

UTHALA/RASAM PAGRI



Smt. Sneha Lata
(12.11.1952 to 21.03.2025)

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved Smt. Sneha Lata (Guddi) W/o Sh. Dharmvir Gupta R/o 71/2, Adarsh Colony, Udhampur who expired on Friday, March 21, 2025.

Uthala and Rasam Pagri will be performed on Monday, March 24, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Nand Palace, Dhar Road, Udhampur.

IN GRIEF:

Sh. Dharmvir Gupta (Husband) (Retd. Suptd. Forest Dept.)
Daughters-in-law & Sons

Smt. Shalpu Gupta & Sh. Amit Gupta (District Judge)
Smt. Madhu Gupta & Sh. Arun Gupta (M/s National Book Depot)

Daughter & Son-in-law

Smt. Archana Gupta (Bindu) & Sh. Rajesh Gupta (Raju)
Grand Children

Amisha, Aroma, Aarush, Aryan, Kanav

Mob. Nos: 9419248666, 9419162683

Army strengthens bond with Ex-Servicemen at Dehri Raylote, Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: In a heartfelt initiative to strengthen the bond, fostering a secure environment and developing a deeper sense of belongingness between the Indian Army and the Ex-Servicemen (ESM) community, a meeting was held today with the veterans of Lower and Upper Dehri Raylote villages. A total of 32 ESM with their families were met at their homes. The event, organized by the Indian Army, witnessed active participation from several ESMs, demonstrating the mutual respect and commitment between the Indian Army and those who have served the nation.

During the gathering, the Indian Army showcased its unwavering support for the ESM community, emphasizing the importance of their invaluable contributions to the

area's security. The event also highlighted the Indian Army's continuous efforts to address the welfare needs of veterans.

As a part of the initiative, the ESMs were provided with on-site medical facilities, ensuring that their health and well-being are given priority. A dedicated grievance redressal session was also conducted, where the veterans were able to voice their concerns, which were noted for further follow-up and redressal by Zila Sainik Board and other offices.

This meeting stands as a testament to the deep and enduring relationship between the Indian Army and the Ex-Servicemen, reaffirming the Indian Army's commitment to the welfare of its veterans and the strong support system they provide to those who have dedicated their lives to the nation.

Lecture on World Water Day conducted at Solki

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: The Indian Army organised a special lecture on World Water Day to raise awareness about water conservation and sustainable management of water resources.

The event, held at Government Higher Secondary School, Solki was attended by 05 teachers and 45 students. The session emphasised the importance of water in daily life, the challenges of water scarcity and effective conservation strategies. The practical measures to promote water sustainability, including rainwater harvesting, responsible consumption and innovative water management techniques were discussed during the lecture. The lecture also focused on the global water crisis and India's initiatives toward water security. Attendees were encouraged to adopt eco-friendly practices and contribute to preserving this vital resource for future generations. The Indian Army remains committed to environmental stewardship and continues to engage in initiatives that promote sustainability and awareness. The awareness lecture was conducted as part of Indian Army's initiative to educate society on environmental health, its importance and the conservation methods.

Awareness talk on Agniveer scheme conducted in Chakalsalta

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: The Indian Army organized an awareness talk on the Agniveer scheme at Chakalsalta, Rajouri District, aiming to educate the youth about the latest recruitment policy. The lecture clarified doubts and misconceptions surrounding the scheme, encouraging attendees to consider a dynamic and challenging career in the Armed Forces. The awareness talk emphasized the values and ethos of the Indian Army, instilling a sense of pride and commitment among the attendees. By conducting such events, the Indian Army aims to reach out to the youth and provide them with accurate information about the Agniveer scheme, dispelling rumors and misconceptions. The Agniveer scheme, introduced by the Indian Government, offers a unique opportunity for young individuals to serve the nation and be a part of the Indian Army. The scheme provides a platform for youth to develop their skills, gain valuable experience, and contribute to national security. The Indian Army's efforts to conduct awareness talks on the Agniveer scheme demonstrate their commitment to reaching out to the youth and providing them with accurate information about career opportunities in the Armed Forces. By organizing such events, the Indian Army aims to inspire and motivate the youth to join the Armed Forces, serving the nation with pride and honor.

Quami Ekta meet organised to strengthen communal harmony at Khlhand

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: In a continued effort to foster peace, tranquility, and communal harmony, the Indian Army organized a 'Quami Ekta Meet' at Khlhand. The event saw active participation from 45 distinguished individuals, including Maulvis, teachers, ward members, Nambardars, and other prominent community leaders from nearby villages. The gathering served as an open forum for discussing various developmental initiatives and addressing the challenges faced by the local populace, particularly minorities and economically disadvantaged groups. Attendees shared valuable insights on promoting social and cultural harmony, emphasizing the importance of unity in diversity. The Officer of Indian Army highlighted the significance of engaging with local communities to counteract adversarial elements aiming to disrupt regional peace.

He urged religious leaders to continue their efforts in maintaining tranquility and assured unwavering support for fulfilling local needs. This initiative underscores the Indian Army's commitment to winning the hearts and minds of the local populace, promoting integration, and ensuring the overall development and harmony of the region.

10TH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Rattan Singh Chib (Retd SI J&K Police)** S/o Late Sh. Sanga Ram R/o G/3 Shanti Nagar Toph Sherkhania Jammu.

10th Day Kriya will be performed on 25/03/2025 (Tuesday) at 11:00 AM at our residence G/3 Shanti Nagar Toph Sherkhania, Jammu.

Kriya will be performed on 28/03/2025 (Friday) at our residence G/3 Shanti Nagar Toph Sherkhania, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Anita Devi (Wife)
(**Son & Daughter-in-Law**)

Pardeep Singh & Monika Rajput
(**Son & Daughter-in-Law**)

Amit Singh & Minakshi Jamwal
(**Daughter & Son-in-Law**)

Anuradha & Prince Salaria
(**Brother & Bhabhi**)

Sardar Singh & Raj Kumari
(**Brother & Bhabhi**)

Chamail Singh & Naresh Kumari
(**Brother & Bhabhi**)

Balwan Singh & Asha Devi
GRAND SONS

Adhi, Dhani, Samarveer, Siddhi, Riddhi
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Sh. Rattan Singh Chib
(Retd SI J&K Police)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and deep sorrow, we inform the untimely demise of our beloved **Smt Vijay Dhar (Nich/Didh)** W/o Lt Sh Satish Kumar Dhar, originally resident of Y K PORA, QAZIGUND (ANANT-NAG) A/p BLOCK 102, FLAT 15, LANE 19 Jagti Nagrota expired on 19-03-2025.

TENTH DAY will be performed on 28-03-2025, Friday at 9.00 AM Trt Gath Nagrota

DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY

Sons & Daughter

Akash Dhar, Ankit Dhar, Anisha Dhar
Brothers & Bhabhi

Sh B.K Dhar & Smt Reeta Dhar
Sh Manoj Dhar & Smt Seema Dhar

Sister and Brother-in-law

Smt Toshaji Bhat W/o Lt Sh Moti Lal Bhat
Smt Meena Tickoo W/o Sh Vinod ji Tickoo

Smt Shyama ji Raina W/o Lt Sh B.L Raina
Smt Bunty Dhar W/o Sh Sanjay Dhar

ALL NEAR AND DEARS
MOB NO . 9906386781, 8492901029, 9018518998



Smt Vijay Dhar (Nich/Didh)

World Water Day observed at Govt Degree College Kastigarh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Government. Dy. SP Aman Thakur Memorial Degree College Kastigarh on Sunday observed World Water Day to promote awareness about water conservation and sustainable water management.

The event featured an informative lecture by Dr. Sumit Kotwal, HoD Environmental Sciences, who highlighted the importance of preserving water resources. He emphasized the need for responsible usage and discussed the impact of climate change on water availability.

An interactive session followed, where students shared their perspectives and suggested practical ways to conserve water. Their active participation reflected a strong commitment to the cause.

A pledge-taking ceremony was also organized, with students, faculty, and staff vowing to use water judiciously, promote rainwater harvesting, and spread awareness within their communities.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anupam Lata, HoD Psychology, appreciating the efforts of all participants and organizers. The observance served as a reminder of the need to protect water resources for future generations.

1,243 forest fire incidents reported in J-K in 2024-25 fiscal: Minister Rana

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: As many as 1,243 forest fires were reported in Jammu and Kashmir in the 2024-25 financial year, more than double than the previous fiscal but almost identical compared to 2022-23, Forest Minister Javed Ahmad Rana has said.

However, most of the incidents are ground fires where only grass and bushes get burnt and tall trees are not affected, he said in a written reply to an unstarred question by the BJP's Balwant Singh Mankotia in the Legislative Assembly here on Saturday.

The minister said a total of 1553 incidents of forest fire were reported, covering an area of 2774.213 hectares, in the 2022-23 financial year but the number dropped to 607 over an area of 987.24 hectares in 2023-24. In the current financial year till March 19, the number of forest fires was 1,243 over an area of 3,503.70 hectares, Rana said.

He said the forest fire and its mitigation is a top priority of the Jammu and Kashmir forest department and it has taken a number of steps like the constitution of a state-level monitoring committee for forest fire to review the progress.

The Jammu and Kashmir Forest Policy of 2011 envisages ecological restoration of forests which will have mitigating effects on climate change, while the forest department has also prepared the state action

plan on forest fire (SAPFF) for a period of 20 years, the minister said.

Rana also said that the government has been providing funds under the centrally sponsored scheme CAMPA and forest fire prevention and management from Union Territory resources.

On forest clearance for developmental projects, he said prior to the introduction of the PARIVESH Portal, forest clearances for 1,690 cases were sanctioned under the Jammu and Kashmir Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, applicable in the erstwhile state of J-K.

After the introduction of the PARIVESH portal by the Union government, since August 2019, a total of 2,743 proposals have been uploaded on PARIVESH as of March 20, 2025, for forest clearance by the various user agencies under the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, he said.

Rana said the stage-II approval was accorded to 522 cases involving a total of 636.337 hectares of forest land, while the stage-I approval was accorded to 1,151 cases involving 1453.118 Hectares of forest land.

As many as 1,070 cases are under process at different levels, he said.

To check deforestation, Rana said 1.17 crore saplings were planted or distributed in the current financial year compared to 1.63 crore in the previous year.

TENTH DAY KRIYA

We informed the sad and untimely demise of our beloved mother **Smt. Rani Pandita** W/o Late Kanaya Lal Pandita R/o Hardu Chanam Rafiabad Baramulla Kashmir A/p Lane No. 1 Swarn Colony Trilokpura, who left for heavenly abode on 18/03/2025 at 03:35 pm.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on 27th March 2025 at Akhnoor Ghats and assembly will be held at our Residence at 11:00 am.

DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY

Smt. Shoki & Sh. Sunil Kumar Pandita - **Daughter in Law & Son**

Smt. Sunita & Sh. Raj Kumar Pandita - **Daughter & Son in Law**

Smt. Sushma & Sh. Vicky Bhat - **Daughter & Son in Law**

Bhawani, Gautam, Yashika, Vidhya, Prabhat & Pratik

Pandita & Bhat Parivaar



Smt. Rani Pandita

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Babu Ram Gupta** S/o Late Sh. Munshi Ram Gupta R/o Vikram Nagar Sarwal Near Govt Hospital Jammu who expired on Wednesday March 12, 2025,

Uthala will be performed on Monday 24th March, 2025 from 4.00 to 5.00 PM at Shree Gita Mandir Simriti Bhawan Bakshi Nagar (Behind Rajan Hotel)

GRIEF STRICKEN:-

Smt Sushma Gupta (Wife)
Nidhi and Akhil Gupta (**Daughter in law**

& Son)
Shikha and Nikhil Gupta (**Daughter in law & Son**)

Bhabhi & Brothers

Neelam & Durga Datt Jandial
Ashu & Naresh Kumar Gupta

Nidhi & Ashwani Gupta
Sehaj Enterprises Transport Nagar Narwal Jammu

Durga Datt Jandial & Sons Ware House Jammu
Shiv Lal & Brothers Bankey Bihari Market Jammu

Nidhi Textiles City Chowk Jammu
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Sh. Babu Ram Gupta

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Smt Shakuntla Devi** W/o Late Shri Chuni Lal Abrol, R/o Ward No. 13, House No. 14, Lambi Gali, Udhampur.

UTHALA will be performed on Monday, 24th March 2025 from 3 PM to 4 PM at Shiv Shakti Temple Near Govt Quarter, Janipur Housing Colony, Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

(**Son & Daughter in law**)
RAVI ABROL & SUSHAM ABROL

(**Son & Daughter in law**)
PAWAN ABROL & MAYURI ABROL

PURUSHOTTAM SARAF (**Son in law**)
RAM PRAKASH SURI (**Son in law**)

(**Grand Children**)
ADITYA, AARYE, ADITI, ATULYA, ARUN, VARUN, SAURABH,

BHARTI, DEEKSHA, RIDDHIMA, URVASHI
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Smt Shakuntla Devi

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform about the sad demise of **Sh. Tej Krishan Ganjoo** R/o Sirnoo Pulwama A/P Lane No. 12, Block 68, Flat No. 06, Jagti, Jammu on 19-03-2025.

Tenth Day Kriya will be held on 28-03-2025 at Sainik School Nagrota at 7:30 AM.

Assembly will be held at 10:30 AM at Lane No. 12 Block 68, Flat No. 06, Jagti.

GRIEF STRICKEN:

Smt. Nimmi Ganjoo (Wife)
Mr Ashish Ganjoo (**Son**)

Smt Ruchi Bhat & Deepak Bhat (**Daughter & Son-in-law**)

Smt Baby W/o Ajeet Kumar (**Niece & Son in Law**)

Smt Sheela Koul W/o Late Omkar Nath Koul (**Sister in law**)

Smt. Phoola W/o Late Krishan Lal Koul (**Sister**)

Smt Girja & Tej Krishan (**Sister & Brother-in-law**)

Smt. Neetu W/o Shubham Lal Ganjoo (**Brother & Sister-in-law**)

Smt Sangeeeta Koul W/O Ashok Kumar Koul (**Sister & Brother in Law**)

Smt Isha Koul W/o Rakesh Koul (**Nephew & Daughter in Law**)

Sahil Ganjoo (**Nephew**)
Contact: 8082547044 / 788959608



Sh. Tej Krishan Ganjoo

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we regret to inform the sad and sudden demise of

Sh Santosh Kumar Tickoo, S/o Late

Janki Nath Tickoo and Sonibatni Tickoo of Batiyar Alikadal Srinagar, at present H.No 126, Dina Nagar, Barnai, Jammu.

Tenth Day Kriya will be performed on 29th of march at Akhnoor Ghat and

Assembly will be held at Muthi (Near Directorate of School Education) at 11:00 AM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt Savitry Tickoo (**Wife**)

(**Son and Daughter in law**)

Sahil and Prajikta Tickoo

Smt Vijay and Late Maharaj K Tickoo (**Bro & Babi**)

Smt Babil and Late Ravinder Tickoo (**Bro and Babi**)

Smt Vijay and Ramesh Kumar Fotedar (**Sister & Brother in Law**)



Sh Santosh Kumar Tickoo

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Mohit Sadotra (PHE Deptt.)** S/o Surinder Kumar R/o House No.94, Sector-1, Laxmi Nagar, Muthi.

Uthala will be performed on 24th March (Monday) at 2.00 PM at our residence.

DEEPLY MISSED & REMEMBERED BY:-

All Family Members & Friends

Mobile No: 9149496587, 9469258514, 9149876452



Mohit Sadotra
(PHE Deptt.)

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad and untimely demise of our beloved Son Namely **Sahil Koul** S/o Sh. Jawahir Lal Koul R/o Wagoora Baramulla Kashmir who left for heavenly abode on 17-03-2025 at Barazulla Bagat Srinagar at 10 AM.

Tenth Day Kriya shall be performed on 26-03-2025 at Wagoora Baramulla Kashmir at 11 AM and Assembly will be held at our residence Wagoora Baramulla 12:30 PM.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Samast Koul, Pandita, Bhat, Chandail

Friends Relatives and well wishers

Contact : 8803832153, 7006887629, 9797632272, 7780849390



Sahil Koul

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you that our beloved **Smt. Bimla Devi** W/o Late Sh. Madan Lal R/o 55 Mohalla Afghan Jammu left for her heavenly abode on 11-03-2025.

Uthala will be performed on 24-03-2025 (Monday) from 4 pm to 5 pm at Oriental Academy Hr. Sec. School Mohalla Afghan Jammu.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Lalita and Brij Mohan - **Son & Daughter-in-Law**

Neelam & Prem Sagar- **Son & Daughter-in-Law**

Meenu & Shiv Kumar- **Son & Daughter-in-Law**

Swarn Kanta W/o Lt. Sh. Satish Kumar- **Daughter & Son-in-Law**

Poonam & Anil Kumar- **Daughter & Son-in-Law**

Grand Children: Shweta and Gaurav Sadhotra

Sourav, Chetan, Manik, Dhruv, Aryan, Amit, Sumit & Shriya

Mob. 9419147012



Smt. Bimla Devi

UTHALA

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of our beloved **Sh. Suresh Gupta** S/o Lt. Sh. Keval Krishan Gupta R/o H.No. 16, Gali Kumharan, Purani Mandi, Jammu who expired on 12/3/2025.

Uthala will be performed at Mahajan Hall on 24/3/2025 (Monday) 4 pm - 5 pm.

GRIEF STRICKEN

Smt. Swarna Devi (**Mother**)

Smt. Sujata Gupta (**Wife**)

Mr. Paras & Mr. Prajwal Gupta (**Son**)

Anita Gupta & Pawan Gupta - **Sister & Brother-in-law**

Poonam Gupta & Kavi Gupta - **Sister & Brother-in-law**

Sourabh & Sakshi Gupta - **Brother & Sister-in-law**

Lt. Smt. Krishna & Dwarka Nath - **Bua & Fufa Ji**

Smt. Darshna & Pawan Chowdhary - **Bua & Fufa Ji**

Smt. Santosh & Lt. Sh. Subash Gupta - **Chachi & Chachu Ji**

Smt. Shashi Balla & Lt. Sh. Surinder Gupta - **Chachi & Chachu Ji**

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Sh. Suresh Gupta

TENTH DAY KRIYA

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved mother **Karmayogini Smt. Shobawati Pandita** W/o Lt. Sh. Jialal Pandita (Bhan) originally from Sagam Dist. Anantnag A/p Lane No. 24, Block -152, Flat No. 09, Jagti Nagrota who left heavenly abode on 16-03-2025.