

# Sukhnandan for immediate assessment of crops damaged due to heavy rain & hailstorms

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JAMMU: "Unseasonal heavy rain & hailstorms have destroyed paddy & vegetables crops in many areas of Jammu division on Saturday morning", stated by former minister, ex MLA Marh & Chairman Panchayati Raj cell BJP JKUT Ch. Sukhnandan Kumar.

On behalf of the distressed farming community of the Jammu division, he appealed administration for immediate assessment of crops damaged due to severe hailstorms in various areas of Jammu Province in general and Jammu District in particular.



Chairman Panchayati Raj cell BJP JKUT Ch. Sukhnandan Kumar taking stock of damages caused to crops.

## Judge awarded 17-yr imprisonment & fine of Rs 70,000 in rape, cheat case

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JAMMU: After convicting a judicial officer for rape and cheating of a woman who had sought legal help from him in 2018, Presiding Officer Fast Track Court, Khalil Choudhary awarded 17 years imprisonment to accused Rajesh Kumar Abrol on Saturday.

While awarding imprisonment, Presiding Officer Khalil Choudhary after hearing APP Suresh Sharma for the UT observed that it is not only the duty of the court, but social and legal obligation are clearly enjoined upon it to impose adequate punishment according to law while taking into consideration not only in the crime, but also the criminal. Furthermore, deterrence and reformation are primarily social goals. "It is the duty of the court to impose adequate sentence, for one of the purposes of the requisite sentence is protection of the society and legitimate response to its collectively concise. The paramount principle that should be the guiding laser beam is that the punishment should be proportionate. It is answer of the law to the social concise. In a way, it is an obligation to the society which has reposed confidence and faith in the judicial system of the country to curtail the evil while

Woman, son, nephew killed in road accident at Reasi

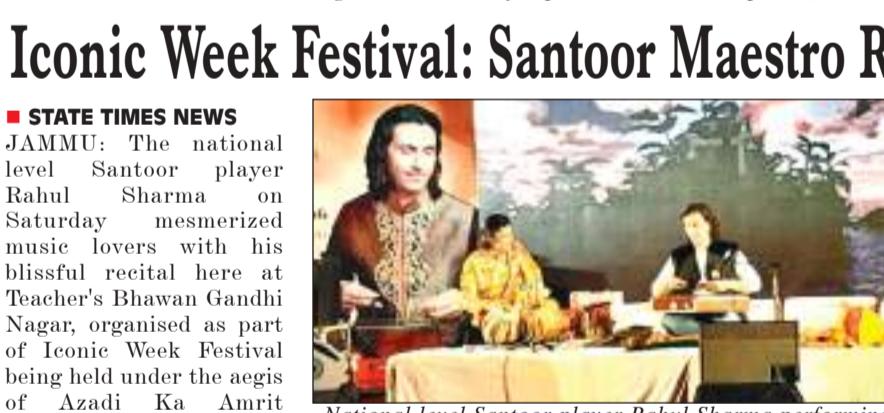
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JAMMU: Three people, including two children, were killed and four others injured when a load carrier turned turtle in Reasi district on Saturday, officials said.

A private load carrier, carrying seven people from Srinagar to Arnas, overturned on reaching Chaklas around 7.30 am when its driver lost control of the vehicle, the officials said.

They said three people -- Banoo Bibi (42), her five-year-old son Murshid Ali and nephew Mohammad Imran (11) -- died on the spot.

Four others, including a 50-year-old woman and an eight-year-old boy, sustained injuries in the accident and have been shifted to a hospital, the officials said.



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JAMMU: The national level Santoor player Rahul Sharma on Saturday mesmerized music lovers with his blissful recital here at Teacher's Bhawan Gandhi Nagar, organised as part of Iconic Week Festival being held under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Member Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma was the chief guest of the

event. The Iconic festival has been organised to pro-

mote JKUT's cultural heritage, local talent and

tourism.

Speaking on the occasion, Jugal Kishore Sharma hailed the administration for hosting a series of events to promote Jammu region as an independent tourist destination. He said that the Union Government under the leadership of PM Modi was keen to promote and bring unexplored and potential destinations of Jammu and Kashmir on the world Tourism map.

He also lauded Rahul Sharma for the wonderful presentations and bringing fame to Jammu on National level.

Rahul Sharma is son of late Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma- all time Santoor Maestro hailing from Jammu.

Director, Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai, and other officers and officials of Tourism and other concerned departments besides a large

number of audience witnessed the musical event and appreciated the performance.

"After the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, nothing much happened in J&K proving wrong those who claim that the region will engulf in fire...Pakistan and its ISI got frustrated and a new plot was hatched to target innocent and unarmed civilians," Bitta told reporters here.

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Kashmir chairman Ajay Chhugoo told reporters here.

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It reiterated its demand for the

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Hindus and separation of Jammu

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