

## Yudhvir Sethi conducts extensive tour of Bajalta Mandal, promotes VB-GRAM G Act, resolves public issues

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Yudhvir Sethi today conducted an extensive public outreach tour of Bajalta Mandal, covering Panchayat Jagti, Mohalla Jagdlamba, Chandī Mata Mandir Dhammi, Mohalla Lower Dhammi, and Mohalla Jhadi, where he interacted with local residents, panchs, sarpanchs, and party workers to understand grassroots issues and spread awareness about new government schemes. During the tour, Yudhvir Sethi held detailed interactions with people and listened to their day-to-day problems related to basic amenities, development works, and welfare benefits.

He assured the public that their genuine concerns would be taken up with the concerned departments for early resolution. He also created awareness about key schemes such as the e Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-GRAM G) Act 2025 initiatives, highlighting how these programmes aim to strengthen rural infrastructure and



MLA Yudhvir Sethi listening to public issues during visit to Bajalta Mandal.

improve the quality of life of citizens. He said this act increases guaranteed workdays for rural households from 100 to 125 per year; ensures faster wage processing, with automatic compensation for delays, aimed at providing better income stability for the poor; focuses on building permanent durable assets like better roads, infrastructure, and improved irrigation to foster long-term village development besides allowing workers to take a 60-day break during peak agricultural seasons to focus on their own farming without losing out on overall benefits.

He described the Act as a crucial pillar in achieving the vision of a developed India by

2047, aligning traditional labor with a modern, digital economy.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said, "The purpose of such visits is to directly connect with the people, understand their real problems, and ensure that the benefits of central government schemes reach every deserving household. Development is meaningful only when it is inclusive and people-centric."

He further added that public participation is essential for successful implementation of welfare schemes. "People must be aware of their rights and the facilities being provided by the central government. Only then can we build a strong and self-

reliant society," he said.

The MLA emphasised that Panchayati Raj institutions play a crucial role in strengthening democracy at the grassroots level and assured full support to elected representatives in addressing local development needs.

He appreciated the efforts of panchs and sarpanchs for actively working for their respective areas and acting as a bridge between the administration and the public. Several local leaders and party workers accompanied the MLA during the tour, including Bajalta Mandal President Shiv Sharma, Mahila Morcha Mandal President Amita, Sarpanch Jagti and District

Secretary Jammu Abha Jamwal, Panch Rattan Singh, Panch Ravi Singh, SC Morcha President Mohan Rana, Booth No. 1 President Hamid Ahmed, Booth No. 2 President Girdhari Lal, Booth No. 3 President Rafiq Ahmed, along with Sanjay Sharma, Anil Sharma (Shakti Kendra), and Shubham Sharma (Shakti Kendra). The residents welcomed the initiative and expressed satisfaction over the MLA's direct engagement with the public. They said such visits help in faster redressal of issues and strengthen trust between the people and their elected representatives.

The tour concluded with Yudhvir Sethi reiterating his commitment to continuous public outreach and development-oriented governance, assuring the people of Bajalta Mandal that their voices will be raised at every appropriate platform for the overall progress of the region.

## SR College launches IAS 2026 Prelims Test Series



Students appearing in test at SR College of Competitions, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: SR College of Competitions, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, has announced the launch of its IAS 2026 Prelims Test Series, starting from 25th January 2026. The test series is designed to provide comprehensive and exam-oriented practice for Civil Services aspirants.

The programme includes a total of 21 tests, comprising 15 topic-wise sectional tests and 6 full-

length tests covering General Studies and CSAT, closely simulating the actual UPSC Preliminary Examination pattern.

Key features of the test series include detailed explanations with answer keys after every test, post-test discussion sessions with expert faculty, in-

depth performance analysis with ranking, and updated, exam-oriented questions to enhance con-

ceptual clarity and overall performance.

In addition, SR College of Competitions is also offering a dedicated Interview Guidance Programme for JKAS 2024 candidates. The institute is further providing a Mains Test Series for JKAS 2025 aspirants, aimed at strengthening answer-writing skills and ensuring focused preparation for the respective examinations.

## WHS Sports Hub, KC Sports Club launch Jammu's largest Pickleball facility

### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: WHS Sports Hub, in partnership with KC Sports Club, has inaugurated Jammu's largest pickleball facility at KC Sports Club, Paloura, on Akhmoor Road. The newly launched, state-of-the-art venue marks a significant milestone in the promotion of modern sports infrastructure in the city.

The facility houses four international-standard pickleball courts, making it the only multi-court pickleball setup in Jammu. All courts are fully floodlit, enabling enthusiasts to enjoy the sport both during the day and late into the night, while maintaining international play standards.

Pickleball, recognised as one of the fastest-growing sports globally, is rapidly gaining popularity in Jammu as well.



Known for being easy to learn and suitable for players across all age groups, the sport encourages fitness, social engagement, and an active lifestyle, making it ideal for families, professionals, and senior citizens alike.

The facility is open to players of all age groups, with the convenience of online booking

available through [www.whssportsclub.in](http://www.whssportsclub.in). Located at KC Sports Club, Paloura, Akhmoor Road, the venue is easily accessible to residents across the city.

WHS Sports Hub invites the citizens of Jammu to experience the excitement of pickleball and embrace an active sporting culture with a simple message - Just Book & Play.

## Army intensifies searches along LOC in Poonch

### STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Amidst fresh snowfall in the Peer Panchal region, the Indian Army has intensified its patrolling and search operations along the Line of Control (LOC) in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir, ahead of Republic Day celebrations. The Army has doubled its patrolling efforts, braving challenging weather conditions to ensure the security of the region.

Security forces have also been put on high alert, with multi-tier arrangements, including drones and spotters, deployed to ensure a peaceful and secure environment for the celebrations. The move comes after intelligence inputs warned of potential terrorist attacks and infiltration attempts along the LOC.

## Association raises concern over District Administration of Udhampur & Ramban fail to facilitate tourists in Patnitop

### STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR/RAMBAN: Patnitop Hotel and Restaurant Association condemned the District Administration of Udhampur, Ramban & Department of Tourism Jammu for its inadequate response to the grievances of tourists visiting Patnitop. Despite the area receiving heavy snowfall, tourists who flocked to witness the scenic beauty were left stranded due to lack of snow clearance on the Kud-Patnitop road.

The situation has been exacerbated by the snapped



power and water supply, which has not been restored even after 72 hours. Tourists are facing immense hardship, with many having to spend nights in their vehicles or makeshift shelters.

Hoteliers are also facing similar problem and huge financial losses.

With a second western disturbance expected to affect Patnitop and surrounding areas from January 27-29, Association members urged

the District Administration to take immediate action to restore roads, power, and water supply. The current situation is likely to worsen with another spell of snowfall, and it's imperative that tourists are not left stranded again.

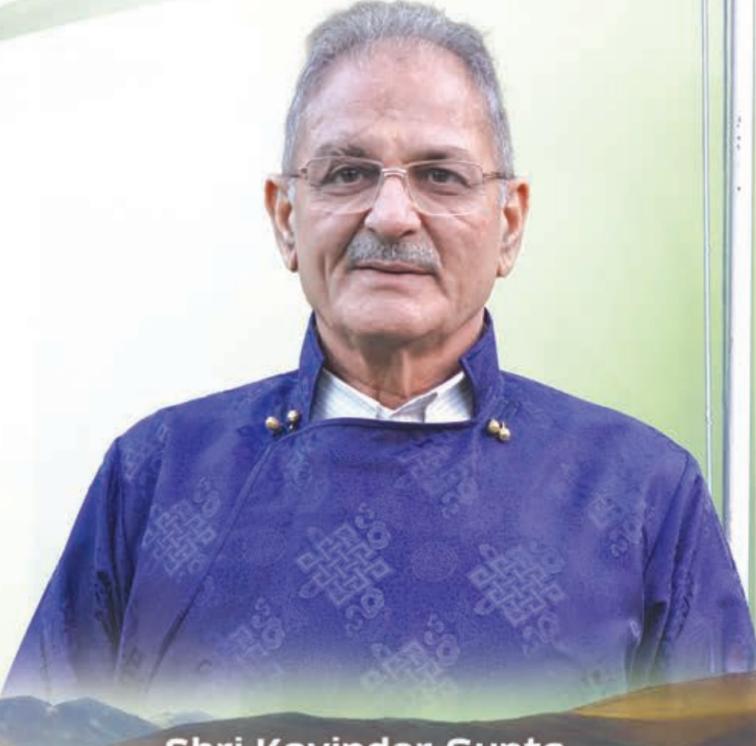
Association members requested Lt. Governor and chief minister to take strong cognizance of current situation and issue necessary directions to the administration to prioritize the needs of tourists and take necessary measures to ensure their safety and comfort.



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