

# Excise Deptt conducts raids on brick kilns in Pulwama

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**PULWAMA:** The Excise & Taxation Officer, Excise Range South Kashmir along with other subordinate staff on Monday conducted a series of raids at brick kilns located in Marval- Kakpora of District Pulwama. The raids were conducted on the directions of the Excise Commissioner, Subash Chander Chibber, and under the supervision of Dy. Excise



Excise team destroying Lahan during a drive.

Commissioner Executive Kashmir, Tazayun Mukhtar. During the raid, the team uncovered 40 litres of Lahan adjacent to one of the brick kilns. The said Lahan was destroyed on spot by the Excise Team and the owners of the brick kilns were duly informed about the severe legal repercussions associated with illicit distillation. In addition to the enforcement action, the senior citizens of the locality were sensitized regarding the social and health hazards of illicit liquor. They were urged to report if any such illegal activities happen in their area to the officials of the Excise Department promptly. The operation underscores the commitment of the Excise Department to curb the illegal production and distribution of illicit liquor in the region.



## Rana advocates participatory approach for conservation of forests



Forest Minister, Javed Ahmed Rana chairing a meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Minister for Forest, Ecology & Environment, Javed Ahmed Rana, on Monday exhorted upon the senior officers of Forest Department to adopt participatory approach towards conservation of forest resources and protection of environment by involving local communities. The Minister directed for implementation of Forest Rights Act, fast-track recruitment, check on timber smuggling and establishing cordial relation/communication with local communities, especially the traditional forest dwellers for conservation of forests. In a brief introductory meeting with the officers and officials of the depart-

ment at Civil Secretariat Jammu, Rana expressed hope that the forest fraternity shall work in tandem with communities to conserve and protect forests and environment. He exhorted upon the officers to work with dedication and sincerity to solve public issues and concerns. The Minister stressed upon the need of effective implementation of Forest Rights Act (FRA) and safeguarding the statutory rights of tribal communities who live in forests. Principal Secretary Forest, Shailendra Kumar, PCCF/Hoff, B K Singh, senior officers of Forest department and Pollution Control Board were present in the meeting.

# NC will fight vigorously to restore Special Status of J&K: Surinder Choudhary

## Satish lauds Omar Govt for giving equal representation to Jammu Region

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The J&K National Conference (JKNC) held a Workers' Conference at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan, Jammu, to discuss critical issues like the restoration of statehood and special status to protect the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The workers Conference was presided over by Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province JKNC. In his address, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary reiterated NC's unwavering commitment to restoring J&K's special status and statehood, stating that these measures are essential for preserving the unique identity and interests of the J&K people. He emphasized that, as promised by Omar Abdullah, the NC government had passed a resolution for statehood restoration in its first Cabinet meeting. "We also passed a resolution in the Legislative Assembly to initiate dialogue on restoring the special status of J&K," Choudhary said adding that this resolution is a step towards reversing the injustice done by the Central Govt as it witnessed the unilateral revocation of our special status.



Dy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and Sports Minister Satish Sharma welcoming at NC office Jammu.

"That this resolution rekindles hope for the people of J&K especially in securing our land, jobs rights and dignity which are at risk without special status," he said. "Jammu & Kashmir urgently needs similar protections to safeguard its land and job rights, dire need to protect our resources and shield itself from exploitative elements, such as the liquor mafia, mining mafia, and contractors from outside," he stated. Surinder Choudhary reaffirmed that the National Conference remains committed to advocating for the aspirations of J&K's people, promising that the party will continue to fight for justice, rights of the people and their dignity. "Our government headed by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah

is committed to addressing the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir: We are dedicated to fulfilling our promises and working tirelessly to restore J&K's identity and honor," Choudhary affirmed. Addressing the gathering, Minister for Food Supply and Transport Satish Sharma commended Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for his commitment to inclusive governance, ensuring equal representation for the people of the Jammu region. He highlighted the enduring contributions of Sheikh Abdullah and Dr. Farooq Abdullah, whose vision has shaped the political and social landscape of Jammu and Kashmir. "The people of the Jammu region have consistently sup-

ported our cause for the restoration of full statehood to J&K. Together, we remain steadfast in our pursuit of this objective," he remarked. Sharma further said that restoration of special status is must for our generations to come. Among those who were present included Ch. Javid Iqbal MLA Budhal, Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Provincial Secretary Jammu, Babu Rampaul former minister and Central Zone President, Binla Luthra former MLA, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretary Jammu, Bushan Lal Bhat former MLC, Mohd Iqbal Bhat former MLC, Dr. Mumtaz Bukhari Vice President Jammu, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani

Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Wing Jammu, Ankush Abrol Joint Secretary Jammu, Ch. Naseem Liqyet Ali DDC Chairman, Dr. Shamshad Shan DDC Chairperson Ramban, Th. Yashvardhan Singh Additional Spokesperson Jammu, Vijay Laxmi Datta Senior leader, Rakesh Singh Raka Vice President Central Zone, Jugal Mahajan Treasurer, Harshvardhan Singh President NCSU, Rita Gupta, Dilshad Malik, Rahul Mahajan, Ashok Kumar Attri Vice Presidents Central Zone, G.H Malik, Chander Mohan Sharma District President Jammu Urban, Ragbir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural A, Naresh Bittu District President Jammu Rural B, Ajeet Kumar Sharma District President Kathua Urban, Sham Narian Mehta District President Kathua Rural, Sudagar Gupta District President Samba, Tirath Ram District President Billawar, Sunil Verma District President Udhampur Urban, Ram Parshotam District President Udhampur Rural, Zaffarullah Rather District President Doda, Ashok Kumar Sharma District President Rajouri Rural, Shafayat Ahmad Khan District President Rajouri Urban, Master Aslam Secretary Central Zone, Dr. Vikas Secretary Central Zone, Nar Singh President Labor Wing, Waris Gill President Christian Cell, Joginder Singh Kaku, S. Gurnam Singh Block President Jammu West, Ashwani Charak Block President Jammu East, Tariq Butt, Rajni Devi former BDC Chairperson, Jai Singh, Vijay Kumar District President Udhampur Rural SC Cell, Pinky Bhat District President Jammu Urban women wing, Kuldeep Kour District President Jammu Rural A Women wing, Aruna Thakur District President Ramban Women wing, S. Tejinder Singh District President Jammu Urban YNC, Jasen Malik District President Samba YNC, Akash Verma District President Udhampur YNC, Rovin Kumar, Sumita Bhan, Puspita Dogra, Sham Lal Sadhotra Block President Bishnah, Madan Lal Block President Akhnoor, Sahil Chib, Muzail Malik, Sahil Kerni, Nitish Gowsami, Jatin Bhat, Veer Ji, Pooja Jaggi, Sat Pal Karlopia, Sher Singh, Joginder Kour and others.

## Slathia slams NC-Cong for playing reactionary politics, says Art 370 buried forever

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**SAMBA:** Saying that abrogation of Article 370 brought about a positive and very encouraging turnaround in the overall situation in Jammu and Kashmir, with peace process gaining momentum and development scaling new heights, Pradesh BJP Vice President and MLA Surjeet Singh Slathia today cautioned and slammed the National Conference, Congress and their allies for enacting drama over the issue, having potential of bringing miseries to the people again. Addressing Vijay Rally in Nud Block of Samba this afternoon, Slathia said the anti people and anti-J&K temporary constitutional provision is now buried for all times to come and the passions being generated by the Congress-NC is nothing but negating the reality. Slathia said the people of Jammu and Kashmir in general and the Valley in particular are fully aware how the post Article 370 repeal era manifested in unprecedented tourist foot-fall resulting in economic surge in both the regions. He said the people have



MLA Surjeet Singh Slathia addressing the gathering at Samba on Monday.

also realized the futility of alien gun culture and developed stakes in peace for development, progress, and prosperity. This has turned turtle the apple cart of those banking on boiling Kashmir and thriving on instability and unrest for furthering their political agenda for decades. But, seeing the peoples' preference for peace over stone-pelting and economic activity over shut-down syndrome, a new era of deliverance been ensured in tune with the vision and path breaking initiatives of the Prime Minister which were implemented with sincerity of purpose during five years, he added. He assailed the reactionary policies being played by the National Conference and the Congress to vitiate the

peaceful atmosphere again and said that the BJP will thwart all their machinations to push J&K again to era of instability and hostility. They must remember that the tourism being the major mainstay in this part of the country is hugely dependent on peace and this realisation among the people has made all the difference during the past five years. Therefore, instead of indulging in gimmicks, the coalition of opportunists should work towards fulfilling the promises made during the elections, he said. Slathia lauded the people of the Jammu region for giving the BJP a huge mandate in the recent elections to work for their welfare and to guard against any discrimination. The times have changed and the people will not allow rights

of any region and sub region to be usurped. Slathia exhorted the Karyakartas to fan out in their areas, identify the problems facing the people so that these are resolved by taking these up at appropriate forums. Prominent among those present in the Vijay Rally included President (Women) Sonia Thakur, BJP Samba Mandal President Karan Singh, Vice President BJP Samba Mohan Lal Sharma, Vijay Singh DDC Office Secretary, Vikas Sambyal Kartar Chand EX BDC Dev Raj EX Sarpanch Puran Chand Sharma Surinder Singh Ramesh Singh, Kiran Kumari Sushma Devi Suman Lata, Binla Devi, Ramesh Singh, Sunil Choudhary, Gulzar Singh and others.

## Sufi Circuit is nerve centre of peace & spiritual excellence in J&K: Darakhshan

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**DODA:** Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board on Monday paid obeisance at the shrines of Shah Asrar-ud-Din (RA) & Shah Faridduddin (RA) at Kishtwar and prayed for the peace in J&K. She held a meeting with the Waqf Board staff and assessed the work on different projects going on in Kishtwar. Later Andrabi visited Doda and chaired a meet-



Chairperson JKWB, Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi paying visit at the shrine of Shah Asrar-ud-Din (RA).

ing in which she took stock of the Waqf Board assets. Dr Andrabi had a managed properties and detailed discussion

regarding the developmental projects to be executed in future. Waqf Executive Officer Doda Javed Iqbal Zargar was part of the meeting. "In the coming months, Waqf Board will be taking up some new works for execution which will further strengthen Waqf System in Kishtwar and Doda districts. Sufi Circuit is the nerve centre of peace & spiritual excellence in J&K", said Dr Darakhshan while speaking to the media at Doda.

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