## Peerzada Farooq Shah chairs meeting of Committee on Petitions

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A meeting of the Committee on Petitions held here on Thursday under the Chairmanship of MLA, Pirzada Farooq Shah to review the petitions referred to the Committee.

Legislators, Salman Sagar, Mushtaq Guroo and Vijay Kumar were also present in the meeting.Threadbare discussions were held on various issues related to widespread adulteration of essential food commodities within Jammu & Kashmir besides encroachment and illegal distribution of land in Khimber, Tehsil Hazratbal. Srinagar and action being taken by the concerned authorities as highlighted in the petition. The Chairman highlighted the objectives of the Committee and sought cooperation from the concerned departments to discuss and resolve all pending issues through petitions lying before the Committee on priority basis. The concerned officers from Food Safety and Revenue

departments briefed the Committee about the present status and action taken by the authorities on the petition. The Committee directed the

concerned officers to take strin-

gent action against those

involving in adulteration in

essential food commodities in Jammu and Kashmir. The Committee also sought detailed report regarding various aspects of petitions for scrutiny by the Committee so that the required steps could be

taken accordingly. The Members Committee gave their valuable suggestions and stressed resolution of the public interest issues transparently and effectively by the Committee.

Among others, ADC, Srinagar; ADC, Baramulla; SDM-E Srinagar; Joint Commissioner, Food Safety J&K besides other senior officers and officials of concerned departments and Assembly attended the meeting.

## SAD DEMISE



With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of Mohd Ayaz, S/o Sher Mohd resident of Chassote A Balmatkote Mohore Reasi A/p Lane No. 03 Mominabad Bathendi Jammu who was cretically injured in a fatal road accident near Sidra on

13th of December 2025 and succumbed on Wednesday. 17th of December 2025 at GMC Jammu. May Almighty grant the departed soul

Jannat-ul-Firdous. He was working education deptt as teacher at Reasi. The Fateh Khwani will be held gravevard near Madina Masjid Bathendi Jammu on Saturday 20th December 2025

#### **BEREAVED**

Sher Mohd (Father) Ashfa Perveen (Wife)

Mohd Riyaz, Mohd Ajaz , Mohd Shahbaz (Brothers)

Niaz Ahmad Shenali (Father in law)

# Third power active in J&K, full Statehood must be restored: Shiv Sena Nitish Kumar has no right to remain Chief Minister: Sahni

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit chief Manish Sahni on Tuesday alleged that a "third (hidden) power" is actively interfering in the administrative affairs of Jammu and Kashmir and functioning as a superpower, thereby undermining democracy. He demanded the immediate restoration of full statehood to put an end to this situa-

Addressing the media at the party's state central office, Sahni said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are being crushed under a confusing dual or even triple system of governance. He alleged that while the elected government claims it has no authority, the Lieutenant Governor's administration asserts that

### **JKEDI hosts Smarter** Capital Mentorship Program at Pampore

## ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Wednesday hosted a Smarter Capital Mentorship Programme at its main campus, Sempora, Pampore, aimed at enabling startups to transform innovative ideas into scalable and investment-ready ventures.

The day-long programme brought together startups, entrepreneurs and ideators for focused knowledge-sharing, strategic discussions and oneon-one mentorship sessions designed to strengthen entrepreneurial decision-making and growth planning.

The mentorship was led by Director, One Capital Ltd, Khalid Wani, who shared valuable insights on investment strategies, global market trends and building highgrowth businesses. Addressing the participants, he underlined the fundamentals of startup success, stating that converting an idea into a scalable enterprise requires clarity of vision, disciplined execution and strategic access to capital. He emphasized that mentorship plays a crucial role in bridging the gap between entrepreneurial potential and performance, adding that initiatives like Smarter Capital are aimed at equipping startups in Jammu & Kashmir with the tools to compete at a global level. He further highlighted vision, resilience and adaptability as key attributes for entrepreneurial success. The programme featured interactive sessions focused on refining business models, addressing operational challenges and aligning ventures with investor expectations. More than 80 startups, aspiring entrepreneurs and ideators actively participated in discussions, strategy workshops and personalized mentoring interactions.

Participants appreciated the practical orientation of the programme that helped them sharpen their business models and think strategically about investor readiness and global scalability.

all powers lie with it, leaving the public helpless and accountability non-existent.

Sahni pointed out that unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir has crossed the national average, while key public issues and promises such as free electricity, free gas cylinders, employment opportunities, and regularisation of daily wage workers have been pushed to the back burner. He also expressed concern over unresolved controversies, including the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Medical College issue, which remains unsettled even after more than one and a half months. He criticised both the Chief Minister and the Lieutenant Governor, who is also the Chairman of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, for allegedly acting as mute

Trophy football team controversy, Sahni said such issues appear to be deliberately created and fuelled by some unseen force with the intent to disturb social harmony and disrupt the communal fabric of society. "Democracy has been reduced to a mockery, and the common people are suffering due to the absence of clear governance," he said.

Referring to the Santosh

To end all speculation and restore public faith, Sahni demanded that full statehood be restored to Jammu and Kashmir without any further delay. Party leaders present on the occasion displayed newspaper clippings, claiming these as proof of the existence of an invisible power influencing governance in the Union Territory. Among those present were Aditya and Jasbir Singh (Joint Secretary).

Mahajan (State Secretary)

Shiv Sena (UBT) J&K unit chief Manish Sahni strongly condemned the incident involving Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, alleging that he pulled off the hijab of a Muslim woman. Terming the act as extremely shameful, Sahni said it has tarnished India's image at the international level.

He demanded Nitish Kumar's immediate resignation and a personal apology to the woman concerned. Sahni further said that all constituent parties of the NDA should take serious note of the incident, act responsibly, and ensure accountability, asserting that Nitish Kumar has lost the moral right to continue as

# Devotional Bhajan "Bawe Wali De Jaikare" released

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A devotional Bhajan album titled "Bawe Wali De Jaikare" was released today by Mahant Bitta of Bahu Fort Mandir at a special programme held at the Maa Kali Bawe Wali Mandir, Jammu. The album is dedicated to the supreme Goddess Mata Bawe Wali and marks the maiden devotional perby Aman formanceSharma, who has previously appeared as a model and actor in various music videos. She also sang a few lines live at the event, bringing a soulful and spiritually uplifting experience to the audience.

The bhajan features Aman Sharma as the singer, music composed by Dr. V. Kaith, lyrics penned by Munish Jammu Wala. and video direction by KK Malhotra.

The devotional project has been produced by

Wali Records Presents on YouTube. The event was attended by Sahil Mahajan, Managing Director of Maa Bawe Wali Records, and Pandit Kuldeep Sharma, among other devotees and music enthusiasts.

Speaking Mahant Bitta appreciated the entire team and said that bhajans dedicated to Mata Bawe Wali inspire spiritual awakening and devotion in society. He commended the

youngsters using their talent to preserve and promote cultural and religious heritage, stressing that devotional music strengthens our bond with spiritual roots. He extended his blessings for the success of the album and for Aman Sharma's future musical journey.

Sahil Mahajan highlighted the commitment of Maa Mahant Bitta and released Bawe Wali Records to sup-

wish to dedicate their art to the Divine. He said that life devoted to the Divine Mother is the most fulfilling and assured that the platform would continue to encourage emerging artists in devotional music.

Expressing her tions, Aman Sharma said her devotion to Mata Bawe Wali inspired her to enter the world of devotionalsinging. described the album as a divine blessing and expressed her determination to continue singing bhajans in obeisance to Mata Bawe Wali in the future, sharing that her dedication and faith guided her to this spiritual musical journey.

The release of "Bawe Wali De Jaikare" expected to resonate widely among devotees, combining musical excellence with heartfelt devotion to Mata Bawe Wali.

# 273 cases approved under **Mission YUVA**

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In a significant step towards strengthening entrepreneurship and livelihood generation, District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) Jammu today approved 273 new cases under Mission YUVA.

The approvals were granted at a combined meeting of the DLIC and members of the SBDU convened to scrutinise and approve cases received under the flagship initia-

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Minhas, who reiterated the district administration's commitment to empowering youth through sustainable entrepreneurial oppor-

tunities and skill-based livelihoods.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu. Singh. Deputy Director DE&CC Jammu, Sunaina Saini, Assistant Director DE&CC Jammu, Mukhlis Ali and other members of the SBDU and DLIC.

During the meeting, a detailed review was undertaken on multiple key agenda items including SBDU verification and preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), bank sanctions and disbursement status, progress on onboarding of external trainers, onboarding of enterprises for enterprise mentorship, approval of completion requests by the

DLIC and onboarding of

motivators under Mission YUVA.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasised timely coordination among departments, banks and implementing agencies to ensure swift sanctions, disbursement and handholding support to beneficiaries. He underlined the importance of quality mentorship, capacity building and continuous monitoring for the long-term success of youth-led enterprises.

With the approval of these new cases, Mission YUVA continues to gain momentum in Jammu district, reinforcing the administration's vision of nurturing a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for the youth.

#### **TENTH DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Sat Paul Sharma S/o Late Sh. Ram Dhan R/o Village Parnalla Tehsil Billawar Distt Kathua on 15th of December, 2025.

10th Day shall be performed at our residence on 24th of December, 2025

(Wednesday) and assembly will be held at above mentioned address at 12:00 Noon.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:** 

Smt Darshana Devi (Wife)

Son's and Daughter-in-law Smt Anu & Sh Anil Sharma

Smt Priya & Sh Dheeraj Sharma

Smt Anu & Vishawbandhu Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt. Bandhna & Kewal kumar

Mob. 9711173510, 7006009668, 8082041544

## KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you that our beloved Sh. Suraj Parkash Sharma (Retired SP) S/o Late Pt. Ram Lal Sharma (Ex MLA Akhnoor) at Present resident of House No.275-A Shastri Nagar Jammu left for his heavenly abode on 09/12/2025.

Kriya shall be performed on 19/12/2025 (Friday) at 12.30 pm at our residence.

Rasam Paghri will be performed on 19/12/2025 (Friday) from 4.00 pm to 5:00PM at Durga Mandir, Shastri Nagar, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Sh.Dharampal Sharma (Ex MP)

Daughter in law & Son

Smt Shailja Sharma & Pawan Kumar Sharma(ARTO) Daughter & Son in law

Bindu & Romesh Raina

Grand Children: Vikrant, Aayushi, Aakanksha, Sarvagaya

#### **10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and deep shock, we inform the untimely and unfortunate departure of our beloved Sh Dheeraj Kaul S/o Late Smt Sheela Kaul and Late Shri R K Kaul to his divine abode on 13th December, 2025 at his residence, 188-Sajjan Enclave, Padmavati Colony, Jaipur. 10th Day Kriya will be performed on Sunday

the 21st December, 2025 at Swarn Path Moksh Dham, Mansarovar, Jaipur at 9 A.M.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Khema Shori Trakroo (Mother in Law)- 9560282793 Shatini Kaul (Wife)- 9414371325

Vaibhav, Shireen and Vibhuti (Son, Daughter in Law & Daughte (9560073729)

Ragini and Ashutosh Zutshi (Sister-in-Law and Brother-in-Law) 9013312291/ 9811065369

#### KRIYA/UTHALA

With profound grief and heavy heart, we regret to inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Smt Shakuntla Devi W/o Sh Krishan Datt Sharma R/o Village Lower Chowadhi on 9/12/2025

KRIYA/KARAM will be performed or 19/12/2025 Friday. UTHALA will be performed on 20/12/2025

Smt Shakuntla Devi Saturday from 3 pm to 4 pm at our residence Village Lower Chowadhi, Lane Number 27B Greater Kailash Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Daughter and Son in law Smt Sunita Sharma and Sh Ashwani Sharma

Sons and Daughter in Laws

Sunil Dutt Sharma and Seema S Subhash Chander and Neelam Sharma

Neha and Subhranshu, Pallavi and Naman, Prerna, Sarthak, Simrar

and Aishna DUBEY FAMILY, SHRIKUL FAMILY, BADGOTRA FAMILY, WAHAI

#### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Romesh Kumar Pandita (Kuku Ji) S/o Lt. Sh. Kashi Nath Pandita R/o Ranipora Kulgam, Kashmir on 16-12-2025 at present H.No. 403/B, Lane No. 4, Suryavanshi Nagar, Muthi Jammu near Uma Devi Temple

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 25-12-2025 at Akhnoor Ghat and Assembly wil Sh. Romesh Kumar be held at Muthi Ghat near Directorate School Education at 10:30 AM

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Smt. Nancy Pandita - Wife Son & Daughter-in-law Pankaj Raina & Shiveta Raina

Meenakshi & Kunal Ji Kothedar - Daughter & Son-in-law Shivani & Harish Ji Koul - Daughter & Son-in-law

#### **10TH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and deep sorrow, we regre to inform the sad demise of our beloved mother. Smt. Shanta Devi (Shobawati) devotee of Swami Kral Bab ji Maharaj, wife of Late Shri Shamboo Nath Pandita, originally from Village Hardu Chanam, District Baramulla, and presently residing at Jagti. She departed for her heavenly abode on 11.12.2025.The mourning is being held at Community Hall. Lane No. 11-12, Backside Jagti Camp,

Smt. Shanta Devi (Shobawati)

10th Day Kriya will be held at Akhnoor and assembly at Muthi Ghat near Directorate office of School Education on 20th December 2025 at 11.30 am.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Nagrota, Jammu.

Sons and Daughters-in-Law:

Nandan Kumar Pandita & Neetu Pandita Ramesh Kumar Pandita & Sarishta Devi Jai Krishan Pandita & Romi Pandita Daughters and Sons-in-Law:

Usha Ji Koul & Shri Bansi Lal Koul Gopi Devi Bhat & Shubhan Krishan Bhat Anju Kardar & Binder Ji Kardar

Contact No.: 7006483870, 9906070736, 9769321127



With Profound Grief And Sorrow, We Regret To Inform The Sudden Demise Of Our Beloved Sh. Vidya Rattan Sawhney Ji.

UTHALA: - Will Be Performed On Saturday, 20.12.2025 From 3:00 Pm To 4:00 Pm At Shri Geeta Mandir Smriti Bhawan Complex, Bakshi



Sh. Vidva Rattan Sawhnev Ji

GRIEFSTRICKEN-

Sh. Sat Paul Sharma

Sh. Suraj Parkash

Sh Dheerai Kaul

Pandita (Kuku Ji)

Smt. Vinod Sawhney (Wife)

Brothers & Sisters-In-Law Sh. Ramesh Sawhney & Smt. Manju Sawhney o Sh. Kuldeep Sawhney

Sisters & Brothers-In-Law Sh. Rajkumar Anand & Smt. Sunita Anand o Sh. Sanieev Gupta & Smt. Shashi Gupta o Sh. Anil Gupta & Smt. Kiran Gupta

o Sh. Sanjeev Suri & Smt. Neeraj Suri

o Mr. Maneet Sawhney (Son) o Ms. Vaishali Sawhney (Daughter) Sh. Sahil Kudvar & Smt. Neha Kudvar (Son-In-Law & Daughter)

CONTACT NO. #9858209266 #9796644555

#### **TENTH DAY KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved Father Sh. Moti Lal Dhar S/o Lt Sh. Shamboo Nath Dhar resident of H.No 33 Lane No. 7, Buta Nagar Paloura, Jammu left for his heavenly abode on 11-12-25. Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed at Akhnoor Ghat on 20-12-2025. Assembly is at Muthi Ghat near Director School Education at 10:30 am.



Smt. Manju Wazir

Smt. Usha Dhar - Wife Ms. Pooja and Mr. Nitesh Dhar - Daughter in Law & Son 9797370055

Dhar & Kantroo Family

**GRIEF STRICKEN** 

7006477297; 7780876349; 9596970740; 9035477308; 9890531538

#### **KRIYA**

With profound grief and sorrow, we would like to share that our beloved **Smt. Manju** Wazir W/o Lt. Ravinder Singh Wazir left us for heavenly abode on 07/12/2025.

Kriya/13th Day will be performed on 19/12/2025 (Friday) at H.No. 22 Lane No. 6, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

**GRIEF STRICKEN:-**

Shivam Singh Wazir - Son Shilpa Wazir - Daughter in Law

Contact No: +91 99060 01272, +91 9086195270

#### 10TH DAY/KRIYA/UTHALA

The Wazir and Jamwal Family

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to nform the sad demise of our beloved Mr. Rai Kumar Singh Alias (Makhan) S/o Sh. Swaran Singh R/o Near Ambika Hall, Gajansoo Road, Rakh Nagbani for his heavenly abode on 10-

10th Day will be performed on 19-12-2025 at

1100 hrs and **13th Day** on 22-12-2025 at 1200 hrs at our residence **GRIEF STRICKEN** 

Sh. Swaran Singh- Father Smt. Sharishta Devi- Mother Mr. Varinder Singh- Brother Sisters and Brother-in-laws

Anu Radha and Darshan Singh

Beenu Devi and Bhupinder Singh

# TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you of the sad demise of our beloved father Sh. Rattan Lal Bhat, S/o Lt. Sham Lal Bhat, R/o Gugloosa Kupwara, at present Santra Morh, Pounicheck, Jammu, left for his heavenly abode on 14th December, 2025.



11.00 A.M. **GRIEF STRICKEN** Smt. Kirni Bhat - **Wife** Son's & Daughter's-in-law Mr. Vikas Bhat & Mrs. Rockev Raina Mr. Shashi Bushan Bhat & Mrs. Kirti Bhat

Mobile No. :- 9796629223, 9596654675

Grand Children:- Bhavika & Viraj



## 13TH DAY

With profound grief & sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Sh. Hans Raj Kotwal S/o Late Ram Dass Kotwal (Contractor) R/o Kahilla

13th Day will be performed on 19th-December-2025 Friday at our resi-

dence from 10am onwards.



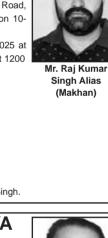
**GRIEF STRICKEN** From Kotwal Family

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Tenth Day Kriva will be held on 23/12/2025











