

Shiv Sena demands to declare Jammu as a permanent capital, warning of mass movement

Appeal to well-wishers, affected to come together



President Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K, Manish Sahni leading protest at Jammu.

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JAMMU: To save the identity, cultural and social identity of Jammu, it should be declared as the permanent capital of J&K, stated by Manish Sahni, president Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit.

Jammu". State chief Manish Sahni said that during its last 10 years in the Centre and its current third term, BJP has done nothing except baking its political bread in the name of Jammu. Even during the reorganization and delimitation of Jammu-Kashmir, Jammu was not given its legitimate rights. After becoming a Union Territory, the business and jobs of Jammu have been affected the most due to the involvement of outsiders. The remaining gap was filled

by stopping the Darbar Move tradition. The way Jammu's cultural identity, business and even Jammu Doordarshan are being ended, it is clear that Jammu's identity is in danger. Sahni has demanded from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to declare Jammu as the permanent capital in the ongoing assembly session. Sahni said that Jammu will prove to be better and favorable for the whole in terms of security and weather. Sahni has also demanded

Warns to stop nefarious and cowardly activities, questions raised on intelligence system

JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit has strongly condemned the grenade attack on Sunday market near Tourist Reception Center (TRC) in Srinagar yesterday (in which 12 people were injured), warned terrorist organizations to stop nefarious and cowardly activities. Along with this, state head Manish Sahni has also criticized the failures of the intelligence system. Sahni said that in the last 20 days, 7 terrorist attacks have taken place in which 12 innocent and unarmed people and two soldiers have been martyred and almost the same number of common people and soldiers have been injured. With the sudden spurt in terrorist attacks in Kashmir, it seems that terrorists are targeting whomever and wherever they want and our intelligence system is proving to be a complete failure. Sahni has also demanded the Modi government at the Centre to come out of the election mode and focus on Jammu and Kashmir.

that the BJP MLAs, who garner votes by posing as the so-called well-wishers of Jammu, should put pressure on making Jammu the permanent capital and bring a proposal on this in the current session of the Assembly. With the resolve to take the above demand to its logical conclusion, Sahni has appealed to the well-wishers of Jammu and all the affect-

ed business and commercial organizations to come together. On this occasion, many leaders and workers including working President Jai Bharat, Senior Vice President Balwant Singh, Rajesh Jandial, Jammu City President Rohan Malwal, Secretary Geeta Lakhotra, Dimple, Munish were present.

On Yogi's orders, Bank opens on Sunday to aid elderly man

SHAHZAD AKHTAR

LUCKNOW: The Uttar Pradesh CM Helpline (1076) has become a vital tool for resolving public grievances under the guidance of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Through regular oversight, numerous issues have been addressed swiftly. A recent case highlights the helpline's impact, an elderly man in Indiranagar, Lucknow, found relief after his long-standing banking issue was resolved within hours due to high-level intervention of UP govt authorities.



Mukesh Kumar, a resident of Indiranagar, told that his father, Sohanlal, had a joint account with his late mother, Rajeshwari. Following her recent passing, Sohanlal needed funds urgently and approached the bank with a check and her death certificate. However, bank officials informed him that withdrawals from the joint account were not possible without additional documentation to update

In response to Singh's orders, bank officials took immediate action. Despite it being a Sunday, the bank opened specially to resolve Sohanlal's issue. The funds he needed were finally disbursed, ending his prolonged wait. Sohanlal and his family expressed deep gratitude for the intervention, praising the efficiency of the CM Helpline and the leadership of CM Yogi Adityanath, as well as Chief Secretary Singh. This incident exemplifies the responsiveness of the Uttar Pradesh administration in addressing public grievances. The CM Helpline has proven to be a practical resource for citizens, ensuring that their issues are heard and resolved promptly, often through high-level involvement when needed. Sohanlal's case is just one of many where the helpline has facilitated swift and effective solutions, highlighting the government's commitment to citizen welfare.

SKUAST-J organizes training programme on Climate Resilient Agriculture

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JAMMU: All India Coordinated Research Project on Dryland Agriculture (AICRPDA), Rakh Dhiansar organized farmers Training programme under the guidance of Dr. S. K Gupta, Director Centre for Rainfed agriculture, Rakh Dhiansar where in more than 50 farmers of adopted villages viz. Khaner, Madana and Khada under AICRPDA-NICRA project participated. This programme was organized for preparedness to counter the weather vagaries which may occur during crop growing period. At the outset, Dr. Rohit Sharma, Scientist, PI, AICRPDA-NICRA (OPR) welcomed the farmers and briefed them about the various technical activities to be followed during the ensuing

Kharif season. Dr. Sharma further impressed upon the farmers to go for the adoption of recommended packages and practices for rabi crops. Dr. Vikas Sharma, Prof & Head, Soil and Agricultural chemistry briefed farmers about the importance of organic manures which not only help in maintaining the fertility of soil but also help in improving the water holding capacity of rainfed soils which ultimately help the plants to withstand during the long dryspell situations. While interacting with the farmers, Dr. Jai Kumar, Scientist (Agronomy) exhorted the farmers to adopt the scientific agronomical activities to increase the productivity of Kharif crop and thereby making the farming a self reliant venture. Also he emphasized on adoption of climate smart agro technologies to improve

their income. Dr. Brinder Singh Scientists (Soil Science) gave detailed account of various ways and means to enhance crop productivity by improving soil fertility. Dr. Sonika Jamwal and Dr. A.C. Jha, Chief Scientist's (Pathology) awarded farmers about the eco-friendly ways of managing rabi crop diseases. Er. Sunny Raina briefed about the various engineering interventions which can be adopted to increase the crop production of Rabi crops. About 50 farmers have participated in the said training programme. Ram Lal Sharma and Krishan Singh farmers from Village Khaner and Madana respectively, on behalf of the participating farmers thanked the AICRPDA scientists for their relentless services and appealed to organize such activities at regular intervals in future also.

J&K is inseparable part of India: Sat Sharma

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JAMMU: Newly appointed J&K BJP President Sat Sharma was felicitated at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, upon his arrival to Jammu after being appointed State President by the national leadership on Sunday. Earlier, Sat Sharma was accorded warm welcome by the enthusiastic BJP workers at Jammu Airport, who then proceeded to the BJP headquarters in the form of a rally. Ravinder Raina, outgoing President along with Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister, Shamsher Singh Manhas, former President, Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary, District Presidents Parmod Kapahi, Rekha Mahajan, Gopal Mahajan, & Omi Khajuria, Spokesperson Girdhari Lal Raina spoke on the occasion, wishing Sat Sharma for the Presidential Post. Sat Sharma praised the outgoing President Ravinder Raina for his relentless work



Newly appointed J&K BJP President Sat Sharma being felicitated at party headquarters.

in extending the party work to limitless corners of the region. He expressed gratitude for the support and pledged to work tirelessly for the people of Jammu & Kashmir. He assured party members that he would focus on strengthening the organization, connecting with youth, and promoting inclusive development across the region. He said that the BJP has now become a mass-based party with an organized network of mature activists. He said that BJP is now making history every

time. He said that on one hand our 28 MLAs are actively thwarting any nefarious designs with in the Assembly and on the other hand our countless activists are ready to resist any anti-national or anti-social design on the roads. He said that BJP is a party with a difference and asked the activists to reflect the same within the society. He expressed confidence that with the support of the party activists, they

will work as a team to take the party to new heights. While emphasizing the need to develop both regions Jammu & Kashmir with the same emphasis, Sat Sharma also focused on the need to further strengthen the will to fight the ill designs of certain forces which intend to destroy the development agenda set up by the Modi government in Jammu & Kashmir. He also said that J&K is an inseparable part of India and

the BJP's MLAs as well as leaders will never deviate from their ideology of 'Nation First'. Ravinder Raina said that the BJP is the only party that doesn't believe in power and stands for the 'right' every time. He thanked the 16 lakh 52 thousand activists of the party for the incessant support to him during the extended tenure of his Presidential post. He said that Sat Sharma is an experienced and seasoned leader who will take the party to new heights. Kavinder expressed optimism that Sat Sharma's leadership will bring new vigor to the party's mission in Jammu & Kashmir. He commended Sat Sharma's dedication, resilience, and commitment to the values of the BJP, describing him as a "seasoned leader with a deep understanding of grassroots concerns."

Court rejects bail of two in Narco-Terrorism case

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JAMMU: The 3rd Additional Sessions Judge of Jammu, Madan Lal, has denied the bail applications of Mohd Latif Dar and Shafi Bhat, both allegedly involved in a narco-terrorism case. This case, filed under FIR dated May 27, 2019, was initially registered under Sections 8/21/22/27-A/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, following a recovery of 260 grams of heroin and over ₹12 lakh in cash during a routine Naka checking at Vivekananda

Chowk, Jammu. Arshad Elahi and Fayaz Ahmed Dar were found in possession of these items, and further investigation led to additional arrests and discoveries. During the investigation, offenses under Sections 13/16/17/21 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) were also added in August 2019. The investigating officer (I.O.) discovered that the accused were part of a larger cross-border narcotics trafficking operation intended to fund terrorist activities. This operation was reportedly orchestrated by

Shahid, identified as the financial head of the Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) in Pakistan, with the accused serving as key operatives in smuggling narcotics from across the border to finance terrorism. During sustained questioning, Mohd Latif Dar admitted to connections with the militant group and detailed his role in facilitating illicit funds to finance terrorism. He disclosed that he delivered funds collected from narcotics sales to HM militant Mohd Shafi Bhat on instructions from Fayaz Ahmed Rather. Both Latif

Dar and Shafi Bhat corroborated details of their involvement in financing the terrorism through narcotics trafficking, further solidifying the conspiracy among the accused. In court, Judge Madan Lal reviewed the evidence, including the charge sheet, charges, and witness testimonies. The judge concluded that there are reasonable grounds to believe the allegations against the accused are prima facie true. He cited relevant case law, noting that in cases involving serious offenses under the

UAPA, delays in the trial do not justify bail. Furthermore, he emphasized that statutory restrictions under Section 43(D) of the UAPA apply, and only constitutional courts may exercise discretion in such matters. Given the serious nature of the offenses, the conspiracy evidence, and the stage of ongoing prosecution, the court found the bail applications premature and without merit. Accordingly, Judge Madan Lal rejected the bail applications, and both accused remain in custody.

Contempt in PIL regarding facilities for cancer patients File compliance of order failing which Com/Secy Health appear in person: DB

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JAMMU: In a contempt petition filed by AV Gupta in Public Interest Litigation (PIL) regarding facilities for cancer patients, a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Chief Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice MA Chowdhary observed that the respondents have failed to show what happened with regard to installation of PET Scan Machinery in other Government Medical Colleges of the UT in terms of judgment dated February 17, 2016. The DB grants last and final

opportunity to the respondents to file compliance to the judgment dated February 17, 2016 in toto by or before the next date of hearing, failing which the Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Health & Medical Education Department, UT of J&K shall appear in person on the next date of hearing. When the contempt petition came-up for hearing, DB observed that instead of filing compliance, the respondents have filed the status report dated October 10, 2024 in compliance to the previous order passed by this Court

dated August 20, 2024, contending therein that the matter was considered in the Department and on such consideration, a need was felt to seek details/report from the Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (JK MSCIL) regarding installation of PET Scans in the Government Medical Colleges where there is no such facility available. DB observed that the status report dated October 10, 2024 has been filed by the respondents in the very casual manner; therefore, the same is rejected.

Two-day district level Mock Tabletop Exercise on Earthquake, Landslide starts

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KISHTWAR: A district-level mock exercise simulating earthquake and other natural as well as Man Made Disasters begins on Monday in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Kishtwar. The Two day long exercise is being organised by the District Administration in collaboration with the 13 battalion National Disaster Response Force (SDRF) to enhance disaster preparedness, improve response capabilities, and strengthen inter-departmental coordination. The tabletop exercise was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan in presence of SSP Kishtwar Abdul Qayoom and representatives from Revenue, Health, Police, Fire & Emergency Services, Public Works and Civil Defense were present. The DC emphasized the importance of preparedness and swift action to

minimize loss of life and property during natural disasters. He urged all departments, as well as the general public and community members, to actively participate in preparedness drills to ensure readiness for any emergency. The DC referred to Kishtwar as a historically disaster-prone district, citing incidents such as accidents, avalanches, earthquakes, and other emergencies. He highlighted that disasters do not respect administrative boundaries and stressed the need to train individuals to provide immediate assistance when required. He also emphasized the importance of efficiently utilizing relief materials and establishing systematic approaches and relief cells to ensure aid reaches those in genuine need. SSP underscored the importance of establishing a dedicated phone line at the local control room to

disseminate information related to disaster management at tehsil level as well. Assistant Commandant of the NDRF, Javed Iqbal, led discussions on coordinated responses to potential earthquake and landslide situations, focusing on resource mobilization, evacuation plans, and communication strategies. The exercise outlined the roles and responsibilities of each department in a real emergency while identifying potential gaps in the current disaster response framework. Among other prominent officers, ACR Kishtwar Idrees Lone, SDM Marwah Mohammad Ashraf, SDM Chatroo Nayeem Ul Rehman, ACD Kishtwar Phulail Singh, AD Food Shafqat Ali Keen, Tehsildar Kishtwar, Tehsildar Mughal Maidan, Dy. SP DAR Sajad Khan, as well as SDRF officers, officials and representatives from various departments remained present in the event.

DC Poonch reviews implementation of HADP

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POONCH: District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal on Monday chaired a meeting of District Level Committee here in the conference hall of the DC office to review implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) in the district. Officers from stakeholder departments, including Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Sericulture, Fisheries, floriculture etc pre-



District Development Commissioner, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting on Monday.

sented a detailed update on the current status of program registrations across varied components, departmental approvals and project deployments. The DDC, who is also the Chairman of the District level Committee

(DLC), reviewed 29 projects of agriculture and allied departments of the district. The DC emphasized that the HADP is a major step towards creating a sustainable and profitable agricultural ecosystem.

"The programme aims to empower farmers with knowledge and tools that can help them enhance their productivity and profitability while also contributing to the overall growth of the agriculture sector", he added. DDC directed the concerned officers to improve the awareness among farmers during Kisan Sampark Abhiyan (KSA) and also stressed upon the officers to gear up the work to achieve the set targets. The DC set clear timelines for achieving specific targets under HADP and demanded regular progress reports from concerned departments. He assured all possible support from the district administration to facilitate the success of HADP.

Reasi admin discusses proposals under PMKKKY; DC pushes for funding public welfare projects

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REASI: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan on Monday chaired a meeting to deliberate on proposals projected for funding under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY), also known as the District Mineral foundation trust. I. The meeting aimed to prioritize the fund allocation under PMKKKY for projects that would benefit the maximum



Deputy Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan chairing a meeting on Monday.

number of people of the District. The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the proposals moved for different sectors like education, plantations and discussed their

potential benefits for people welfare. He also gave nod to some proposals like plantations of trees, welfare of Safai workers etc. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized on

transparent and efficient allocation of funds under the PMKKKY. He directed the departments to promptly submit demands with approximate cost estimation, to facilitate the

decision-making process. Additionally, the DC added that the proposals will be subjected to thorough scrutiny and evaluation to determine their feasibility and alignment with the overarching goals of the PMKKKY. The meeting was attended by CPO Reasi Narinder Kumar, ACD Pardeep Kumar, DFO Sunil Manhas, XENS of various departments, District Mineral Officer, Reasi and others.