC) for SC/ST, Jammu- a subordinate office under DGE, Ministry of Labour & Employment (Govt. of India), is going to conduct Free of Cost and Stipendiary Coaching/Training for SC/ST Jobseekers of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The eligible Jobseekers will be imparted "O" level Computer Software and "O" level Computer Hardware & Maintenance (CHM) training through NIELIT & Special Coaching Scheme for One Year.

The Training will likely start from July 1-2025. The minimum eligible Qualification is 10+2 pass, The age limit for Special

Coaching Scheme is 18-27 yrs (as on 01-07-2025) & "O" level Computer Software, "O" level Computer Hardware & Maintenance (CHM) is 18-30 yrs (as on 01-07-2025) with Income Certificate up to Rs. 3 Lakh per annum.

During the training, the eligible Jobseekers may be provided a stipend of Rs. 1000 per month. Free Books & Stationery will also be provided. Candidates would be considered for only One Course.

Interested SC/ST Jobseekers can contact National Career Service Centre for SC/ST, Jammu, 3rd Floor, Directorate of Employment Building, J&K, Shanti Nagar, Toph-sherkhania, Jammu (J&K) (UT)-181121 during Office Working Hrs.

EDITORIAL

Celebrating the Heart of Humanity – International Day of Families

Each year on May 15, the world observes the International Day of Families, a day set aside by the United Nations to recognize the fundamental role families play in shaping individuals, communities, and societies. This year's theme, like many before it, emphasizes not just the structure of families but their evolving nature and the urgent need to support them amid global changes.

At its core, the family is humanity's oldest and most resilient institution. Whether bound by blood, marriage, adoption, or chosen ties, families provide the first lessons in love, respect, identity, and responsibility. They are where children learn values, where culture is passed down, and where emotional and often economic support is found in times of crisis. In moments of both triumph and despair, the family remains the first and last sanctuary.

Yet, families across the globe face unprecedented challenges. From economic instability and displacement due to conflict or climate change, to rising mental health struggles, digital divides, and shifting social norms, the very fabric of family life is being tested. The COVID-19 pandemic laid bare many of these vulnerabilities—forcing parents to become teachers, workers to become caretakers, and generations to reconnect or, tragically, to be separated.

This year's observance should serve as more than a ceremonial acknowledgment—it must be a clarion call to policymakers, educators, employers, and communities. We must reimagine support systems that make family life sustainable and fulfilling: family-friendly work policies, access to quality healthcare and education, affordable housing, and protections for the most vulnerable, including children, the elderly, and those living in non-traditional family arrangements.

Equally important is embracing the diversity of families in the modern world. Single-parent households, blended families, LGBTQ+ parents, and multigenerational homes all contribute to the rich tapestry of human experience. Celebrating this diversity is essential in promoting inclusive and compassionate societies.

On this International Day of Families, let us reflect not only on our personal bonds but also on how we, as a global community, nurture the environments in which families thrive. Because when families are strong and supported, nations prosper—and humanity moves forward with greater unity, empathy, and hope.

BJP's biggest challenge in Bihar: Balancing alliances and strategy

RAJESH KUMAR SINGH

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) faces one of its toughest electoral battles in Bihar. Its primary challenge is to win the upcoming elections by maintaining unity within the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and increasing its vote share. The pressing question is: Can the NDA stay united? Will the smaller allies support the BJP once again in its bid for power?

This uncertainty looms over NDA leaders, compounded by political speculation around Nitish Kumar's repetitive public statements. Yet, this moment presents a golden opportunity for the BJP to reclaim power.

BJP's chief strategist, Amit Shah, is acutely aware of the situation. Like Abhimanyu in the Mahabharata, he finds himself surrounded, fighting almost alone in the Bihar campaign. His allies in the state come from a socialist background, which may not provide the desired leverage in caste-based calculations.

Moreover, the BJP risks losing a significant portion of the Muslim vote bank following the controversial Waqf Amendment Bill. Historically, Muslim voters have backed the party most likely to defeat the BJP. The poor performance of JDU in the 2014 Lok Sabha and 2020 Assembly elections is evidence of this trend.

This time, the BJP aims to benefit by keeping all NDA factions united while consolidating their individual vote banks under its own umbrella. In essence, BJP must win the election on its own terms – while still working alongside JDU. Achieving this will require testing new political and caste equations daily and



forging consensus – an undeniably difficult task.

On the other side stands the Mahagathbandhan (Grand Alliance), comprising RJD, Congress, and the Left parties. Here, the Yadav-Muslim (MY) equation remains intact – an undeniable strength, possibly strengthened further by the Waqf Amendment Bill.

Although backwardness in Bihar is routinely criticised, the state has long been a testing ground for political experiments. Currently, the BJP faces several challenges: its allies are demanding more assembly seats, and the party itself is striving to boost its vote percentage.

There are few dedicated and well-regarded grassroots workers within the BJP. Many active members have defected from other parties and are not fully accepted by the core cadre.

Several former Union Ministers have lost ground and credibility, making them unreliable assets. Some sitting MPs may be fielded in the assembly elections, and similar suggestions have been made for JDU candidates.

However, the escalating and often unreasonable seat demands from allies are becoming a point of tension. To tackle this, BJP has introduced the caste census as a strategic move.

It claims this step is a leap toward social justice, aimed at attracting OBC and EBC voters – key electoral blocs in Bihar, where caste equations largely decide outcomes. According to sources within the RSS, BJP is in favour of reuniting the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) in its original form, believing that a split will divide its vote share.

Chirag Paswan's announcement to contest the elections and the dissatisfaction within Pashupati Paras's faction have only intensified the family feud. The Chief Minister face remains unresolved. If BJP openly endorses Nitish Kumar, it risks alienating its core workers and supporters, many of whom may become disillusioned or inactive. In such a scenario, disenchanted BJP voters could shift their support to Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj. Interestingly, BJP could still benefit if anti-incumbency votes are diverted

away from RJD.

Meanwhile, AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi has signalled his intent to contest, which may again disrupt the MY equation, as witnessed in previous elections. Historically, three regions in Bihar have shaped the trajectory of socialist politics.

This time, these regions are once again at the heart of the contest. Mithilanchal has emerged as a key battleground since the days of Mandal politics and Lalu Yadav's social engineering –

now largely overseen by NDA Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Jha. These areas, where the MY equation has thrived, are once again central to BJP's strategy. Amit Shah and Prime Minister Modi have already made multiple visits to the region, and a state-wide "Bihar Marathon Tour" by the Prime Minister is being planned. This will feature the politics of "Makhana" and airport announcements – strategic "revisits" aimed at wooing voters.

Despite opposition, BJP and JDU have entrusted Sanjay Jha with the coordination efforts. Two Bhumihar leaders from Munger-Begusarai were recently inducted into the cabinet, despite limited political returns. They may also be positioned as caste-specific candidates in the assembly elections. The focus will later shift to Nitish Kumar's strongholds – Nalanda and Rajgir – where BJP is already making inroads.

The role of Nitish's son, Nishant Kumar, is also under consideration, as are other leaders close to Nitish. Some MPs and Nitish's trusted allies might be fielded for the assembly polls. Discussions are also ongoing about new names. Several

Rajput leaders have shown influence in the name of Veer Kunwar Singh.

Among them, Anand Mohan stands out. The Thakur leader reportedly has sway in multiple Lok Sabha constituencies, especially in Shivhar and Vaishali. JDU is reportedly wary of his growing proximity to BJP. Anand Mohan is also active in his home region, Kosi.

However, the real battlefield for BJP remains Seemanchal. Amit Shah is expected to return there, with Prime Minister Modi likely to follow – using the Purnia Airport and Greenfield Expressway as political touchpoints. Analysts suggest Seemanchal is also where Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj is gaining ground, especially with its aggressive stance against Lalu Yadav.

The MY formula dominates here, with added support from Dalit and backward communities. RJD maintains strongholds across the region, except in Purnia. In the last election, Owaisi tried to penetrate the Muslim vote bank.

Since then, Seemanchal's economic conditions have evolved, but the region's political leadership remains rooted in the past.

Recognising this, BJP is preparing to sideline old leadership figures across Bihar and introduce fresh faces – possibly Amit Shah's most important move. This strategy could help transform Bihar into a BJP stronghold. As the countdown begins, several more visits from the Prime Minister are expected. These may bring clarity to the ongoing speculations and political equations.

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Operation Sindoor and the silence of modern war

RAJIV MALHOTRA

South Asia may have just danced on the edge of something darker. But if there's one lesson the world should take from the past week, it's this: modern warfare doesn't need noise. It needs intent and the capacity to follow through.

For decades, South Asia has been a study in controlled volatility. But the 72 hours beginning in the early hours of May 7, 2025, revealed just how perilously thin the line is between control and chaos.

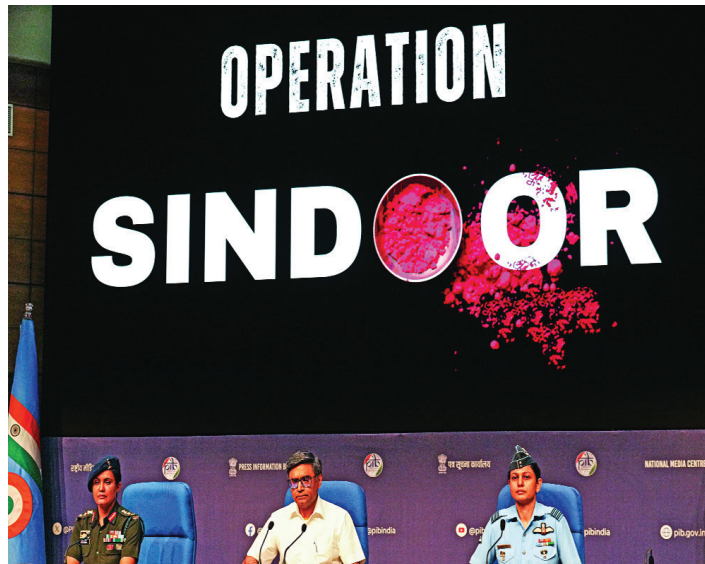
India's decision to launch Operation Sindoor – a precise, joint-services strike deep inside Pakistan – offered a sobering glimpse of 21st-century coercive diplomacy at its most refined.

One might have expected tanks rolling, fiery rhetoric, or the familiar fog that typically shrouds subcontinental crises. Instead, what unfolded was a mission of surgical precision: unmistakably forceful, strategically brief, and executed with a discipline that left no room for improvisation or escalation.

The spark was the massacre in Pahalgalam on April 22, where 26 unarmed tourists were killed in cold blood. In the past, such tragedies triggered a well-worn cycle: national outrage, diplomatic demarches, international hand-wringing and eventual inertia. This time, the script was quietly rewritten.

Within hours, India's National Security Council entered what insiders call "audit mode" – a focused, silent review tracing the attack's logistics, mapping militant camps, and assessing the costs and consequences of action.

The usual leaks to the media were absent. Parliament stayed quiet. There was no posturing, only planning. Seventeen days later, the result emerged: Operation Sindoor, named after the vermilion streak worn by Hindu women to symbolise enduring



commitment.

At 03:40 hours on May 7, Rafale fighters carrying SCALP cruise missiles soared over the Thar Desert, hugging terrain contours to evade radar. Their targets: Bahawalpur and Muridke – sites long known to intelligence agencies but never previously struck. Minutes later, Heron-TP drones, already circling above, relayed real-time footage to South Block.

As militants scrambled in the wake of the blasts, loitering munitions dove after them. Off the Makran coast, an Indian Navy task group briefly lit up its active radar systems – just long enough to send a message to the Pakistan Navy without triggering open conflict. Army units simultaneously feinted along the Rajasthan border, forcing Pakistan to divert armoured assets while the real blows landed hundreds of kilometres away.

The entire operation lasted under 30 minutes. By sunrise, the shooting had stopped, the message had been delivered, and the jets were home.

Nine terrorist compounds were destroyed, and over 90 militants were killed, according to independent assessments. But the operation's significance wasn't in its body count – it lay

in what it chose not to destroy. Pakistani military installations were spared. Rail and radar infrastructure remained untouched. The message was clear: India could escalate but chose not to. It was a strike on the ecosystem of terrorism, not on the Pakistani state – a display of both strength and restraint.

By May 10, Islamabad was on the defensive. At 3:35 pm a call from Pakistan's Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) to New Delhi requested a ceasefire. India agreed – on its terms. The strategic objectives had been met.

Then came a startling signal. A US Department of Energy Gulfstream, tail number N111SZ, landed in Islamabad – an aircraft that only flies in the event of suspected radiological threats. Either a strike had landed too close to a nuclear storage site at Noor Khan Airbase, or the mere proximity of the attack had alarmed Washington. Both scenarios reflect how dangerously close even a "limited" counter-terror operation can come to nuclear tripwires.

Domestically, India saw an unusual political consensus. Even the Congress Party swiftly endorsed the armed forces. Television anchors – usually

quick to polarise – focused instead on operational details and strategic implications. Markets, too, responded with calm confidence: the Sensex dipped and then rallied, rewarding defence stocks.

Meanwhile, Karachi's exchange fell by 5 per cent in a single day. In modern warfare, capital flight, like artillery, follows confidence – and confidence firmly backed New Delhi.

Diplomatically, India moved swiftly. Within 48 hours, Indian envoys shared intercepts and high-resolution imagery with Washington.

London, Riyadh, Moscow, and Paris, establishing a clear link between the Bahawalpur camps and the Pahalgalam attackers.

The global reaction or lack thereof – was telling. No resolutions at the UN, and no condemnations from the European Union. Even Beijing limited itself to standard statements on sovereignty, perhaps wary of drawing attention to its practices in Xinjiang.

Yet none of this ensures long-term stability. Pakistan still maintains tactical nuclear weapons under its full-spectrum doctrine. A misread blip on a radar screen, or a rogue field commander, could undo everything. In both nations, political dynamics could reintroduce volatility: having demonstrated precision, a future Indian Government may feel compelled to show magnitude. Pakistan, for its part, must weigh whether hosting proxy militants remains a strategic asset or a glowing target.

External powers should take note. Applause is not enough. Real steps are needed: converting the 2003 DGMO hotline into a secure video link, and nudging Pakistan's legislature to criminalise, not just ban, UN-listed terrorists.

For India, Operation Sindoor now joins the canon of

decisive military acts – alongside Pokhran II and Balakot – not because of the destruction wrought, but because it shattered old assumptions. First, Pak-based terror groups are no longer protected by geography. A cruise missile can skim the desert and strike with impunity. Second, global diplomatic instinct may be shifting – from privileging fragile stability to acknowledging the legitimacy of precise, rules-based retaliation.

And then, there's the operation's name. In Indian culture, sindoor is not decorative. It is declarative – a daily reaffirmation of commitment. New Delhi's invocation of that symbol was not mere flourish. It was a vow: that counter-terrorism is not a spasm, but a doctrine.

Some may call that symbolism excessive. Yet nations run on symbols as much as they do on steel and silicon.

Pakistan too has its emotive vocabulary. But unless it separates its nationalism from its reliance on non-state militancy, it will continue to operate at a disadvantage – forever uncertain which of its sanctuaries might next become a crater.

Operation Sindoor has not ended but the red dust has settled – for now. But the operation redrew boundaries, both real and conceptual. The week of May 7 was not an anomaly. It was a signal. In this age, where resolve travels by drone, missile, and market ticker, the quietest wars may leave the loudest echoes. And the margin for error has never been thinner.

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SMVDU Faculty presents Research Paper in International Conference at Kerala

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Prof. Eswaramoorthy Muthusamy, School of Mechanical Engineering, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), presented his research on Thermal Management in Modern Electronics at the international conference on "Recent Trends in Mechanical Engineering". The conference, organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering [NBA Accredited], College of Engineering Adoor, Govt of Kerala, esteemed domain experts, researchers, and professionals from around the world, including National Taiwan University; University of Warwick, UK; Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram; University of Technology and Applied Sciences, Muscat, Oman; Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee, USA; Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh; Robert Bosch, Germany; Coventry University, UK., IIT Madras, IIT Mumbai, NIT-T, NIT-K, were present among others. Prof. Eswaramoorthy Muthusamy's research paper titled "Recent Development in Thermal Management of Modern Electronics Devices" explores the review on thermal management in electronic devices, various strategies adopted for thermal management, and impacts on its reliability and life spans.

The study highlights the comprehensive review on status, state of the art in thermal management in electronic devices and research challenges and future scope for further



studies. As electronic devices become smaller and more powerful, effective thermal management has become essential to maintain performance, prevent overheating, and extend device lifespan. Recent advancements focus on innovative materials, miniaturized cooling technologies, and intelligent systems. Key developments include: Advanced Materials- High thermal conductivity substances like graphene, carbon nanotubes (CNTs), and phase change materials (PCMs) are being used to improve heat transfer and storage. Micro/Nanoscale Cooling- Technologies such as microchannel heat sinks, nanofluids, and thermoelectric coolers enable compact and efficient heat removal from localized hotspots. Passive and Active Cooling Techniques- Improved thermal interface materials (TIMs), vapor chambers, and active liquid cooling systems provide better thermal control for high-performance devices. AI-Driven Thermal Management- Integration of artificial intelligence and smart sensors allows

dynamic, real-time regulation of temperature based on workload and environmental conditions. Emerging Trends- flexible thermal solutions for wearable tech, and integration with energy-efficient systems is gaining momentum. These developments aim to ensure reliability, efficiency, and sustainability in the next generation of electronic systems. The technical presentation brought great attention and discussion to flexible phase change materials and phase change materials to minimize the overheating which causes

failure of modern electronic devices. Dr. Eswaramoorthy Muthusamy has outreached the SMVDU's reputation in the interdisciplinary research domain of electronic devices of thermal management and academic excellence. Also, Prof. Eswaramoorthy has served as technical chair for a session to moderate the technical presentations. The conference provided a platform for experts to share their research and insights, fostering a collaborative environment to address the recent trends in mechanical engineering.

"Nation First" is guiding principle of BJP: Balbir Ram

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has, time and again, reiterated that the guiding principle for every activist of the party is Nation First and its interests above all. This core belief continues to shape the party's vision, strategy, and grassroots activities across the country, said Balbir Ram Rattan, party spokesperson & former vice chairperson. He was discussing BJP's core ideology and principles with party activists.

Balbir Ram Rattan emphasized the importance of prioritizing

national interests over personal or political gain. He called upon all the activists to work with a spirit of service, discipline, and responsibility, ensuring that their actions always reflect the values enshrined in the party's ideology. "Our nation is not just a piece of land but an embodiment of our culture, values, history, and aspirations," said Balbir, adding that our activists are always at the service of Bharat Mata. Whether in government, opposition, or social service, our mission remains the same: the prosperity, security, and dignity of every Indian.

Balbir highlighted that the party's commitment to national development includes empowering youth, promoting innovation, and strengthening democratic institutions. He urged all to maintain high ethical standards, resist divisive politics, and focus on inclusive development. For us, politics is not a career but a duty that begins with putting the nation first. As the largest political party in the world, the BJP continues to strive for a new India—strong, self-reliant, and united under the banner of "Nation First, Party Next, Self Last," he said.

Army Authorities Visit Shelling-Hit Border Villages in Nowshera Sector

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Army authorities from Nowshera conducted a visit to the border villages of Lam and Jhangar, situated near the Line of Control (LoC), following recent incidents of cross-border shelling that caused damage to several houses and injured livestock.

During their visit, Army officials met with affected residents and assured all possible support. They also emphasized close coordination with the local civil administration to facilitate speedy rehabilitation and relief measures.

Expressing solidarity with the villagers, the Army reaffirmed the nation's unwavering commitment to the safety, security, and welfare of its border residents. The officials appreciated the resilience and courage displayed by the local population in the face of adversity.

IGNOU to open online portal for re-registration for the July 2025 session

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Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has announced the start of online portal for re-registration for the July 2025 academic session from May 15, 2025 onwards. The re-registration is meant for already registered/enrolled learners who are eligible to register for next year or semester.



Centre or drop a mail on rcjammu@ignou.ac.in with the request to reset the password.

In case online payment made by any learner does not get updated, do not make the second payment immediately. Learners must wait for a day, check the payment status and then decide further course of action. Learners are advised not to wait for the last date for submission of re-registration form since the servers get heavily overloaded towards the last date of online submission due to huge rush.

"Learners must exercise due caution in making online transactions and as far as possible must use their own card/net banking to make payment and in case the learners are using third-party services (cybercafe or some other outlet) for submission of re-registration form, they must ensure that the courses have been correctly chosen and payment of admission fee has been made successfully. Do not forget to obtain a printout of the form submitted and payment confirmation", said Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Regional Director.

In case any learner has forgotten his/her User ID or password or has changed the registered mobile number at later stages and is not able to log in to re-register, he/she must approach the Regional

SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS-2025									
For the convenience of rail passengers, Railways have decided to run the following Summer Special Express Trains as per schedule given below:-									
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04026	Delhi Jn	23:05	Raxaul Jn	19:00	Weekly	Thu	upto 10.07.2025		
04025	Raxaul Jn	22:00	Delhi Jn	17:45	Weekly	Fri	upto 11.07.2025		
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04207	Lucknow Jn	08:05	New Delhi	17:50	Weekly	Mon	upto 07.07.2025		
04208	New Delhi	20:20	Lucknow Jn	06:00	Weekly	Mon	upto 07.07.2025		
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04217	Varanasi Jn	06:25	Lucknow Jn	11:45	Daily		upto 30.06.2025		
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04219	Shahganj Jn	22:35	Ayodhya Dham Jn	01:40	Daily		upto 10.07.2025		
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04206	Varanasi Jn	14:50	Chandigarh	07:45	Weekly	Sat	upto 05.07.2025		
04205	Chandigarh	09:30	Varanasi Jn	01:20	Weekly	Sun	upto 06.07.2025		
04518	Bhatinda Jn	20:50	Varanasi Jn	17:30	Bi-weekly	Mon, Fri	upto 11.07.2025		
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04503	Patna Jn	22:45	Chandigarh	23:10	Weekly	Fri	upto 30.05.2025		
04302	Yog N Rishikesh	15:20	Muzaffarpur Jn	13:00	Weekly	Tue	upto 15.07.2025		
04301	Muzaffarpur Jn	15:00	Yog N Rishikesh	14:20	Weekly	Wed	upto 16.07.2025		
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04303	Gorakhpur	09:00	Yog N Rishikesh	00:55	Weekly	Sun	upto 13.07.2025		
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03256	Anand Vihar (T)	23:30	Patna Jn	18:35	Bi-weekly	Mon, Fri	03.01.2025 till further advise		

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Dr Rajeev Bhagat inaugurates 50 KVA Transformer, announces one more Transformer at Lalyana Grid Station

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BISHNAH, MAY 14

Residents of the Bishnah constituency are set to receive much-needed respite from unscheduled power cuts as Dr. Rajeev Bhagat, MLA Bishnah, today inaugurated a new 50 MVA (Mega Volt Ampere) transformer at the Grid Station Lalyana. The project, amounting to Rs 5.50 Crores and announce one more Transformer worth Rs 9.50 Crores for Grid Station Lalyana, marks a substantial step towards strengthening the power infrastructure in the region.

The inauguration ceremony, held at the Lalyana Grid Station, was met with enthusiasm from local residents and officials alike. The newly commissioned 50 MVA transformer will

augment the existing 100 MVA transformer already operational at the grid station. Furthermore, Dr. Bhagat announced that another 50 MVA transformer is slated for installation at the same grid station in the near future.

Speaking at the inauguration, Dr. Rajeev Bhagat emphasized his commitment to providing reliable and uninterrupted power supply to all citizens. He stated that the persistent issue of unscheduled electricity cuts in the Bishnah constituency has been a matter of concern, and the installation of these new transformers is a direct response to the needs of the people.

"Today marks an important day for the people



of Bishnah," Dr. Bhagat said. "The inauguration of this 50 MVA transformer, along with the upcoming installation of another, will significantly enhance the power infrastructure in our constituency. This will undoubtedly bring much-needed relief from the inconvenience caused by frequent power interruptions, especially during

peak seasons."

He further added that the Rs 5.50 Crore investment reflects the government's dedication to improving basic amenities and ensuring a better quality of life for the residents of Bishnah. Dr. Bhagat lauded the efforts of the Power Development Department (PDD) in executing the project efficiently.

Executive Engineer of PDD, Shri Rajesh Bhagat, who was also present at the inauguration, provided technical insights into the impact of the new infrastructure. He explained that the addition of the 50 MVA transformer will significantly increase the power handling capacity of the Lalyana Grid Station, allowing it to cater to the growing electricity demands of the Bishnah constituency more effectively. Prominent members of the area also attended the inauguration ceremony, expressing their gratitude for the initiative. They highlighted the difficulties faced by the residents due to frequent power cuts, impacting daily life, busi-

nesses, and the education of students. The inauguration of the new transformer was seen as a significant step towards addressing these long-standing issues. This new transformer gives us hope that these issues will finally be resolved. We are thankful to the MLA and the PDD for taking this important step."

The event concluded with Dr. Rajeev Bhagat reiterating his commitment to the overall development of the Bishnah constituency and assuring the residents of continued efforts towards improving infrastructure and basic amenities. The inauguration of the transformer at the Lalyana Grid Station marks a significant milestone in this direction, promising a brighter and more powered future for the people of Bishnah.

Satwik wins Silver Medal in KIYG in Weight Lifting event



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Satwik Luthra of J&K UT creates history after winning Silver Medal in Khelo India Youth Games at Bihar in Weight Lifting event. Weight Lifting events are being held today at Patna in Khelo India Youth Games. SATWIK LUTHRA of J&K wins Silver Medal in 102 kg Weight category after lifting 264 kg Weight. Satwik gives credit to his

Coach Aakash Viridhy. He is practising from the last 5 years in MA Stadium Weight Lifting Hall. Satwik aims to participate in Youth Olympic Games 2026. It is pertinent to mention here that Satwik won Silver Medal in National Games 2024 which was held at Dharamshala (HP). Meanwhile Secy J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gul appreciates Satwik for winning Silver Medal.

BJP delegation visits shelling affected areas in Poonch, meets victims, review relief measures

J1 NEWS SERVICE
MENDHAR, POONCH, 14 MAY

BJP delegation led by Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP visited the shelling affected areas in Poonch, took a ground stock of the damages caused, met affected people, and the families of martyrs. They also held a meeting with BJP workers in Mendhar of District Poonch.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary, J&K BJP and MLA, Adv. Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary Gurdeep Singh Khalsa District President, Rajinder Gupta, Prabhari Poonch, Mandal Presidents, District Office Bearers and Morcha Presidents and others accompanied the party president.

BJP leaders visited Shree Gurudwara Singh Sabha, and Ashram of Shree Shambhu Panchayati Atal



Akhada, both in Krishna Ghaati to assess the damages that have been caused by the shelling from across the borders.

They also visited the house of Balwinder Kour martyred in the shelling, while meeting the shelling affected people.

While speaking with the affected people, Sat Sharma strongly criticized Pakistan for targeting civilian areas. Emphasizing that every single life matters, he asserted that

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will ensure that no sacrifice goes in vain. He further urged Pakistan to learn a lesson and shift its focus from supporting terrorist activities to prioritizing the welfare of its own civilians.

While addressing party activists, Sat Sharma lauded the success of Operation Sindoor and praised the bravery of the Indian Armed Forces. He emphasized that India's pride has been strength-

ened by its robust defense capabilities.

He urged the party workers to take the lead in assisting people during this challenging time, without pause or rest. Sharma also called on them to coordinate closely with the administration to expedite relief and rehabilitation efforts.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal urged the party cadre to lead a people's movement in appreciation of the Indian Armed Forces, who demonstrated exceptional discipline and professionalism during Operation Sindoor.

Vibodh Gupta highlighted the emergence of India's defense as a fortified technological advancement. He also underlined the importance of an organized and responsive party cadre in times of crisis.

Agniveer Registration & Training Camp organized for Agniveer aspirants at Doda

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA: 14 MAY 2025

The Indian Army conducted Agniveer registration & training camp at Doda on 14 May 2025. A total of 49 youth including one girl aspirant attended the said program. This initiative aims to support the Indian Government's effort to inspire & prepare the nation's youth for a transformative journey of service and skill development as Agniveers. As part of the ongoing commitment to national development and community engagement, Indian Army hosted this activity to promote awareness, empower aspirants & enhance community participation. The purpose of organising the camp was to motivate youth to get



enrolled through Agnipath scheme launched by the Indian Government. The Agniveers will be infused into the civil society where they can contribute immensely towards the nation building process. The Agniveer training & registration drive underscores Indian Army's unwavering commitment to patriotic & skilled youth population ready to contribute to India's growth

& security. This event was a noble undertaking by the Army to motivate the youth of our district, further strengthening the bond between the Army and the Awaam. The participants had glowing reviews and feedback for the event, with many hoping such events to be conducted regularly by Army to prepare the youth better for upcoming recruitment rallies.

Educational institutions reopen in Udhampur, parts of Kathua

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

As life limps back to normalcy, all educational institutions reopened on Wednesday in non-border areas, including Udhampur and parts of Kathua district in Jammu and Kashmir.

Officials here said that schools and colleges reopened nearly one week after they were closed in view of the tension between India and Pakistan along the Line of Control and the International Border.

"As the situation is normal, the schools and colleges in the non-border areas have reopened this morning," said an official. Educational institutions have reopened in the entire Udhampur district but in parts of Kathua district that do not share borders.

Indian Army a Shield on Border area, Lifeline for Shelling-affected Civilians in Doda



shelling zones, setting up emergency medical camps for the injured and the ill, or simply being present with a reassuring word and a helping hand as protectors and caregivers. In situations where civilian agencies face challenges in reaching remote or high-risk areas, the Indian Army fills the void with swift, silent, and selfless service. Their very presence instills a sense of security in the hearts of those living under constant threat. The Indian Army has also built strong bonds with local communities, listening to their concerns

and responding with timely assistance. Their efforts have not only helped restore normalcy but have also rekindled faith in the system. These acts of service reveal the true essence of the Indian Army in the face of the enemy and compassionate in the face of human suffering. They defend borders, but more importantly, they defend lives.

comfort, and resilience. A powerful example of this can be seen in the efforts of the Doda Battalion. Understanding the silence that lingers in shattered homes and the quiet suffering of displaced families, the battalion responded with unmatched compassion. Their actions reflect not just a sense of duty, but deep humanity. Whether it was delivering food supplies to families trapped in

MLA Marh identifies key areas of development in Gho Mansa

J1 NEWS SERVICE
MARH, MAY 14

MLA Marh Surinder Kumar Wednesday chaired a crucial meeting at Municipal Committee Ghour Manasa to discuss the development of the town. The meeting focused on key issues such as upgradation and maintenance of the main road, improvement of facilities at the cremation ground, construction and maintenance of bathrooms for women, improvement of streets and drainage system.

The meeting was attended by prominent officials, including Rajendra Singh Chib, former Chairman of Municipal Committee Ghour Manasa and BJP District Jammu Border Incharge, Dev Raj, Executive Officer, Bikram Thapa, Senior Assistant, Birendra Sharma, BJP worker. The meeting saw a detailed discussion on various development projects, with a focus on addressing the needs of the local community. The meeting demonstrated the commitment of the Municipal Committee and local leaders to drive development in Ghour Mansa.

The meeting aimed to identify key areas of development in Ghour Mansa and work towards creating a plan to address the



needs of the local community. The Municipal Committee and local leaders are committed to driving development and improving the quality of life for residents. The commitment to addressing all genuine grievances in a time-bound manner demonstrates a proactive approach to resolving issues and improving the lives of citizens. This approach can help build trust and confidence in the system, ensuring that concerns are heard and addressed efficiently.

MLA Marh speaking on the occasion said that addressing grievances in a time-bound manner ensures that issues are resolved promptly, reducing delays and inconvenience to citizens. A structured process for

addressing grievances promotes transparency and accountability, helping to build trust in the system. By prioritizing the resolution of genuine grievances, the system demonstrates a commitment to putting citizens' needs first, added MLA.

MLA claimed that timely resolution of grievances leads to increased citizen satisfaction and trust in the system. A structured process for addressing grievances helps allocate resources effectively, reducing waste and improving productivity. A time-bound approach to addressing grievances promotes accountability and transparency, ensuring that issues are addressed promptly and fairly, added MLA.

Dr. Dinesh Gupta Assumes Charge as Honorary Secretary of Home for Aged & Infirm, Ambphalla, Jammu



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

On relinquishing the charge by Shri Vijay Bhagotra after serving selflessly for 22 years as Honorary Secretary of the Home for Aged & Infirm, Ambphalla, Jammu. Dr. Dinesh Gupta, a distinguished social worker and community leader, has been appointed as the Honorary Secretary of the Home for Aged & Infirm, Ambphalla, Jammu. He formally assumed charge today in the presence of Life Time Achievement Awardee Shri I.D. Soni, President of the Managing Committee; Shri Vijay Gupta, Joint Secretary; and Members Shri Pankaj Gupta, Shri Satpal Sharma, and Shri R.C. Vaid.

Dr. Gupta brings with him a wealth of experience and a lifetime of dedicated service to society. He is the Former Assistant General

Manager of the Reserve Bank of India, Former Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society, and Founder Director of CHILDLINE - a project of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. Currently, he is the elected Chairman of the Indian Red Cross Society, District Branch Jammu, and Patron of the Indian Red Cross Society, Jammu & Kashmir.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to humanitarian and social services, Dr. Gupta has been honored with the prestigious President of India Gold Medal for Social Service.

The Managing Committee expressed confidence that under Dr. Gupta's stewardship, the Home for Aged & Infirm will continue to uphold its mission of compassionate care and welfare for the elderly and infirm.

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA: 14 MAY 2025

The Indian Army stands not only as a shield at the border but also as a lifeline for those affected by enemy shelling. In conflict-hit regions, where fear replaces routine and destruction overshadows daily life, the Indian Army's role goes beyond defending the nation it becomes a source of hope,

Samsung announces pre-orders for Galaxy S25 Edge in India

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today opened pre-orders for its category-defining Galaxy S25 Edge, the slimmest Galaxy S series smartphone. Crafted with style and strength in mind, Galaxy S25 Edge strikes a new balance of premium, pro-level performance in a resilient titanium body. Galaxy S25 Edge delivers on the S series legacy, integrating an iconic Galaxy AI-enabled camera and unleashing a new realm of creativity in an effortlessly portable device.

With a thin 5.8mm chassis, Galaxy S25 Edge is a remarkable feat of engineering that reimagines nearly every element of smartphone design.

Its refined frame bridges form and function at just 163 grams, taking slim smartphones to the next level while staying true to the Galaxy S series' unified design.

Alongside its streamlined silhouette comes exceptional resilience. The optimally curved edges and sturdy titanium frame offer enduring protection for everyday use. The latest Corning Gorilla Glass Ceramic 2, a new glass ceramic offering that delivers engineered resilience, is used for the front display on Galaxy S25 Edge.

The slim and light design of Galaxy S25 Edge makes it easier than ever for users to capture memorable moments and express their creativity anytime, anywhere. The 200MP wide lens upholds

the Galaxy S series' iconic camera experience while taking Nightography to a new level. Thanks to its ultra-high resolution, users get sharper photos while maintaining clearer shots with large pixel size – capturing images with over 40% improved brightness in low-light environments. The 12MP ultra-wide sensor features autofocus, which powers crisp, detailed macro photography for even more creative flexibility.

Galaxy S25 Edge benefits from the same ProVisual Engine that was optimized for Galaxy S25 with pro-grade enhancements, like ensuring sharp details for clothes or plants and natural, true-to-life skin tone in portraits. Galaxy AI-powered editing features, including fan-favorites like Audio Eraser and

Drawing Assist are all brought over from the Galaxy S25 series.

Integrating Galaxy AI at nearly every touchpoint, Galaxy S25 Edge offers our most natural and context-aware mobile AI experiences. Users get personalized, multimodal AI capabilities with peace of mind that their personal data is always safe.

Mirroring the broader Galaxy S25 series, Galaxy S25 Edge integrates AI agents that work seamlessly across multiple apps, helping as a true AI companion to get things done more easily. Galaxy AI also gets better at integrating with daily routines. Now Brief and Now Bar include third-party app integrations for greater convenience and helpful reminders during everyday commuting,

dining and more.

Thanks to Galaxy's deep integration with Google, Galaxy S25 Edge brings Gemini's latest advancements to more users. For example, with Gemini Live's new camera and screen sharing abilities, users can show Gemini Live what they see on their screen or in the world around them while simultaneously interacting with it in a live conversation.

Experiences powered by Galaxy AI on Galaxy S25 Edge aren't just convenient—they're designed with privacy at the core. On-device AI processing ensures data is kept secure by Samsung Knox Vault, continuing Samsung's unwavering commitment to ensure hyper-personalized mobile experiences never sacrifice privacy.

'The Pillars' - Brand in Commerce & Humanities shines again in Class 12th Results 2024-25



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

The Pillars Institute, prominent and leading institute of Jammu, has once again lived up to its remarkable legacy with an exceptional performance in the CBSE Class 12th Results 2024-25, reaffirming its powerful tagline – "We don't use toppers, we just produce them."

Atul Hans, from The Pillars Institute, said that the institute proudly announced that its students have clinched top honors across streams. State Toppers in both Humanities and Commerce have emerged from The Pillars, a testament to the institute's commitment to academic excellence and student-centric mentoring.

Dr Hans said one of the students scored a perfect 100 in Accountancy, and more than 20 students have been declared School Toppers, marking yet

another milestone in the institute's glorious academic journey.

Expressing his pride and gratitude, Dr Hans said, "This success is not just a number – it is the reflection of countless hours of dedication, hard work, and focused learning. Our students have once again proven that with the right guidance and determination, nothing is impossible."

He further added, "We aim to empower our students not only with knowledge but with clarity of vision and confidence. Their achievements are the result of a strong academic foundation, consistent mentorship, and a nurturing environment that encourages excellence."

The Pillars Institute has steadily built a reputation for producing academically outstanding and socially responsible individuals. These results reflect not just academic brilliance

but also the personal growth of each student.

The management, staff, and faculty extended heartfelt congratulations to all achievers and their families, celebrating this success as a collective victory.

With another record-breaking year, The Pillars continues to rise as a beacon of quality education in the region, he added.

Among the achievers, Bhavesh, School topper and also seems to the J&K topper in Commerce Stream, extended heartfelt gratitude to the institute and its faculty. "The faculty at The Pillars is the most supportive and responsive I have ever experienced. They address every student's doubts with patience and ensure we stay motivated throughout. I owe my success to their unwavering support and encouragement," he shared.

Tara Chand visits Suchetgarh, Pargwal sector, migrant camps of border areas



J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU-AKHNOOR, MAY 14

Working President Pradesh Congress Committee and former Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand today visited Suchetgarh, Pargwal and migrant camps of border areas and access the ground realities post ceasefire by India Pakistan.

Tara Chand accompanied by Senior Congress leaders, Ex Minister Bushan Dogra, General Secretary PCC Narinder Sharma, Spokesperson PCC Sahil Sharma, Vijay Shastri Secretary, Ricky Dalotra, Vijay Chib, Block President Ramesh Kumar, Block President Daljeet Singh, Harnam Singh Manhas, Bodh Raj Bhagat, balwadar Singh, ex sarpanch Ratan Lal, Jagdish Singh and others.

Tara Chand urged to the Central and UT government to immediately sent survey teams to access the loss of life, property and livestock. He promptly demanded 10 marlas plots with rupees five lacs for construction of their small houses in safer places, so that they can save their

families at the time of tension on borders.

Tarachand appealed to the residents of Border areas not to shift in their respective houses by their own till the government order for this. He also showed gratitude towards the various spiritual organisations which came forward at this crucial time to help the border migrants by establishing camps in their ashrams and providing three time meal and also milk to their infants. Personally Tarachand thanked to the Spiritual leader and head of Sahib bandigi organisation for providing shelter and meal to migrants of Pargwal area.

Former Deputy CM appreciated the bravery and valour of Indian armed forces which retaliated every single bullet came from other side. Paid rich tributes to army personnel, civil officers and innocent people who lost their precious lives during this war like situation, Tara Chand said that the whole nation will remember their supreme sacrifices in years to come.

Dr Shazad visits shelling affected areas of Poonch, demands more bunkers for civilians' safety

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JK_BADC), a registered organization working for the welfare of border residents and tribal population of J & K has urged the government of India to expedite the disbursement of relief funds to families affected by the recent Indo-Pak conflict and heavy cross-border shelling.

During his visit to various shelling-affected areas of district Poonch, Dr. Shazad Ahmed Malik, Chairman of the BADC and former Vice Chancellor, expressed deep concern over the suffering of civilians living along the Line of Control (LoC). He requested the Union Home Minister, Chief Minister and Lieutenant Governor of J & K not to allow bureaucratic red tape to delay the release of much-needed relief and aid for the victims of the cross border shelling and also called for immediate action to ensure timely support for the affected families.

"People living along the border are the worst sufferers of this ongoing tension. They need urgent financial and infrastructural assistance, not paperwork hurdles," said Dr. Shazad, who interacted with several affected families and local representa-



tives during his visit.

During his visit and meeting with the families of the victims, he informed media personnel that the Government of India should dispatch a team of experts to these border areas to identify suitable locations for the construction of additional underground individual and community bunkers. He

further stated that over the past decade, the Government of India had allocated billions of rupees to the Jammu and Kashmir government for this purpose. Unfortunately, he alleged that a significant portion of these funds was misappropriated by certain officials in collusion with corrupt local politicians.

Tiranga Yatra to honour Armed Forces after Op Sindoor: Kavinder urges mass participation in Jammu on May 15

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

As part of the nationwide tribute to the Indian Armed Forces following the resounding success of Operation Sindoor, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta informed that a grand Tiranga Yatra will be conducted in Jammu tomorrow, May 15. The Yatra will start from Indira Chowk at 5 PM and will conclude at General Bikram Singh Chowk in Jammu.

Speaking to the media persons after the meeting held at Party Headquarters here today, the BJP stalwart said, "This Tiranga Yatra is not just a march—it's a powerful symbol of our unity and pride in our brave soldiers. I urge the people of Jammu to participate in large numbers and make this Yatra a grand success."

Kavinder said that the Yatra aims to honor the unmatched courage and



precision of the Indian forces in striking terrorist hideouts in response to the Pahalgam attack, sending a clear message that New India does not tolerate terrorism. The nationwide initiative has seen overwhelming enthusiasm from citizens, especially the youth, school children, NCC cadets, and government officials, waving the National Flag and chanting slogans like Bharat Mata Ki Jai.

The senior BJP leader praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, saying that "the country stands united behind the armed forces and its leadership. The sindoor of Indian mothers and sisters has

been honored by the bravery of our jawans."

Kavinder emphasized that the Tiranga Yatra is a call for solidarity, patriotism, and national unity, reminding citizens that while not everyone may be on the battlefield, every Indian can stand with the army in spirit.

He urged the people of Jammu to participate in large numbers and transform the event into a massive display of unity and patriotism. "This is not just a march—it is a heartfelt salute to our brave soldiers who carried out precise strikes against terrorism. I appeal to every citizen of Jammu to join the Yatra and show their unwavering support for our Armed Forces," he said.

JMC takes action against unregistered Dairies

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today carried out a coordinated drive against unregistered cow and buffalo dairies operating within the city limits. The initiative was undertaken to enforce compliance with the municipal regulations regarding animal husbandry and dairy operations.

Under the directions of Commissioner, JMC Dr Devansh Yadav, Animal Welfare Officer, JMC Dr Gourav Chowdhary in coordination with Tehsildar Bahu Mr Raju Sambyal, SHO Bagh e Bahu Inspector Ashwani Kumar



and other officials from the JMC's Veterinary Wing, Dr Divya Sharma and Enforce-

ment wing jointly conducted impounding drive across various localities in Jammu.

As a result, several animals were taken into custody from unregistered dairies.

AWO, Dr Gourav Chowdhary reiterated that operating an unregistered dairy is a violation of municipal rules and may result in strict action, including confiscation of animals and penalties. Citizens are therefore urged to register their cow and buffalo dairies in accordance with the Jammu Municipal Corporation's guidelines at the earliest and start following scientific cow and Buffalo dung waste disposal practices viz. Constructing Vermi-Compost, Bio-Gas plant etc as more such impounding drives would be carried out by JMC on the unregistered dairies running in Jammu City.

Duo involved in assault case in Bishnah arrested

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

In a significant development, Jammu Police have arrested two individuals involved in a recent assault case in the Bishnah area, successfully recovering the sharp-edged weapons used in the attack. The timely action by the police has been welcomed by the local community as a

strong message against criminal activity in the region.

The case was registered on 12 May 2025 at Police Station Bishnah following a complaint filed by Manjeet Kumar, son of Ashok Kumar, a resident of Mehmoodpur, Tehsil Bishnah, District Jammu. In his statement, Manjeet Kumar alleged that he was attacked by two persons armed with sharp-edged

weapons locally known as "tokas." The accused were identified as Udhay Kumar alias Kalu, son of Jagan Nath, resident of Ward No. 10 Bishnah, and Sahil Kumar, son of Bachan Dass, resident of Ward No. 11 Bishnah. The assault left the complainant with serious injuries, and he was rushed to Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Bishnah for medical treatment.

LOP Rahul Gandhi concerned about border people, taking regular feed back - Karra

JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MAY 14

JKPC President Shri Tariq Hameed Karra has said that immediate disbursement of ex gratia relief and proper rehabilitation of the affected people should be the top most priority of the government and should be undertaken on war footing especially whose houses are badly damaged.



Accompanied by Working President Raman Bhalla, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, AiCC Secretary Neeraj kundan, MLA Iftikhar Ahmed, DCC President Shabir Ahmed Khan, DDC Sain Rasheed, NSUI President Ajay Lakhotra, Kissan cell Chairman Bharat Priye and other local leaders, Karra visited government medical college hospital Rajouri and met the injured besides visiting different affected areas in Thanmandi, Rajouri and Nowshera constituency including border migrant camps and listened to their woes. Karra also visited extreme LOC in Manjakote area and met the border people.

Earlier a prayer cum review meeting was held at Rajouri Dak Bungalow to mourn the martyrdom of ADDC Dr Raj Kumar Thapa and others who were martyred. Two minutes

silence was observed in the meeting attended by prominent leaders Sarpanch es and panches. The entire situation in the district was reviewed and 5 measures required to be taken immediately and long term.

Grave concern was shown over the loss of lives, property, livestock and crops besides shelter houses left unworthy of use and shelter. People are left without shelter and have no place to stay.

The people demanded immediate compensation for the loss of lives, property, crops, livestock, houses etc without delay. They also urged for compensation of vehicles in shelling.

Reiterating the demand for a special central package to compensate the losses and rehabilitation of affected besides recruitment package for border

areas, jkpc Chief demanded that immediate relief for the affected people especially whose houses have become unworthy of living. Several families are left without shelter.

He said that Congress would press for well equipped bunkers in entire belt in Rajour poonch and other border areas under direct shelling.

This is possible with a special central package covering most population to save the border population.

He regretted that sudden ceasefire by third country has left many questions unanswered for which Congress party and LOP Malikarjun Kharge and Shri Rahul Gandhi have demanded special session of Parliament and all party meet. PM should immediately accept the opposition demand. He Shri Rahul Gandhi is

very concerned about the plight of our border border people and has been regular feed back daily. Shri Gandhi telephically contacted him today also during the course of meeting, Karra disclosed.

Karra said he will be visiting all border areas and other affected areas in next few days to take stock of the situation and apprise the party high command.

Shri Bhalla said that Poonch Rajouri districts are worst affected in the entire country while raising the demand for a special central package from Prime minister to compensate the people besides special recruitment package for border youth in para military forces apart from construction of more community and individual bunkers. He said entire country and people of all shades were together to fight terrorism and Pakistan this time.

Several prominent leaders attended including Iqbal Shavl, Prof. Lalit Mahajan, Junaid Adv, Ashok Sharma, Shakeel Mir, Sushil Sharma, Khurshheed Janam, Rajesh Bittu, Rajinder Singh, Amit Sayal, Sajad Tariq, Rajinder Prasad, Vijay

Bakshi, Bhavishya Sudan, Daleep Heer, Ravinder Chouhan, Sat Pal Sharma.

Cabinet approves semiconductor unit in Uttar Pradesh

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NEW DELHI, MAY 15

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today approved the establish-

ment of one more semiconductor unit under India Semiconductor Mission.

Already five semiconductor units are in advanced stages of construction. With this sixth

unit, Bharat moves forward in its journey to develop the strategically vital semiconductor industry.

The unit approved today is a joint venture of HCL and Foxconn.


UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD (R&B) DIVISION RAMNAGAR
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-NIT No. 04 of 2025-26 Dated 13.05.2025

For and on behalf of the **Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir** e-tenders are invited on **percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for the following work:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor	Head of Account
1.	Construction of ACR at High School Prey Block Kulwanta. (b) Construction of Computer Room at High School Prey Block Kulwanta (On first floor of existing Building) (Under SAMAGRA SHIKSHA PAB 2024-2025).	36.00	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	180 Days	"A/B"	Under SAMAGRA
2.	Construction of Boundary wall Of HIGH School PINGER ,BLOCK PARLIDHAR ,DIVISION RAMNAGAR UNDER SAMAGRA PAB 2024-2025	9.50	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	90 Days	"C/D"	Under SAMAGRA
3.	CONSTRUCTION OF LIBRARY ROOM IN HIGH SCHOOL BAINSTA DIVISION RAMNAGAR UNDER SAMAGRA SHIKSHA PAB (2024-25)	24.84	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	120 Days	"B/C"	Under SAMAGRA
4.	Construction of Additional Class Room at Middle School Paitta, Block Kulwanta.(b) Construction of Headmaster Room at Middle School Paitta, Block Kulwanta . (Under SAMAGRA SHIKSHA PAB 2024-25).	31.26	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	180 Days	"A/B"	Under SAMAGRA
5.	Construction of 04 Class Rooms and Kitchen shed at Government Primary School Kaddidehra (BUILDING LESS) BLOCK KULWANTA.Under SAMAGRA PAB 23-24 (Balance Work).	25.85	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	120 Days	"A/B"	Under SAMAGRA
6.	CONSTRUCTION OF SCIENCE LAB. AND LIBRARY ROOM AT HS KULWANTA, BLOCK KULWANTA, DISTRICT-UDHAMPUR (UNDER PM SHRI 2024-25)	42.84	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	180 Days	"A/B"	Under PM SHRI
7.	Construction of Additional Class Rooms at P S Ratti Mitti Block Kulwanta ,Division Ramnagar UNDER SAMAGRA PAB 2024-2025	20.84	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	180 Days	"B/C"	Under SAMAGRA
8.	Construction of Boundary wall Of Middle School DALHER MORH ,BLOCK RAMNAGAR ,DIVISION RAMNAGAR UNDER SAMAGRA PAB 2024-2025	7.60	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	90 Days	"C/D"	Under SAMAGRA
9.	Construction of ACR at MS Tagan, Block Ramnagar, Under SAMAGRA PAB 2024-25.	10.42	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	90 Days	"B/C/D"	Under SAMAGRA
10.	CONSTRUCTION OF LIBRARY AND SCIENCE LAB AT HS SUNETAR, BLOCK RAMNAGAR, DISTRICT-UDHAMPUR UNDER PM SHRI 2024-25 (FIRST FLOOR)	42.84	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	180 Days	"A/B"	Under PM SHRI
11.	CONSTRUCTION OF LIBRARY ROOM AT H.S. CHORE MOTTO UNDER PM SHRI 2024-25.	24.53	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	90 Days	"B/C"	Under PM SHRI
12.	CONSTRUCTION OF RESOURCE ROOM AT Govt. Primary School Majalta , BLOCK Majalta. (UNDER SAMAGRA PAB 2024-25).	10.42	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	90 Days	"B/C/D"	Under SAMAGRA
13.	CONSTRUCTION OF RESOURCE ROOM AT MIDDLE SCHOOL CHIGLI BABEY, BLOCK KHOON. (UNDER SAMAGRA PAB 2024-25).	10.42	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	90 Days	"B/C/D"	Under SAMAGRA

Position of AAA:- **Accorded**
Position of T.S:- **Accorded**
Position of Funds:- **Available**

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	13-05-2025
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 13-05-2025 to 28-05-2025, 1600 Hrs
3	Bid submission Start Date	14-05-2025 from 0900 Hrs
4	Bid Submission End Date	28-05-2025 up to 1600 Hrs
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	29-05-2025 on or after 1100 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Ramnagar.
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

No:- **EE/R&B/RN/815-22**
Dated:- **13.05.2025**

Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division
Ramangar

DIP/J-1080/25
Date: **15-5-24**

Half-yearly fair, book release of Lakhnapal community

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Sanghani (Akhnoor) Half-yearly fair of Mata Sati Savitri and Baba Amarnath Ji was organized by Lakhnapal community in village Sanghani and book of Mata Sati Savitri Kul Devta Baba Amarnath Ji was also released. Eminent people of Lakhnapal community participated along with their families in this book release. On this auspicious occasion poet Kewal Kumar Kewal and Kumari Meenakshi Devi Ji were honored. This book on Kul Devta Sati Baba Amarnath Ji of Lakhnapal community has been written by retired Inspector Somnath Lakhnapal Ji and in this book biography of Kul Devta and rituals performed in the fair have been written in



detail. In this program, Ashok Kumar Sharma, Raj Kumar, Raj Kumar Garu Ram, Surinder Kumar, Rajiv Kumar, Surinder Kumar, Master Ganesh Das Sharma, Sohan Lal, Sudarshan Kumar, Pradeep Kumar Appu, Chaman Lal, Deepak Sharma Kewal Krishna etc. were present. Poet Kewal Kumar Kewal Ji said that such books should be written on the

lives of Gods and Goddesses so that the coming generation will get an opportunity to know about Gods and Goddesses and our culture and rituals and will take this tradition forward. Somnath Ji told the devotees in detail about the faith of Gods and Goddesses, traditions and customs and rituals of Lakhnapal community and rituals and methods.

Dogra Degree College Organised Social Media Campaign to Honor Indian Defence Forces

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JAMMU, MAY 14

In a heartfelt tribute to the brave soldiers of the Indian Defence Forces, Dogra Degree College successfully organised a social media campaign under the theme "Rashtra Pratham - Nation First" on 13th May 2025. The event was a collaborative effort of the college's NSS Unit and NCC Unit, aimed at expressing gratitude and national pride through digital platforms.

The campaign was held under the able leadership of Ms. Bela Thakur, Director, Dogra Educational Trust, and saw overwhelming participation from students and staff alike. Participants showcased their patriotism by sharing animation videos, posters, images, poems, and songs across social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter.

Ms. Simran Thakur, NSS Programme Officer, commended the enthusiasm and creativity displayed by the students. She emphasized that such initiatives cultivate a sense of responsibility and deepen respect for the Defence Forces among youth.

Mr. Gulshan Sharma, NCC CTO/ANO, highlighted the campaign as a meaningful medium to connect young minds with the values of discipline, unity, and service to the nation.

Notably, more than 50 participants, including teaching, non-teaching staff, and the librarian, actively contributed, making the campaign a truly inclusive and inspiring effort.

The posts, tagged with Dogra Degree College and MyGov, resonated with the spirit of patriotism and reflected the collective pride of the Dogra family in the Indian Defence Army's selfless service.

Recruitment Training conducted for Youth at Kalakote, Rajouri



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RAJOURI: 14 MAY 2025

A recruitment training programme for the youth of Kalakote and nearby villages culminated on 14 May 2025. Young aspirants from this remote region participated in the training. The primary aim of the programme was to prepare and guide these youth for enrolment in the Armed Forces. The training included struc-

tured physical training sessions, classes for the written examination, and basic medical tests. Participants were also briefed on the Agniveer recruitment scheme, including the selection process and the numerous benefits of joining the Armed Forces under this initiative. In addition to the training, motivational sessions were conducted to instill a sense of pride and purpose in

joining the Indian Army as Agniveers. The initiative was well-received by the local community. The parents of the participants expressed their appreciation for the Army's efforts in organizing such a meaningful and career-oriented programme, which not only provides employment opportunities but also encourages the youth to contribute to national service.

War against drugs: Police arrests 7 drug peddlers in valley, contraband substances recovered

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JAMMU, MAY 14

Continuing its firm resolve against the menace of drugs, police achieved significant success by arresting seven drug peddlers in separate actions in Anantnag, Baramulla & Kulgam and recovered heroin-like/contraband substances from their possession.

In Anantnag, two drug peddlers identified as Mohammad Irfan son of Mohammad Jehangir Khan resident of Ghaziabad, UP and a lady drug peddler resident of Bawana JJ Colony, Delhi-39 were arrested in possession of 06 grams and 03 grams of heroin-like substances respectively. Similarly, a notorious lady drug peddler resident of Bangidar, was also apprehended near Bangidar Bridge with 07 grams of heroin-like substance. Moreover, one more drug peddler identified as Ishfaq Ahmad Hajam son of Gul Mohammad Hajam resident of Saidwara, Dooru Shahabad was arrested after being found in possession of 06 grams of heroin-like sub-



stance.

In Baramulla, a police party led by SHO PS Kunzer at a checkpoint established at Hardbani Kunzer Bridge intercepted two persons identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Waza son of Mohd Ramzan Waza resident of Mamoosa Pattan and Abdul Qayoom Parra son of Ghulam Mohiuddin Parra resident of Reram Kunzer. During search, 26 grams of contraband and a cash amount of Rs. 4000/- were recovered from Mushtaq Ahmad and 20 grams of Charas-like substance were recovered from Abdul Qayoom. Subsequently, both the accused have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

In Kulgam, a police party headed by IC PP

Mirbazar during patrolling intercepted a suspicious person. After checking, 302 grams of Charas powder like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Muneeb Ahmad Bhat son of Bashir Ahmad Bhat resident of Berigam Qazigund.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation have been taken up.

Police remain committed to its zero-tolerance policy against drug trafficking and urges the general public to come forward with any information related to drug abuse or peddling in their areas. Together, we can build a safer and drug-free society.

BJP hails success of operation Sindoor, call it a turning point in India's national security doctrine

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 14 MAY 2025.

J&K BJP highlighted the impact and significance of Operation Sindoor, the successfully carried out strategic military operation under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a press conference held at the party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The press conference was addressed by Arun Gupta, spokesperson, J&K BJP, accompanied by Adv. Sunil Sethi, Chief Spokesperson of J&K BJP and flanked by Dr. Tahir Choudhary and Dr. Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia, spokespersons, along with Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, J&K BJP.

Speaking to the media, Arun Gupta described Operation Sindoor as a watershed moment in India's journey towards asserting its national interests with pride and determination. He emphasized that the operation has reshaped the national psyche, strengthened the spirit of nationalism, and redefined how Indians perceive their role in the nation's progress.

"This operation has not just been a military success; it has transformed the environment across the country. It has taught us the true value of sacrifice and rekindled the pride in our identity as Indians. The sense of unity and strength that has emerged from this operation marks a new beginning," said Arun Gupta.

He further stated that India is now more resolute in defending its sovereignty. The idea of nationalism is now firmly rooted in action, unity, and commitment to the motherland. "Our leadership has clearly stated that the nation stands above all, and every citizen must internalize this message. We must confront any internal or external force that seeks to harm our country's integrity," he added.

Adv. Sunil Sethi underlined the strategic and symbolic importance of Operation Sindoor, noting that it sends a clear message to the enemies of peace. He said the opera-



tion reflects the changing posture of India, which has evolved from appeasement to active defense.

"This is a transformed India. We have moved beyond symbolic gestures like flying pigeons, and have embraced strength, symbolized by the deployment of BrahMos missiles. This change reflects our maturity and preparedness to strike when provoked," he stated.

Adv. Sethi reiterated that India's fight is not against any specific nation or civilians, but strictly against terrorism and those who nurture it. "The new India will not allow borders to act as constraints in eliminating terror threats. Whether within the country or beyond our borders, we will strike at the heart of terrorism," he declared.

He also criticized Pakistan for continuing to sponsor and protect terrorist elements, noting that the Pakistan Army itself has been complicit in terrorist activities, including attending funerals of militants. "This blatant support for terrorism justifies our tough response. The world must know that India will no longer tolerate provocations," he said.

He praised the Indian Armed Forces and scientists for their exceptional performance during the operation. They highlighted how India's advanced defense systems neutralized multiple threats, including Pakistan's drone incursions, and protected civilian areas effectively.

"Our forces have destroyed Pakistan's drone missions mid-air, right in front of the people of Jammu. This is a testament to the strength of our technology and preparedness," said Adv. Sethi.

Sunil Sethi clarified that Operation Sindoor has been suspended, not concluded, and that

India reserves the right to resume military action should further provocation arise. "This is not the end. We are committed to completely eradicating terrorism and its infrastructure," he said. "Pakistan has been forced to kneel, despite its alliances with nations like China and Turkey."

He also emphasized that India would not accept interference from any third country. "Any future talks with Pakistan will solely focus on two issues - terrorism and Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir (PoJK)," he asserted.

Dr. Tahir Choudhary took a strong position against international narratives, particularly those coming from the United States. He pointed out that Prime Minister Modi has made all actions under Operation Sindoor transparent to the public, showing India's commitment to democratic accountability. He said the resilience of India's defense systems has made the world uneasy, showcasing India as a formidable power.

Dr. Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia acknowledged the role of opposition parties that stood united with the Modi government. "The entire country has seen that India conducted this operation responsibly, without harming civilian areas. In contrast, Pakistan targeted innocent people. This moral high ground strengthens our position globally," he noted.

Dr. Pardeep denoted the Operation Sindoor as the portrayal of unity, strength, and national pride. "This is a new India, and we all must stand with it. Our nation, our forces, and our leadership have shown the world that Bharat will not bend, and will always rise stronger in the face of adversity," Dr. Pardeep stated.

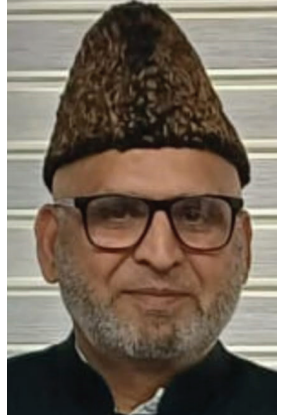
Inqlabi demands compensation for shelling-affected areas; seeks FIR against Minister Vijay Shah for derogatory remarks

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JAMMU, MAY 14

In a strongly worded statement, Chaudhry Rashid Azam Inqlabi appealed to the Chief Minister and the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, to direct the concerned authorities to immediately assess the damage caused to civilian properties in the border areas of District Rajouri and Poonch.

He emphasized that both districts have suffered significant human casualties and extensive property damage due to unprovoked firing from across the border. Hundreds of cattle have perished, yet the government has not issued any instructions to assess the extent of the damage or provide relief to the affected families.

Mr. Inqlabi demanded immediate construction of individual and community bunkers for the safety of civilians living in



border areas or near military establishments, to mitigate future risks.

Furthermore, Ch. Rashid Azam Inqlabi strongly condemned the derogatory remarks made by Madhya Pradesh Minister Vijay Shah, particularly targeting Colonel Sophia Qureshi. He demanded that an FIR be lodged against the minister and that strict action be taken to uphold the dignity of the Indian Armed Forces and maintain communal harmony.

J&K Jat Sabha to hold Delegates & Workers meeting on May 18 at Marh

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JAMMU, MAY 14

Jammu and Kashmir Jat Sabha today held a meeting under the chairmanship of S. Manjit Singh, President J&K Jat Sabha in which S. Taranjit Singh Tony, Senior Vice President; Sh. Sukhandan Choudhary, Senior Vice President and Former Minister; Sh. Vikram Choudhary, MLA Bahu; Ch. Gharu Ram; Sh. Mandeep Choudhary, a prominent youth and Kissan leader; Sh. Dwarka Choudhary, District President, Jammu and Vikas Choudhary were present.

In the meeting, the Sabha members unanimously decided to hold Delegates & Workers Meeting at Village Marh on May 18 to discuss the pressing issues faced by the Jat community, especially in border areas, and to formulate a compre-



hensive strategy to address them effectively.

The upcoming meeting will be organized by Sukhandan Choudhary, Senior Vice President and Former Minister at Village Marh on May 18. In the meeting, the Delegates of Jammu and Kashmir Jat Sabha, workers, Ex Sarpanches, Ex Panches and prominent community members from across the region will participate.

The Sabha members urged the Jammu & Kashmir administration and the Central Government

to immediately compensate the residents of border areas who have suffered severe damages and losses due to frequent Pakistani shelling. They demanded that liberal and adequate financial aid be provided to all affected families without delay.

Tony also appealed to all members and delegates of the J&K Jat Sabha to participate in large numbers and contribute meaningfully to the discussion aimed at empowering the community and safeguarding its interests.

Mission Director Sandeep Kumar Reviews Progress of Key Projects under HADP

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JAMMU, MAY 14, 2025.

Shri Sandeep Kumar, Secretary Agriculture Production Department, J&K and Mission Director, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the progress of various components under HADP. The meeting was held at the Conference Hall, Directorate of Agriculture, Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

The review session was attended by Project Grounding and Monitoring Committees, Directors of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Sericulture and Sheep Husbandry from both Jammu and Kashmir divisions, alongside representatives from SKUAST-Jammu and SKUAST-Kashmir. Officers from the Kashmir division joined



the proceedings virtually.

Key agenda items included a review of the action taken on decisions from previous meetings, submission of training calendars, and the status of farmer training initiatives. Progress updates were also shared regarding the Daksh Kisan Portal and the Kisan Sathi Portal, particularly in relation to course completion and farmer registration, respectively.

During the meeting, Shri Sandeep Kumar directed all departments to fast-track the implementation of assigned tasks and ensure robust inter-departmental coordination for effective execution of developmental

projects under HADP.

A detailed review of all ongoing projects under HADP was conducted. The Mission Director instructed concerned officers to adhere strictly to projects timelines and objectives. He particularly emphasized the need to strengthen the agricultural marketing system to enhance the sale and distribution of produce, including infrastructure development for marketing fruits and vegetables.

In the livestock sector, Mission Director stressed the importance of improving animal health, breeding programs, and value addition through various schemes and initiatives

under HADP.

Special focus was given to the area expansion of millets under the Promotion of Nutri-Cereals (Millets) project. Shri Sandeep Kumar highlighted the significance of Research & Development (R&D) in this domain and called for the conservation of traditional landraces and indigenous varieties.

The meeting concluded with a discussion on organizing farmer-centric workshops under HADP, particularly on themes such as organic farming and beekeeping. Progressive farmers will be invited to share their experiences during these events, fostering peer learning and community engagement. Shri Sandeep Kumar further stressed the need for documentation of success stories, which will serve as motivational case studies for the wider farming community.

Yudhvir Sethi inaugurates 3rd Outlet of 'The Kulfa Hut' at Rani Park

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 14

Senior BJP leader and MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi, today inaugurated the third outlet of the popular local brand 'The Kulfa Hut' at Rani Park, near Jain School, Jammu. The new outlet marks a significant expansion of the brand, which has garnered popularity for its unique flavours and authentic local taste.

Addressing the gathering after the inauguration, Shri Yudhvir Sethi congratulated the entrepreneurs behind 'The Kulfa Hut' and lauded their spirit of innovation and commitment to promoting local food culture. He said that such ventures not only contribute to the local economy but also serve as an inspiration for others.

He appealed to the youth of Jammu and



Kashmir to foster entrepreneurship and actively explore opportunities for self-employment. "This is the era of StartUp India and Atmanirbhar Bharat. The youth should come forward and take full advantage of the vari-

ous Central Government schemes launched under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. These initiatives are specifically designed to empower youth, promote innovation, and boost the entrepreneurial ecosys-

tem," he emphasized. Shri Sethi further added that Jammu has immense potential to emerge as a vibrant business and tourism hub, and encouraged young minds to tap into unexplored avenues in food, retail, and allied sectors.

The event saw the presence of enthusiastic supporters, local residents, and patrons of the brand who gathered to celebrate the sweet milestone.

'The Kulfa Hut', which has quickly become a household name in the city, is known for serving traditional kulfa delicacies and fusion flavours that reflect the rich culinary heritage of the region. With its third outlet now open, the brand continues to grow and connect with a wider audience.

Ex Corporation Anil Masoom, Owner Sunny Sharma and others were present.

SDRF rescues woman trying to jump from GMC building



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JAMMU, MAY 14

On 13-05-2025 midnight, an information received from PCR Jammu that a lady tried to jump from building of GMC Jammu. A Rescue Team of SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu immediately rushed towards the spot and by using rescue equipments launched rescue operation. After hectic efforts a lady namely Shukuntla Devi, Age-40yrs. W/O Nek Ram

R/O- Panjari Mongri, District Udhampur was rescued safely by the SDRF team from the high rise building of GMC Jammu. The swift & timely action of SDRF rescue team working under the supervision of Zahid Naseem Manhas-IPS, Commandant SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu succeeded in saving a precious life. The efforts of SDRF rescue team were appreciated by the general public and hospital authorities.

Kishtwar showcases sports excellence: Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions Energize the District

JINNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 14

The Department of Youth Services & Sports, Kishtwar, under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan, is witnessing a vibrant celebration of youth talent and sports excellence as Inter-School Zonal Level Competitions are being conducted with great enthusiasm across all zones of the District.

The long drawn tournaments, held in Kishtwar, Nagseni, Drabshalla and Paddar Zones, highlighted the athletic abilities, sportsmanship, and team spirit of students from different schools.

The district is pulsating with energy as U-14 girls engage in a diverse range of sports including Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Rope Skipping, Volleyball, Yoga,



Chess, Carrom, and Badminton. Events are being conducted at key venues such as Chowgan Ground, HSS Boys, and ITI, creating a festive atmosphere that promotes camaraderie and healthy competition.

The event hosted at BVM and Chowgan Ground in Zone Nagseni

features Chess and Carrom competitions for U-17 boys and girls, along with Yoga sessions for U-14 and U-17 categories (boys and girls). With 233 enthusiastic participants from various schools, the events have showcased a high level of skill, focus, and dedication.

On its fourth consec-

utive day, Zone Drabshalla conducted Athletics for U-14 boys and girls at Bimalnag Binoon. The competitions have drawn spirited performances from young athletes, who are demonstrating commendable agility and sportsmanship in track and field events.

The Zone Paddar featured Athletics, Cricket, and Yoga for U-14 boys. A total of 45 students, drawn from schools across the zone, are actively participating, showcasing their talent and enthusiasm across multiple disciplines.

All events are being held under the guidance of DYSSO Jaffer Haider Sheikh.

District Development Council Ramban discusses formulation of Capex Budget 2025-26

JINNEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MAY 14

To deliberate on the formulation of the District Capex Budget 2025-26, the District Development Council (DDC) Ramban convened a meeting today. The meeting was chaired by the Chairperson Dr. Shamsad Shan in the Conference Hall.

The meeting was attended by Vice-Chairperson Rabia Beigh, all the DDC Councillors, Chief Executive Officer District Development Council Roshan Lal, Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, ACD Shrinath Suman, ACP Ashfaq Ahmed and other concerned officers.

At the outset, the house observed a two minutes silence to condole the sad demise of the Additional District Development Commissioner Rajouri Raj



Kumar Thapa, who lost his life in the cross-border shelling at Rajouri.

During the meeting, the Chairperson informed that Rs. 60 crore has been earmarked under the District Capex Budget 2025-26 for developmental activities in the district.

She took a detailed review of the progress achieved under various sectors and emphasized that the planning process for the upcoming finan-

cial year must be participatory and inclusive. She directed all DDC members to formulate their development plans in accordance with the prescribed guidelines by conducting Gram Sabhas in their respective areas to ensure public participation and need-based planning at the grassroots level.

Earlier, the Chief Planning Officer briefed the meeting that 84% financial achievement was recorded

under the District Capex Budget 2024-25 in the district.

The DDC members also highlighted various pressing issues from their constituencies and sought special attention toward their resolution.

In response, the Chairperson instructed the CEO DDC Ramban to convene meetings with the Rural Development Department and Jal Jeevan Mission to review the progress of ongoing works and address the concerns raised by the DDC members.

The CEO DDC Ramban also directed officers to work in close coordination with DDC members to formulate a comprehensive plan for fiscal 2025-26, ensuring effective implementation of the District Capex Budget and accelerating the pace of development in the district.

Safety of our people is government's topmost priority: Surinder Choudhary

JINNEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MAY 14

Following the recent cross border shelling, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, undertook an extensive visit to the border areas in Nowshera subdivision of Rajouri district.

During his visit, the Deputy Chief Minister visited the damaged houses, inspected the loss due to shelling, met with the affected families besides interacting with the border residents at various locations.

During the interaction, he assured that the government stands firmly with them in this hour of need and is actively mobilizing the resources and efforts to ensure that they don't face any inconvenience. He also assured that the



safety of every single resident living near the LOC is our topmost priority and best possible measures are being taken in this regard.

During the extensive tour, the Dy CM met several delegations at different locations in which the local residents apprised him of various issues which were mainly pertaining to construction of individual and community bunkers,

compensation for their loss during recent cross border firing, water scarcity, unscheduled power cuts, link roads etc.

The Dy CM gave on spot instructions to the concerned officials to resolve their grievances and assured them that all their other genuine issues will be redressed in a phased manner.

In a step to safeguard

lives and livelihoods, the Dy CM also assured that additional individual and community bunkers will be constructed at strategic locations based on requirements identified. "These bunkers will provide immediate safety during instances of cross-border shelling and are a critical component of the administration's border protection strategy" he added.

The visit underlined the unwavering commitment of the Government towards the safety, security, and well-being of the people living in the border belt.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner Nowshera Pritam Lal Thapa and other district and sectoral officers accompanied the Dy CM during his visit.

Mission Director reviews implementation of key HADP components

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Secretary Agriculture Production Department, J&K and Mission Director, Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) Sandeep Kumar today chaired a comprehensive review meeting to assess the implementation of different components of the HADP.

The meeting was held here in the Conference Hall Directorate of Agriculture Krishi Bhawan.

The review session was attended by Project Grounding and Monitoring Committees, Directors of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Sericulture and Sheep Husbandry from both Jammu and Kashmir divisions, alongside representatives from SKUAST-Jam-



mu and SKUAST-Kashmir. Officers from the Kashmir division joined the proceedings virtually.

Key agenda items included a review of the action taken on decisions from previous meetings, submission of training calendars, and the status of farmer training initiatives. Progress updates were also shared regarding the Daksh Kisan Portal and the Kisan Sathi Portal, particularly in relation to course completion and farmer registra-

tion, respectively.

During the meeting, Sandeep Kumar directed all departments to fast-track the implementation of assigned tasks and ensure robust inter-departmental coordination for effective execution of developmental projects under HADP.

A detailed review of all ongoing projects under HADP was conducted. The Mission Director instructed concerned officers to adhere strictly to projects timelines and objectives.

He particularly emphasized the need to strengthen the agricultural marketing system to enhance the sale and distribution of produce, including infrastructure development for marketing fruits and vegetables.

In the livestock sector, the Mission Director stressed the importance of improving animal health, breeding programs, and value addition through various schemes and initiatives under HADP.

Special focus was given to the area expansion of millets under the Promotion of Nutri-Cereals (Millets) project. Sandeep Kumar highlighted the significance of Research & Development (R&D) in this domain and called for the conservation of traditional landraces and indigenous varieties.

DC Ganderbal holds public outreach program at Safapora

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District Administration Ganderbal today held a public outreach program at the conference hall of Manasbal Development Authority to address public grievances and review developmental progress in Block Safapora.

The program was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, and attended by DDC Member Safapora, ADDC, ASP, ACD, ACP, ACR, officers of various departments. Senior citizens, youth, and the general public of the area actively participated in the event.

During the interactive session, locals and public representatives raised various issues concerning public welfare and development.

These included the beautification of Manasbal Lake, vaccination camps for livestock, improved healthcare facilities, deployment of adequate staff at Higher Secondary School Safapora, establishment of an additional receiving station at Kohistan Colony,



provision of 24x7 power supply in metered areas, replacement of old water pipes, widening Safapora to Beehama road, legacy waste removal, repair of Lar Canal among other vital concerns.

The representatives also appreciated the visible developmental achievements in Block Safapora. Responding to the issues raised, DC assured that all genuine public demands will be addressed on priority. He instructed the concerned departments to assess the viability of the proposed demands and ensure time-bound redressal of grievances.

Highlighting the importance of irrigation for the farming community, the DC directed I&FC department to undertake desilting of irrigation canals and to initiate urgent repair

works on the Lar Canal. To address waste management concerns, BDO Safapora was directed to ensure door-to-door waste collection, as well as lifting and proper disposal of legacy waste from roadsides.

While interacting with the public, DC emphasized the administration's commitment to developing Manasbal Lake as a premier tourist destination, and urged locals to actively participate in maintaining its cleanliness and ecological health.

The DC also encouraged the youth to approach Agriculture and allied departments to explore employment opportunities under schemes like HADP, noting that Block Safapora holds significant potential in these sectors.

Commissioner State Taxes reviews functioning of department in Jammu

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JAMMU, MAY 14

Commissioner State Taxes Department, P.K. Bhat Wednesday chaired an extensive review meeting of the State Taxes Department, Jammu Division and assess ongoing activities and streamline strategies for improved tax compliance and revenue augmentation.

The meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner State Taxes Administration & Enforcement, Jammu, Namrita Dogra and State Taxes Officers from all circles of Jammu Division.

During the meeting, several key issues were discussed, including deemed registrations, TDS mismatch, high-risk cases, return compliance and audit cases. The discussions were held to streamline strategies for improved tax compliance and revenue augmentation.

The Commissioner emphasized the need for ensuring returns compliance and directed the officers to keep a close watch on taxpayers to prevent any tax evasion. He stressed on ensuring



nearly 100% return filing compliance and creating deterrence among the defaulters. The Commissioner emphasized the importance of raising awareness among taxpayers about return filing requirements, particularly the necessity of filing returns with proportionate liability in cash to meet their tax liabilities. He also directed officers to engage with the taxpayer fraternity and provide guidance to improve compliance.

The meeting also discussed other key issues like identification of Fake ITC Suppliers, monitoring of TDS Payments, action on Intelligence Reports, Audit and Verification of E-Way Bills and other issues.

Addressing the meeting, the Commissioner State Taxes J&K emphasised the pivotal role of the State Taxes Department in ensuring financial discipline and highlighted priority areas requiring immediate attention.

With regard to specific issues, the Commissioner directed the officers to ensure proper and efficient monitoring of all deemed registration cases, ensuring proper scrutiny of E-Way Bills as it was identified as a critical component of preventing revenue leakage and ensuring compliance. The officers were advised to check e way billson a regular basis the flow of inward and outward supplies so that revenue due is realised.

The Commissioner also highlighted the importance of using various tools like MIS (Management Information System), GST Prime. He elaborated on the functionality of GST Prime, emphasizing its potential to provide actionable insights, saving time

and energy while enhancing revenue collection. Officers were encouraged to maximize the use of these tools for effective monitoring and compliance.

Bhat also stressed the need to focus on areas such as cement, iron besides other components used in construction works, where potential revenue leakages may occur due to non-compliance or violations. Officers were directed to ensure strict enforcement of GST laws in these sectors and plug any loopholes.

The Commissioner directed the officers to work with renewed vigor and dedication to achieve the department's goals. The meeting concluded with a commitment from the officers to implement the directives and work towards improving the tax administration in Jammu division.

SDRF 2nd Bn team rescues Woman

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A team of SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu late last evening rescued a woman from the high rise building of GMC Jammu. "A woman resident of Panjari Mongri, District Udhampur was rescued at midnight, after information was received from PCR Jammu that a lady tried to jump from the building of GMC Jammu. A Rescue Team of SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu immediately rushed towards the spot and by using rescue equipment launched a rescue operation," a hand-out stated. The swift and timely action of the SDRF rescue team under the supervision of Commandant SDRF 2nd Bn. Jammu Zahid Naseen Manhas succeeded in saving the precious life. The efforts of the SDRF rescue team were appreciated by the general public and hospital authorities.