



Mandeep Kaur leads sanitation drive in Jammu city

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In a major push to enhance cleanliness and civic hygiene ahead of the Republic Day celebration, Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Mandeep Kaur, on Saturday conducted an extensive sanitation drive in Jammu city under the "Swachh Republic Day" campaign.

The initiative aims to ensure a clean, safe and healthy urban environment in the run-up to January 26.

Under this special campaign, comprehensive cleanliness drives are being carried out across all wards under the jurisdiction of the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC). The sanitation drive primarily focused on removal of legacy waste dumped in vacant plots, cleaning of Garbage Vulnerable Points (GVPs), lifting of Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste from roadsides, removal of overgrown bushes, tree pruning and grass cutting, desilting of deep drains



Commissioner Secretary HUDD, Mandeep Kaur starting sanitation drive in Jammu city.

to prevent water logging, cleaning and maintenance of public toilets and addressing the persistent menace of stray animals in residential areas.

On the first day of the drive, focused sanitation activities were conducted in Ward Numbers 20, 21, 22, 23 and 73.

Mandeep Kaur personally inspected various locations along with Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Dr. Devansh Yadav and concerned officers of the Corporation.

The officers briefed the

Commissioner Secretary on the ongoing sanitation measures and challenges on the ground.

Several prominent localities, including Gandhi Nagar, Valmiki Colony, Sanjay Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Nai Basti and Nanak Nagar were covered during today's drive.

During the inspection, the Commissioner Secretary issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers for the immediate removal of GVPs, C&D waste and garden waste. She also instructed the officers to initiate compound-

ing and enforcement action against the defaulters found violating sanitation and waste management norms. About 10 such drives have been scheduled till 26th of January 2026 and all the concerned officers were directed to be personally present during the drives.

As part of the drive, encroachments on footpaths and public spaces in the form of extensions, rehries, fencing were also removed.

The Commissioner Secretary further directed that all encroachments on

lanes and footpaths across the city be identified and removed without delay, emphasizing zero tolerance towards violation of civic norms.

The Commissioner Secretary exhorted upon the officers and field staff of the Jammu Municipal Corporation to carry out sanitation drives with zeal, dedication and a sense of responsibility. He stressed that the impact of these efforts must be clearly visible at the ground level. She underscored that sustained cleanliness requires regular monitoring, strict enforcement and coordinated efforts from all stakeholders.

She called upon the citizens to actively cooperate with the Jammu Municipal Corporation by maintaining cleanliness in their surroundings, avoiding littering, segregating waste at source and refraining from encroaching upon public spaces. She emphasized that public participation is crucial for making Jammu a cleaner, healthier and more livable city.

DM Jammu issues advisory for courier, parcel services

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita-2023 (BNSS) read with the relevant provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985, Dr. Rakesh Minhas, District Magistrate Jammu has ordered that no courier company, parcel service, or logistics operator functioning within the district Jammu shall accept, book or transport any narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, or other contraband items unless it holds a valid transport permit under NDPS Rules 1985 and as per regulations under Drugs and Cosmetic Act 1940.

"All courier companies/parcel services shall strictly verify the identity and credentials of consignors and consignees, including valid government-issued identity proof, maintain complete records of consignments, including sender and receiver details, parcel description, weight, booking receipt and date of booking, mode of pay-

ment received (cash, digital, cheque, UPI, card, etc.) against each consignment along with transaction details wherever applicable.

Ensure that all employees engaged in courier/parcel services-delivery staff, loaders, booking clerks, franchise workers are duly verified through local police verification and an updated register of such verified employees is maintained. They shall impart training and sensitization to employees for identifying suspicious consignments and reporting them immediately to the nearest police authority.

Any courier company/agency found violating this order shall be held personally and legally responsible. Owners, MDs, directors, agents, and all employees involved may be prosecuted under relevant sections of the NDPS Act, BNSS and other applicable laws. Penalties may include seizure of consignments, cancellation of license, fines and criminal sanctions," the order reads.

"The Senior Superintendent of Police Jammu is directed to ensure strict enforcement of this order to conduct inspections and initiate necessary legal action against defaulters.

As the notice cannot be served individually on all concerned, this order is hereby passed ex-parte. It is being promulgated for the information of public at large and shall be published on district website, leading newspaper and by affixing copies on the Notice Boards of the Offices of SSP Jammu, All SDMs, All Tehsildars, all SDPOS and all SHOs of Jammu District.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force for the period of eight weeks, unless withdrawn earlier, and subject to further extension or modification.

Any contravention of the order shall attract legal consequences as contemplated under section 223 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023," the order directs.

BJP holds organizational review meeting for Nowshera, Poonch and Rajouri

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: J&K BJP President and MP (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma CA, Leader of Opposition in J&K Legislative Assembly Sunil Sharma, and BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul today addressed an important organizational meeting of party leaders from Nowshera, Poonch and Rajouri regions.

The meeting was attended by J&K BJP General Secretary Gopal Mahajan, MP Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana, District Rajouri Prabhari Munish Sharma, District Nowshera Prabhari Daljit Singh Chib, District President Dev Raj Sharma, District President Gurdeep Singh Khalsa, former MLC Adv. Vibodh Gupta, ST Moreha President Ch. Abdul Ghani, DDC Iqbal Malik, senior leader Adv. Murtaza Khan and other senior leaders and activists.

Addressing the meeting, Sat Sharma emphasized that Nowshera, Poonch and Rajouri



J&K BJP President and MP (Rajya Sabha) Sat Sharma chairing a meeting.

are strategically and politically significant regions for the BJP. He said that the party is committed to ensuring inclusive development, peace and prosperity in border and hilly areas, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He stressed the need to further strengthen the organizational structure at both and mandal levels and called upon party leaders to take BJP's ideology, achievements of the Modi government and people-centric policies to every household. He underlined that maximum participation of grassroots workers

and respected local personalities in party programmes will further enhance the BJP's connect with the masses.

Sunil Sharma said that BJP stands firmly with the people of these regions and is continuously raising public issues related to development, security, infrastructure, education and employment. He added that the party must intensify its public outreach programmes so that the voice of common citizens is effectively reflected in governance and policy-making. He asked party leaders to remain active on the ground and

expose the failures and misleading narratives of opposition parties.

Ashok Koul conducted a threadbare review of ongoing and recently held party programmes in the respective areas. He laid special stress on disciplined organizational functioning, timely execution of party programmes and coordination among different party fronts. He also reviewed socio-political developments in Nowshera, Poonch and Rajouri and discussed region-specific issues, directing leaders to prepare focused action plans.

YRS to hold hunger strike on Jan 5

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Amid ongoing protests in Jammu over the allocation of MBBS seats at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), the Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) on Friday announced that it will observe a one-day hunger strike on Monday, January 5, 2026, to protest what it termed as discriminatory practices in the selection process. The announcement was made during a press conference held at the Press Club, Jammu, addressed by YRS President Mandeep Singh Rimpy, in the presence of senior core committee members and state body members of the Sabha. The press conference was convened to highlight concerns over alleged discrimination in medical seat allocation and to urge both the Jammu and Kashmir Government and the Central Government to intervene in the matter. Addressing the media, Mandeep Singh Rimpy alleged that SMVDU, which he described as a university funded by the Hindu community, has failed to ensure fair treatment to Hindu students in the first phase of MBBS seat allocation. He claimed that deserving candidates were overlooked during the selection process, leading to widespread resentment and protests across



YRS President Mandeep Singh Rimpy talking to reporters at Jammu on Saturday.

Jammu. He further alleged that despite the growing protests, neither the UT administration nor the Central Government has taken cognizance of the issue. The YRS President announced the Sabha's support to the Sangharsh Samiti and said that, as a mark of protest, YRS members would sit on a one-day hunger strike near the statue of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji at the main Tawi Bridge, Bikram Chowk, Jammu. Former YRS President Vikram Singh Vicky and senior leader Rajan Singh Happy also addressed the press conference,

expressing concern over what they termed as denial of rights to people in Jammu. They stated that Jammu, known as the City of Temples, is witnessing growing discontent over issues related to education and opportunities for local students.

YRS leaders urged the authorities to take an early and fair decision on the issue to avoid further escalation. They appealed to the government to address the grievances in a timely manner to ensure justice and maintain peace and harmony in the region.

Awareness camps on Govt welfare schemes held in Migrant Camps

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Relief Organization J&K, in collaboration with various Government departments, organised a series of special awareness camps at Migrant Camps Jagti, Nagrota, Muthi, Purkoo and at Durga Nagar in the last week to promote government schemes and services.

Detailed information was imparted about self employment generation schemes, particularly Mission YUVA to promote entrepreneurship among

Migrant Youth. The Social Welfare Department imparted awareness on social sector schemes designed to provide social security, health, education aid to the marginalized section. More than 200 potential beneficiaries were facilitated in filling online applications for various pension schemes like Old Age, Widow and Disability Pension. A team of doctors from the Health Department conducted the camps and examined more than 2000 persons.

Free medicines were distributed among the patients as per their requirements. Special counters were set up to facilitate registration of beneficiaries for the Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) and National Food Security Act (NFSA) schemes.

The Relief & Rehabilitation Commissioner (M) J&K Dr. Arvind Karvani took stock of the problems being faced by the migrants. He inspected the

Health Centre, Zonal Office (Relief) and Higher Secondary Schools in the Jagti camp area and assured residents of early resolution of their genuine demands. He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner (Relief) Vijay Sharma; Assistant Commissioners of Relief Organization-Kailash Devi, Sanjeev Kumar and Tej Krishan; Mukhlis Ali, Assistant Director Employment and other senior officers/officials of Relief Organization.

NHPC provides Nutrition kits among TB patients

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Aid to the fight against Tuberculosis (TB), nutrition kits were distributed to TB patients on Saturday under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) at Jammu.

The nutrition kits were provided by NHPC Limited, Regional Office Narwal as part of its support towards TB care and nutrition under the Nikshay Mitra initiative.

The programme was organised by the

District Tuberculosis Centre Jammu under the guidance of the Director Health Services Jammu & State TB Cell.

Director Health Services, Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar; Chief Medical Officer Dr. Harbaksh Singh; State Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Jyoti Jolly; General Manager NHPC Jammu Satnam Singh; DGM (PR) Rajnish Kumar; DGM (Law) Mahesh Kumar; Senior DCMO & In-charge District TB Centre Jammu Dr. Karam Vir Hans; Medical Officer DTC Dr.

Kusum Gupta; Dr. Bindu Mahajan, along with other senior health officials and members of the NTEP team were present.

Speaking on the occasion, the officers emphasized that along with timely and complete medical treatment, adequate nutrition plays a crucial role in the recovery of TB patients. The nutrition kits have been prepared keeping in view the nutritional requirements of TB patients and includes essential food items aimed at improving immunity and overall health.

Jammu to Srinagar		
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM	
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM	
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM	
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM	
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM	
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM	

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE		
11078 Jhelum Express		
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi	
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express		
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi	
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express		
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi	
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)		
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra	
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar	
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 715		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)		
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra	
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 660		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		

FIND CINEMA		
IKKIS		
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	: 1:30 PM / 4:30 PM / 7:30 PM / 10: 35 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	9:45 AM / 12:50 PM / 7:50 PM / 10:55 PM	
DHURANDHAR		
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	: 9:30 AM / 11:00 AM / 2:55 PM / 6:50 PM	
10:00 PM / 10:45 PM		
PVR KC JAMMU	10:00 PM / 2:05 PM / 6:10 PM / 10:15 PM	
AVATAR : FIRE AND ASH		
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	: 6:15 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	: 03:55 PM	

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TELEPHONES		
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Trunk Booking		180
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Billing Complaints	2543896, 2548415	
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Gandhi Nagar Exchange	2451953, 2430953	
HOSPITALS		
Government Medical College	2584290, 2484291	
Psychiatry and Disease Hospital		2577444
Ambulance Rajouri	257147, 257084, 257357	
Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637	
Emergency		2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638	
Chest Disease Hospital	2577064, 2548012	
Dental Hospital		2544670
Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar		2430041
Emergency		2431740
Child Hospital		2577023
Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital		262270
AMBULANCES		
Indian Red Cross Society		2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248	
FIRE STATIONS		
Gandhi Nagar	101, 2435283, 2457705	
City		2544263
Canal		2554064
Roop Nagar		2597522
Gangyal		2480026
Bari Brahmana		220020
Akhnor		252481
Kathua		234313
Samba		243280
Katra		232451
Udhampur		270897
Police Control Room	100, 2542001, 2545481-82	
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Civil Defence Control Room	2549100, 2548645, 2544920	
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Hot Line		383
TOURISM		
Tourist Officer, Airport		2431917
Tourist Officer, Railway Station		2430078
Tourist Reception Centre		2579554
BUS SERVICES		
JKSRTC General Manager		2435262
JKSRTC Bus Stand		2577475
JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service		2576562
Punjab Roadways		2542782
WATER SUPPLY		
Company Bagh		2542582
Parade		2544979
Bakshi Nagar		2543557
Panjthirhi		2547501
Narwal		2430031
ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS		
Canal	2554147, 2554199	
Parade	2542289, 2543398	
Nanak Nagar		2430776
Gandhi Nagar		2430180
Shastri Nagar		2430781
Janipur	2543828, 2579258	
Satwari		2452816
FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)		
		101
CIVIC SERVICES		
Municipality	2547846, 2542192	
Health Officer		2547440
Garbage / Carcass Removal		2547440