

# 'Escalation of terrorist attacks in J&K sparks concern'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (NGO), has raised serious concerns over the recent surge in terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting the growing impact on the region's security and stability. The latest wave of attacks has not only resulted in the tragic loss of lives among civilians and security personnel but has also deepened anxieties regarding the safety of communities in the area. Gupta's statement comes at a time when the frequency and intensity of militant incidents have seen a marked increase, casting a shadow over the region's already complex security landscape.

In recent months, Jammu and Kashmir has experienced an alarming escalation in violence, with terrorists targeting both civilians and members of the armed forces. These attacks have included ambushes, grenade blasts, and encounters in various districts, causing widespread fear and impacting the everyday lives of the region's residents. Many of these incidents have occurred in areas



Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman Anti-Corruption Bureau NGO briefing media.

previously considered relatively stable, indicating an unsettling shift in the terrorists' strategies and expanding areas of influence. Security forces, in turn, have ramped up their counterinsurgency operations, engaging in heightened surveillance and numerous combing operations aimed at tracking down the perpetrators and preventing further attacks.

Gupta, in his statement, highlighted the urgency for a cohesive strategy to address this growing

crisis. He pointed out that while the security forces are making significant efforts to curb militancy, there is a need for more proactive measures to ensure long-term peace. "The safety of our civilians and the bravery of our soldiers are of utmost importance. The rising number of incidents calls for a collective response from all stakeholders involved. We must work towards a comprehensive solution that addresses the root causes of terrorism and strengthens the region's security framework," Gupta said. His remarks underscore the necessity for a multi-pronged approach that incorporates not only military actions but also socio-economic initiatives to counter the appeal of terrorism among vulnerable segments of society.

The increase in terrorist activities has also raised concerns about the influence of external elements in fueling violence in the region. Authorities suspect that support from across the border has been instrumental in providing resources and intelligence to terrorist groups, allowing them to

carry out well-coordinated attacks. In response, the Indian government has intensified its diplomatic efforts to address cross-border terrorism and is engaging in discussions with international allies to put pressure on nations believed to be aiding these groups.

In the wake of these incidents, calls for community vigilance have become stronger. Local leaders and civil society organizations are encouraging residents to report suspicious activities and support security efforts aimed at restoring peace. The government, on its part, has emphasized the importance of intelligence-sharing and collaboration between various agencies to curb terrorist infiltration and disrupt their networks.

Sham Lal Gupta's concerns echo the sentiments of many in Jammu and Kashmir who long for a peaceful, stable environment free from the specter of violence. The rising attacks pose a critical challenge, underscoring the need for sustained efforts and cooperation across all levels of governance to safeguard the region's future and protect its people.

# LFO-BHF organises menstrual hygiene awareness programme'



NGO members along with students and school faculty during the programme.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation successfully conducted Mission R-SAP (Remove Shyness Apply Pads) at Govt. High school Panjgram & Kwara block of panjgram village. The event aimed to raise awareness about menstrual hygiene practices among young girls on 14th Nov, 2024.

Stuti Abrol, the keynote speaker, led an informative session on proper hygiene practices, addressing common myths and encouraging open discussions to remove the stigma associated with menstruation. As part of the initiative, the NGO distributed 2,000 sanitary and aware 200+ females, about promoting accessibility to essential hygiene products.

Speaking on the occasion, Melvish Sharma,

the health incharge of the area said, "The event was a significant step towards improving menstrual health and education in the community, empowering girls with the knowledge and resources they need for better health and well-being."

As we known menstrual taboo is the major evil in the society and it's our prime focus to remove this taboo from society and let the female to live their life with dignity & our prime focus is to make a society where they is easy accessibility of sanitary to each and every female said Mr.Vivek Parihar (Director LFO-BHF)

The programme also saw the presence of notable members including Diya Sharma, Sachin, Shubam, Abhishek Gupta, Harsh, Abhishek Raina, and many more.

# GDC Neeli Nallah organises Scholarship Awareness Camp



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**UDHAMPUR:** GDC Neeli Nallah Udhampur organized Awareness Generation Camp regarding the scholarship and other allied schemes of Social Welfare Department Under the guidance of Dr.(Prof.)Seema Arora, Principal of the college. The speakers of the Event were Mr.Tilak Raj , Pooja Jamwal and Bir Singh from Social Welfare Department.

Tilak Raj explained Different types of scholarship schemes to create awareness with large no of students. It is envisaged to provide 5000 fresh scholarships every year. Social Welfare Department has been offering special fee structure for the students of J&K thus helping both parents and students.

He further mentioned that the Social Welfare Department also provides scholarships to meritorious students and accepts applications through AICTE- PMSSS, AICTE Pragati Scholarship Scheme, AICTE Saksham Scholarship Scheme and various other scholar-

ships schemes.The Department takes pride in sharing that till date lakhs of students from J&K have taken admission in various courses of the college through scholarships.

The Next Speaker Pooja Jamwal gave details about Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojna and explained Different things to motivate Girl students to go ahead with the help of society and prove themselves as a respectable citizen of Speaker. The main Motive of her speech was to ensure survival, Protection and Educate the Girl Child. Team from Social Welfare Department also facilitates Girl Meritorious Students and distribute the Wrist Watches to motivated them for doing hardwork in their future endeavors. Prof. Shaista Yasmeen, Convener of the programme presented formal Vote of Thanks. Dr. Mubarak Mahir and Dr. Akhter Hussain were the members of organizing Committee. Dr. Nazir, Dr. Shameem, Neha, Dr. Zahoor, Dr. Muntazir and Rajeshwar Jamwal were also present.

# Sadhotra reiterates NC's commitment for restoration of J&K's Statehood

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**VJAYPUR:** The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood during a convention held at Vishwakarma Sabha, Suhaka Morh, in Vijaypur, District Samba.

The convention was addressed by Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, former Minister and Additional General Secretary of JKNC, who highlighted the party's efforts and future aspirations for the region.

Ajay Sadhotra lauded the visionary leadership of Omar Abdullah, Honble Chief Minister, for spearheading the unanimous Cabinet resolution demanding the restoration of statehood and the subsequent Assembly resolution advocating for the reinstatement of Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

"These resolutions reflect the party's determination to safeguard the constitutional rights and dignity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he stated.



Additional General Secretary of JKNC, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra and others during convention.

Praising Omar Abdullah's consistent efforts, Ajay Sadhotra emphasized that the National Conference has always prioritized the aspirations of the people. "The restoration of statehood is not just a political demand but a step towards restoring the confidence and identity of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Omar Abdullah's leadership has been instrumental in keeping this mission alive," he added.

Ajay Sadhotra also reiterated the National Conference's dedication to addressing pressing public issues. He stressed the importance of initiatives like "Har Ghar Jal, Har Ghar

Nal," urging their effective implementation to ensure access to clean drinking water for every household.

The party's welfare agenda was also underscored, including commitments to provide 200 free electricity units, one gas cylinder per month, and double rations to households, as acknowledged in the Lieutenant Governor's address to the Assembly.

Abdul Gani Teli, Chairman of the OBC Cell JKNC, emphasized the party's inclusive approach, highlighting Omar Abdullah's role in establishing the OBC Advisory Board to address the community's needs. "The National Conference is com-

mitted to increasing OBC reservations and ensuring social justice for all marginalized communities," Mr. Teli remarked.

The convention also marked a significant moment for the party as several notable leaders joined its ranks, including Jagdish Verma who contested the parliamentary election and two times Assembly election, Karan Attri who contested the parliamentary election 2024, Tarsem Verma Vice President OBC Marcha, Madan Lal Rtd RTO and Ashok Verma.

Welcoming the new members, Ajay Sadhotra stated that their inclusion strength-

ens JKNC's efforts to fight for the rights and development of Jammu and Kashmir.

The convention concluded with a strong resolve from party leaders and attendees to continue pressing for the restoration of statehood and the constitutional rights of Jammu and Kashmir; ensuring a brighter future for its people.

Among others who participated in the function Ayub Malik, Ashok Attri Rtd. DIG, Master Aslam, Puran Chand Ex-Chairman MC Bari Barhmana, Ragubir Singh Manhas, Naresh Bitu, DD Mehra, Ishan, Som Raj Taroch, Harmesh Singh Salathia, Chander Udhay Singh, Jogindar Lal Verma Block President NC Vijaypur, Sat Pal Block President Ramgarh, Jagdeep Singh Jamwal, Khajur Singh Ex-Sarpanch Bagla Ralya and Rtd. Principal, Master Shankar Singh Charak, Pardeep Sharma Rajiv Kumar, Kuldeep Verma Sarpanch, Nagar Mal Sharma, Jogindar Kumar, Ravindar Singh Bantu, Amar Nath, Rakesh Kumar kohli etc.

# DC Rajouri visits PHC Teryath, interacts with delivery-on-road incident victim

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**RAJOURI:** Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma visited Primary Health Centre (PHC) Teryath to gather first hand appraisal of the incident involving a woman delivering a baby on road.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the affected woman and her family to understand the circumstances leading to the incident. He assured the family of strict action and emphasized that such incidents are unacceptable in a system committed to providing accessible healthcare to all.

While addressing the health officials present, the Deputy Commissioner directed them to work with utmost sincerity and diligence to prevent such incidents in future. "Healthcare is a fundamental right and it is our collective responsibility to ensure timely and effective medical services for every citizen," he stated.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the ADC Kalakote to conduct a detailed inquiry into the matter and submit a report at the earliest. He also emphasized the need for regular monitoring of health centers and provision of adequate resources to cater to the needs of the public.

# Kathua Campus organises industrial visit to Chenab Textile Mills for MBA students

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**KATHUA:** The Management School of Kathua Campus, University of Jammu successfully organized an enriching industrial visit for the MBA I & III semester students to Chenab Textile Mills, Kathua on November 18, 2024 (Monday). The visit aimed at providing students with practical exposure of textile manufacturing processes and industry operations.

The management of Chenab Textile Mills extended a warm welcome to the students and faculty, provided detailed overview of their operations and innovations in textile manufacturing. S.K. Jena, DGM-HR/Training & Development, CTM provided comprehensive overview of the organization, including its history, operations, workforce, HR strategies, and



Students during visit to Chenab Textile mills at Kathua.

contributions to the global textile market. Mr. Jena stated that blend of skill-building with self-awareness and mindfulness cultivates well-rounded individuals who are not only successful but also resilient and focused.

Kanika Samyal, HR at Chenab Textile Mills, emphasized on the adoption of sustainable practices to enhance efficiency and reduce environmental impact. She encouraged students to explore vast opportunities in the textile industry, emphasizing the sector's vital contribution to global trade and economic growth.

Furthermore, the staff of Quality and Assurance elaborated on the usage of USTERISED Trade Mark by Uster Technologies AG, Switzerland. As this trademark signifies excellent quality management systems followed by the Mills. Moreover, operational level staff highlighted about the mill's end-to-end textile manufacturing processes, from sourcing raw materials to producing high-quality finished products.

The students interacted

with the industry professionals, clarified their doubts and understand the nuance of the textile industry. The students gained valuable insights into manufacturing processes, quality control, supply chain management and observed advanced industrial operations. The visit was part of the campus's ongoing efforts to promote industry-academia collaboration and inspire the next generation of professionals in the textile sector.

Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Rector, Kathua Campus,

University of Jammu stated that industrial visits are crucial for equipping the students with real-world knowledge and helping them understand practical applications of their academic concepts.

Dr. Ritu Sharma organized the industrial event and inspired the students to be part of such visits while, Mr. Gaurav Sharma coordinated with the company for the smooth conduct of the visit. Faculty members Dr. Surekha Phakwrya and Ms. Purnima Verma accompanied the students during the visit. The visit was well-received by the students, who expressed their gratitude to the Kathua Campus for organizing such an insightful trip. This initiative reaffirms the campus's commitment towards fostering industry-academia collaboration and enhancing students' learning through practical exposure.

# Army provides assistance to Kalsian School under Op Sadbhavana



Army officials along with school faculty during the event.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**N O W S H E R A :** Demonstrating unwavering commitment to fostering goodwill and enhancing the quality of life in remotest regions close to the LOC, the Indian Army's Tithwal Warriors under Ace of Spades Division of White Knight Corps conducted an extensive distribution of essential items to the school & residents of Kalsian Village, under Operation Sadbhavna on 18 Nov 24. This humanitarian outreach aims to strengthen bonds with the local community and ensure they receive necessary support for their well-being and socio-economic development. In a ceremony attended by Indian Army Officials, villagers, school children and local administration officials, the Tithwal Warriors distributed a variety of essential items to the Govt Higher Secondary School, Kalsian and the villagers including computers & infrastructure, water storage tanks and water coolers for the community. These items address critical needs, especially for development of the children and village people and reinforce the Army's commitment to the welfare of the population of Jammu and Kashmir. The initiative under Operation Sadbhavna seeks to build mutual trust and respect between the Army and the local population. By addressing basic necessities and offering support to those in need, the Tithwal Warriors are not only promoting peace but also helping to foster an environment conducive to sustainable development in the region. Teachers of Govt School, and residents of Kalsian Village of Nowshera expressed their deep gratitude for the Indian Army's efforts, highlighting how the support will make a meaningful difference in their lives and of children, especially in challenging times.

The Indian Army, through such initiatives, reaffirms its dedication to the holistic development of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring they feel both secure and valued.

The Indian Army remains committed to conducting similar activities under Operation Sadbhavna across other remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir, promoting an enduring bond of trust and cooperation with the local communities.

# National Workshop on CSR activities for educational enrichment of students organised at SMVDU

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**KATRA:** The School of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) successfully organized a National Workshop on CSR Activities for Educational Enrichment of Students. The workshop aimed to explore strategies for utilizing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives to enhance educational opportunities and outcomes for students. The keynote session was delivered by Mr. Gaurav Bali, a distinguished corporate trainer from Lovely Professional University (LPU), who shared invaluable insights into the role



Faculty members along with students after the workshop.

of CSR in transforming education. He was accompanied by Mr. Varun, also from LPU, whose input added depth to the discussion. Their dynamic and thought-provoking session was highly appreciated by the audience. The event witnessed participation from over 150 students, creating an interactive platform for learning and collaboration. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Anil Kumar Bhardwaj and Dr. Vikram Singh, with Dr. Vijay Kumar Sharma and Dr. Purnima Hazra serving as co-coordinators. The organizing secretary, Dr. Manish Sabraj, and the

team ensured the event's seamless execution. Although Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar and Registrar JKAS Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma could not attend the event, the organizing team acknowledged their ongoing support and guidance, which was instrumental in the success

of the program. The workshop provided students with a unique opportunity to interact with experts and gain practical insights into implementing CSR initiatives for educational enrichment. The session fostered meaningful discussions, leaving attendees inspired and motivated to bring about positive change. The organizers extended their heartfelt gratitude to Gaurav Bali and Varun from Lovely Professional University for their valuable contributions. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, marking another milestone in SMVDU's commitment to academic excellence and societal growth.

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