

Sat, Sunil chair BJP MLAs meeting, call for welfare oriented governance to reach every household

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SAMBA: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, organized its monthly meeting of MLAs at Akhilash Farm, in district Samba.

The meeting was presided over by Sat Sharma (CA), Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and President, BJP J&K, accompanied by Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma. Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Organization), J&K BJP, and Dr. Narinder Singh, BJP National Secretary & MLA, also addressed the meeting.

J&K BJP General Secretaries Baldev Singh Billawaria and Gopal Mahajan, MLAs Dr. D.K. Manyal, Sham Lal Sharma, Surjit Singh Sathia, Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat, Adv. Ranbir Singh Pathania, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, Balwant Singh Mankotia, Arvind Gupta, Dr. Rajiv Bhagat, Shagun Parihar, Surinder Bhagat, Thakur Darshan Singh, Thakur Randhir Singh, Mohan Lal Bhagat, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, and Dr.



MP Sat Sharma (CA), & LoP Sunil Sharma chairing meeting at Samba.

Sunil Bhardwaj, along with District Presidents Adv. Rajesh Gupta, Arun Gupta, Naresh Singh Jasrotia, Rinku Choudhary, Rajiv Pandita, and Gopal, were present in the meeting.

The meeting reviewed ongoing organizational activities, discussed public-centric developmental issues, and charted out a roadmap to further strengthen the party's base across the Union Territory.

Addressing the meeting, Sat Sharma emphasized that the BJP stands as the true voice of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that every elected representative

of BJP should work with a mission mode to ensure that every section of society benefit from the policies of the Modi Government. He said that the party MLAs must ensure their reach to every household, every voter, and ensure that the party's welfare-oriented governance model touches every life. He lauded the MLAs for their active role in the Assembly and said that they successfully sought the attention of the House regarding issues concerning common people of J&K and especially thwarting any attempt of regional bias in the J&K assembly.

Sunil Sharma, in his

address, said that in the last decade, BJP has emerged as a credible force of development and integrity in Jammu & Kashmir. He said that the BJP is committed to transparency, accountability, and rapid progress. He appreciated the proactive measures taken by BJP MLAs for the welfare of the needy and further urged them to intensify grassroots outreach. He further added that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have seen through the politics of deceit by NC, Congress, and PDP, and are now rallying behind the BJP's vision of peace, prosperity, and empower-

ment.

Ashok Koul underlined the importance of coordinated effort between the elected representatives and the party cadre to strengthen the organization and amplify the welfare measures for the people at the ground level. Our strength lies in our disciplined structure and commitment to service, he said.

Dr. Narinder Singh stressed that the Modi government is concerned for the development at the grassroots level even in the remotest places, which is based upon the accountable and performance oriented governance model.

All the MLAs also felicitated Sat Sharma for his election as Member of Parliament of Rajya Sabha, and wished him a successful public oriented tenure as an MP, while further strengthening the organization as a President.

On the occasion, a book highlighting the first-year achievements of MLA Dr. Bharat Bhushan was also unveiled, showcasing the developmental initiatives and welfare measures undertaken in his constituency.

3-day mobile passport van service camp commences



ACR Mohd. Sayeed, ASP Mohan Lal after inaugurating the camp.

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POONCH: As part of the Public Outreach Programme aimed at improving citizen services, the Regional Passport Office (RPO) Jammu, under the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, today organised a three-day Mobile Passport Van Service Camp in the premises of the New Auditorium SKC Government Degree College Ground Poonch.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue Mohd. Sayeed and Additional Superintendent of Police Mohan Lal inaugurated this camp in the presence of Deputy Director Employment Abdul Majid Tantray, OSD, MEA Sunil Khar and other officers.

Interacting with media on

this occasion, the ACR and OSD from RPO Jammu said that the camp has been organized for the residents of Poonch district who have booked an appointment through the official website - www.passportindia.gov.in. They further said that Applicants would be served as per the selected slot during the three day stay of the Passport Van service (November 12 to November 14, 2025).

The ACR and ASP expressed gratitude to the Regional Passport Office Jammu and the Ministry of External Affairs for organizing the Mobile Passport Van Service Camp in Poonch. They appealed to the people of district Poonch to take full advantage of the doorstep service.

They said that such initiatives will bring government services closer to the people, especially those living in hilly and remote areas.

As per RPO Jammu, similar camps are being conducted in other districts of Jammu Province in the coming months to extend passport-related services to citizens residing in far-flung and remote areas.

The Mobile Passport Van is fully equipped for biometric enrolment and on-site document verification, ensuring convenience and efficiency for applicants.

This citizen-friendly initiative is expected to enhance accessibility, save time and make passport services more efficient for residents of remote areas.

APS Samba organises Inter APSs Children's Day celebration of Children with Special Need



School management along with students during the event.

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SAMBA: In a heartwarming celebration of joy, inclusion and talent, Army Public School, Samba organized an Inter APSs Children's Day Celebration of Children with Special Needs (CwSN) on 12th of November, 2025.

The event was filled with enthusiasm, laughter, uniqueness and creativity as CwSN children partici-

pated in a variety of engaging activities including fun games, a fancy dress competition and vibrant dance performances. The celebration aimed to recognize the individuality and potential of every child, while promoting inclusivity and compassion among students.

The event was wrapped around the belief that "Every child is special and unique." Children from

Army Public School, Samba and Army Public School, BD Bari showcased their unique talents with confidence and joy.

Speaking at the occasion, Chairman, APS Samba appreciated the efforts of Principal and staff of APS, Samba and conveyed special thanks to APS, BD Bari for making the event lively and inclusive and a great success.

Training Programme on 'mushroom cultivation, compost preparation for Rural Youth' begins

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SRINAGAR: A one month skill development training programme on Mushroom Cultivation and compost preparation in collaboration with SWAN NGO organised by AICRP-Mushroom, Division of Plant Pathology was started today at the Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-Kashmir, Wadura Campus.

The objective of the workshop to impart training for rural youth about mushroom cultivation and spawn production with latest technology and techniques to enhance their skills.

In the beginning of the inaugural event, Dr. Tanveer Ahmad Wani, Prof. & Head of the Division spoke on the subject and elaborated the



SKUAST officials along with participants during the training programme.

importance of the workshop.

He stressed upon the Dr. Naseema Wani (Young Professional) briefed participants about importance of mushroom in J&K and also its medicinal importance.

The event ended with formal vote of thanks presented by Dr. Vikas Gupta. He

thanked Dean, Faculty of Agriculture for his support and encouragement. Dr. Vikas also thanked Prof. & Head, Div. of Plant Pathology, for encouraging such training programmes.

He also thanked SWAN, NGO for supporting such training programme to enhance skills of the participants.

The scientists of the Division of Plant Pathology graced the occasion and interacted with the participants.

participants to inculcate interest in new techniques in mushroom cultivation and spawn production.

The inaugural event was graced by the Chief Guest of the occasion Dr. Shakeel

Ahmad Mir, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST-Kashmir, Wadura Campus on the subject.

He gave insightful and thought regarding health benefits and suitable infrastructure needed for mushroom cultivation.

He also interacted with the scientists, scholars and participants of the training programme.

Dr. Vikas Gupta, Course Coordinator/Principal Investigator, AICRP-Mushroom apprised the rural youth about mushroom cultivation and spawn production.

The youth showed keen interest in training programme and emphasised that in future training programmes like this should be conducted for skill development of the youths.

DC Kathua visits Cloudburst-Hit Jodh Village; reviews restoration works

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KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Sharma, along with senior functionaries of the District Administration Kathua today visited cloudburst hit Jodh village.

The cloudburst hit the village on August 17, claiming five lives and badly affecting the public infrastructure.

During the visit, the DC interacted with the local residents and gave a patient hearing to their grievances and demands. He said that the objective of the visit along with officers from different departments was to personally ascertain the ground realities and review measures taken to restore normalcy in the affected areas.



DC Rajesh Sharma listening to public issues at Jodh village.

The DC informed that extensive damage was caused to vital public assets, many of which have been temporarily restored. He said that the crucial road connectivity from Ghatti to Saffian is being taken up under PMGSY, for which a project worth ₹12 crore has been approved. He directed

the executing agencies to revisit the area and ensure timely restoration of connectivity to the unconnected peripheral habitations.

Responding to the issues raised by locals, the DC informed that the demand for allotment of 5 marlas of land to the affected families has been conveyed to the

government and is under consideration. He further directed the concerned departments to ensure uninterrupted ration supply, upgradation of local schools, restoration of defunct water sources and improvement of drinking water supply and installation of additional protection crates to prevent

future damage.

The DC appreciated the spirit of brotherhood and resilience shown by the local community during the testing times and urged them to continue maintaining unity and cooperation.

Earlier, Ex-BDC Chairperson Barnoti, Brijeshwar Singh, along with former PRI members and local residents, projected area-specific issues requiring administrative intervention.

Among others, ADDC Kathua, ADC, PO ICDS, ACR, ACD, CPO, and XENs of PWD, PHE, PDD, PMGSY, besides CAO, CAHO, CHO, Tehsildar, BDO, LDM, ALC and other officers were present during the visit.

Pawan inaugurates of key development works



MLA Pawan Kumar Gupta inaugurating developmental work at Udhampur.

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UDHAMPUR: Pawan Kumar Gupta, Deputy Leader of Opposition, Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, today inaugurated a series of essential development works aimed at improving civic infrastructure and public amenities in Udhampur. The works inaugurated include Repair and renovation of the lane at Shankar Nagar, Ward No. 17, with an estimated cost of Rs 1.40 lakhs; construction of lane, drain, and tiling work from Sham Lal Pakhetra to Gulam Rasool in Ward No. 8, sanctioned at Rs 1.09 lakhs; repair and renovation of the lane

at Omara Morh near Kalimata Mandir and Gurdwara, Ward No. 17, with a budget allocation of Rs 4.43 lakhs. Addressing the gathering, Shri Gupta reaffirmed his commitment to strengthening urban infrastructure and ensuring timely execution of public works. He emphasized that these projects reflect the administration's resolve to address long-pending civic issues and enhance the quality of life for residents. Local citizens and ward representatives expressed their appreciation for the swift action and pledged full cooperation in maintaining the newly developed assets.

GDC Sunderbani conducts Round 3 Awareness Session under Mission YUVA on Udyam Jagriti 4.0

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NOWSHERA: Government Degree College Sunderbani organized a Round 3 Awareness Session under Mission YUVA on Udyam Jagriti 4.0, aimed at promoting entrepreneurship awareness and skill development among students.

The session was conducted by Prof. Atal Bharati, Campus Nodal Officer, Mission YUVA, who guided students on registration



through the Mission YUVA App, exploring sector-wise skill courses available under the Skill Learning Hub, and enrolling in certified e-courses related to entrepreneurship and skill enhancement.

He emphasized the importance of developing an entrepreneurial mindset to foster innovation, self-employment, and nation-building. A large number of students actively participated in the session and expressed keen interest in utilizing the opportunities offered under Mission YUVA.

Dr. Vandana Verma, Principal of the College, appreciated the efforts of the Mission YUVA team for organizing such awareness sessions and encouraged students to take maximum benefit of various digital initiatives aimed at enhancing employability and entrepreneurship skills.

The event concluded with an interactive discussion encouraging students to make the best use of digital learning platforms and government initiatives for holistic growth.

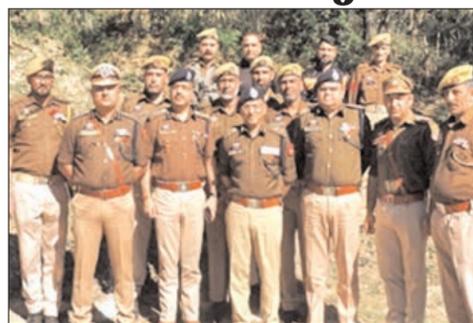
ADGP Armed visits IRP 22nd Bn, interacts with jawans

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KISHTWAR: Anand Jain, Additional Director General of Police, Armed visited headquarters of the IRP 22nd battalion located at Kishtwar to review its functioning and interact with the officers and personnel. He was accompanied by Sh Vinod Kumar, IPS, DIG IRP Jammu, and Sh Rajinder Singh, SSP APCR Jammu.

On his arrival, ADG was honoured with a Guard of Honour and also received a warm welcome from CO IR 22nd Bn, Sh Mushim Ahmad, SSP and associated officers/officials.

During his visit, Jain conducted inspection of MT fleet, main office, ration store, equipment store, and other sections of the battalion campus. He took a detailed assessment of the facilities, maintenance standards, and



Anand Jain, ADGP Armed during visit to IRP 22nd Battalion at Kishtwar.

administrative functioning of each section.

Later, ADG presided over a darbar with officers and jawans of the unit. During the interaction, all grievances were heard and were assured of prompt redressal of the grievances. He appreciated the dedication and discipline exhibited by the battalion personnel

while performing their professional duties in challenging terrains of Kishtwar district. He lauded efforts of the Battalion in the recent flood rescue and relief operations.

While addressing in darbar, Jain emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of professionalism, physical fit-

ness, and team spirit. He also urged the personnel to uphold the values of integrity, dedication, and service while discharging their duties.

As part of the welfare initiatives, ADG inaugurated a newly established battalion Canteen aimed at catering daily needs and convenience of the personnel. He also participated in a plantation drive within the campus by planting saplings, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation and a clean-green workplace.

The visit concluded with the ADG expressing satisfaction regarding overall performance of the battalion and encouraged the staff to continue working with same zeal and commitment for the welfare of the public and the organization.

Helicopter services resumed in District Rajouri

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RAJOURI: The much-awaited helicopter services have been resumed for District Rajouri, bringing immense relief and convenience to the residents of this hilly and border district. DC Abhishek Sharma inspected the facilities at the helipad site at sports stadium Kheora.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the resumption of helicopter services will prove highly beneficial for the general public, particularly in cases of medical emergencies, accidents, or any other urgent situations, where timely evacuation can save lives and ease hardship. He added that the service will greatly facilitate the people residing in remote, hilly, and border areas of Rajouri district by improving accessibility and connectivity to other regions. To ensure smooth operation and coordination of the helicopter services, Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Rajouri, Malikzada Sheraz-ul-Haq, has been nominated as the Nodal Officer for the facility.

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