

# MLA Marh tours border area, listen grievances of people

Satish compares Pakistan with a ‘Plaque’ for entire world

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MARH: MLA Marh Satish Bhagat on Sunday visited various border villages of Marh constituency and listened the grievances and problems being faced by the people of border area at Zero line border Panchayats Rajpura, Kana Chack, Panjore, Nai Basti, Gangu Chack, Shama Chack, Kalyanpur, Sohagni, Gho Manhasan, Makwal, Sumb.

He assured the people that BJP government at Centre is committed for the security, safety of the people. He also reviewed arrangements for the people of border people at safer places keeping in view the prevailing situation on IB and LoC.

He interacted with the people of different villages and listened their grievances and problems being faced by them. People of these villages demanded surgical strikes on



MLA Marh Satish Bhagat interacting with border dwellers.

terrorist camps running along LoC in POK.

Bhagat assured the people from villages situated nearer to Line of Control that BJP government is ready to provide every essential commodity to the border people keeping in view the prevailing situation along IB and LoC for safety and security of own people as Indian Army and BSF is fully prepared to thwart the ill designs of enemy and anti-national ele-

ments.

He asked the concerned authorities and officials to provide adequate essential commodities to border people as BJP government at Centre is much concerned about their security and safety.

Bhagat on the occasion made a scathing attack on Pakistan and compared the neighbouring country with a "Plaque" for the entire world. He said that Pakistan's poli-

cy will lead to its complete destruction.

He said Pak's proxy war has given uncalled tragedies to our peace loving border dwelling people but at the same time the brave Indian forces have inflicted heavy casualties on Pakistan's side giving a befitting reply. Bhagat praised the brave people living on borders for their love for motherland.

Bhagat said BJP Government led by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi has been relying on a radical new approach to accelerate projects to unclog the bottlenecks stopping the development of border areas.

He said that the life of people in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir has for decades been held ransom to shoddy roads and poor infrastructure due to the phlegmatic approach shown by the successive governments.

He said that the bad days have gone as Modi Government is committed to provide succor to every household whether in urban area limits or at extreme end of the Union Territory.

He said that efficiency and transparency are the two key areas which the Modi Government is focusing on and these two aspects will bring vibrant changes across the UT.

# Hindu-Muslim unity displayed in Tanda village, protest held against Pahalgam attack



Tanda villagers staging protest against Pakistan.

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R S PURA: In a remarkable show of communal harmony, residents of Tanda village in R.S. Pura, Jammu, came together to strongly condemned the recent attack in Pahalgam.

People from both Hindu and Muslim communities participated in large numbers, raising slogans against Pakistan and denouncing the killing of innocent people as an attack

on humanity.

The protest was led by former Sarpanch Sadiq Mohammad. Protesters raised anti-Pakistan slogans and expressed their firm resolve to stand united against forces trying to divide the country. Speaking with one voice, they declared that no power could weaken Hindu-Muslim unity in India.

Villagers warned that if Pakistan dared to engage in

any aggression against India, Hindus and Muslims would stand shoulder to shoulder in support of the Indian Army. Several prominent figures from the region were also present during the protest, further strengthening the message of unity and patriotism.

Tanda village, through this powerful demonstration, reaffirmed that India's true strength lies in its unity across all communities.

# Army celebrates Shaheed Diwas at Mendhar



Army officials along with locals paying tributes to Martyrs.

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POONCH: The Indian Army and the local population of Mendhar got together to commemorate the supreme sacrifice made by six gallant sons of the soil, while assisting the Indian Army on the war front during the 1965 Indo-Pak

conflict.

The annual 'Shahidi Diwas' at Mendhar marks the recognition and gratitude of the Army to these brave civilians who laid down their lives in the service to the nation as well as the continued commitment of the civilian population to work

hand in hand with the Indian Army to thwart any nefarious designs of the enemy.

The ceremony included a wreath laying at the 'Shahid Snarak' & Shaheed Abdul Ghani Chowk Memorial.

The encouraging response and willing participation by the local populace reflected their support and oneness for the national cause. The ceremony ended with a presentation of gifts to next of kins of the bravehearts.

This event was attended by officers of the District and Tehsil administration and other prominent citizens. Such events enhance the bonhomie between the Indian Army & civilians and strengthen the efforts towards peace and harmony in the region.

# Border residents have no reason to panic, security forces fully prepared to make Pakistan lick dust: Jasrotia

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JASROTA: In the wake of the Pahalgam massacre by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists, MLA Jasrotia Rajiv Jasrotia on Sunday assured border residents that action against Pakistan is inevitable.

Addressing the concerns of the residents of Padyari, Sumwan, Kissannagar, Trehara, Phalote, Mahichakhe IN Jasrotia constituency emphasized that this time, Pakistan will be taught a lesson for life, and it will never dare to test the integrity and sovereignty of India again.

The MLA's approach comes as a reassurance to the border residents, who have been living under the threat of terrorism and cross-border



MLA Rajiv Jasrotia addressing gathering.

firing.

With the government's strong stance against Pakistan, the people of Jammu and Kashmir can rest assured that their safety and security are of utmost importance.

Rajiv Jasrotia reiterated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, the entire nation has united to take action against Pakistan.

He asserted that the Pakistani government and army only understand proxy war and lack the courage to face India's brave hearts in a direct confrontation.

The MLA drew parallels with past wars between India

and Pakistan, highlighting Pakistan's consistent approach of using proxy warfare. He emphasized that India's military prowess and determination will ensure that Pakistan is held accountable for its actions.

Rajiv Jasrotia assured the border residents that they have no reason to panic, as

the government and security forces are fully prepared to take action against Pakistan. He emphasized that the nation stands united in its resolve to protect its sovereignty and integrity.

The unwavering patriotism and resilience of border residents are truly commendable. Despite facing hostile circumstances, they continue to hold the national flag high, showcasing their unshakable commitment to the nation's unity and integrity.

Their courage and dedication serve as an inspiration to the entire nation, highlighting the importance of unity and solidarity in the face of adversity. The nation remains grateful for their sacrifices and unwavering support, added Jasrotia.

# SMVDU hosts two-day workshop on ‘Innovations in Tribology and Robotics’

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KATRA: The School of Mechanical Engineering at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), successfully organized a two-day workshop on "Innovations in Tribology and Robotics" on April 21st and 22nd, 2025.

In the era of smart manufacturing and intelligent systems, these domains play a transformative role across industries such as automotive, aerospace, biomedical engineering, and industrial automation.

The event featured two distinguished experts Prof. Shakti K Gupta and Dr. Manjesh Kumar, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur.

Prof. S.K Gupta delivered a session on Robotics and Industrial Applications while Dr.



Faculty members and students during the workshop.

Manjesh spoke about the material and tribological aspects of Robotics.

The talks were followed by interactive Q&A segments, which sparked lively discussions among participants, including faculty members, research scholars, and students.

Further, a panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Ankush Raina on the future of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, which saw active participation from Dr. YatheshthAnand, Head,

School of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Shashi B. Kotwal and Swastik Gupta from the School of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Dr. Prabhu Omar (School of Electrical Engineering ), Dr. Vipal Sharma (School of Computer Science Engineering ).

The panel emphasized emerging AI trends, the integration of intelligent systems in robotics, and the importance of cross-disciplinary collaboration.

The workshop was jointly coordinated by Dr. Mir Irfan UIHaq (Associate Professor, SME) and Dr. Ankush Raina (Assistant Professor, SME). The event was attended by UG, PG and PhD students of various schools.

Dr. Pradeep Singh

# GDC Thannamandi bids send-off to 6th Semester outgoing students

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THANNAMANDI: The Departments of Botany, Economics, Geography and Kashmiri of Government Degree College (GDC) Thannamandi bade warm send-off to their respective outgoing 6th semester students here this week.

A series of get-togethers for the outgoing students of B.A/B.Sc 6th Semester majoring in Botany, Economics, Geography and Kashmiri subjects organized by respective Departments under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Farooq Ahmed, Principal of College. Heads of Botany, Dr. Ashaq Malik, Geography, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Economics, Dr. Nagina Kauser and Kashmiri, Prof. Rizwana Kouser, coordinated the farewell of these students in their respective Departments.

In the farewell programmes, outgoing students gave passionate views about their cherishing experience in this college and affirmed their commitment towards development of college and nation building throughout their lives.

While speaking on the occasion, Prof. Farooq Ahmed lauded the efforts

(Assistant Professor, SME) also participated in the various discussions. The organizers thanked SMVDU administration and Vice Chancellor Prof. Pragati Kumar for providing the opportunity and providing all support to organize the event.

Pertinently , SMVDU announced that starting from the upcoming academic year, the university will offer a B. Tech in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence.

This new undergraduate program is set to equip students with cutting-edge knowledge and skills in the rapidly growing fields of robotics and AI, opening up numerous career opportunities in advanced technology sectors.

of coordinating Departments to bid warm farewell to outgoing students to foster deeper bonds of belongingness with their respective Departments and the College at large. He patiently heard the feedback of students and answered the queries, and underscored the role of future alumni in the development of the institution. Dr. Farooq expressed good wishes to outgoing students for their brilliant educational and career pursuits. Prominent among others who joined the get-togethers included Dr. Nazakat Hussain, Dr. Naseem Ahmed, Prof. Supriya Gupta, Dr. Nazarul Islam, Dr. Gohar Iqbal, Prof. Altaf Hussain, Dr. Gulshan Rashid Bhat, Dr. Shiraz Ahmed, Anuj Bali (Librarian), Prof. Fatima Parveen, Dr. Ather Aziz Raina, Prof. Rummy Dar, Dr. Shazia Posswal, Prof. Neeru Sayed, Dr. Ashraf, Dr. Yasmeen Kouser, Dr. Showkat Ahmed, Dr. Aftab Ahmed, Dr. Zabair Ahmed, Dr. Mudasir Ahmed Gori, Dr. Sarfaraz Ahmed, Dr. Wahid Ahmed Qazi, Dr. Ateeq Ul Rehman, Zabair Ahmed and Sarfaraz Ahmed.

# MLA Ramban announces Rs 1 Cr to flood affected areas of Ramban under CDF

More compensation will be given under SDRF & Govt Funds

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RAMBAN: Member Legislative Assembly (MLA), Ramban, Arjun Singh Raju announced the sanctioning of rupees one crore from his Constituency Development Fund for the reconstruction of properties damaged due to landslides and flash floods caused by torrential rains on April 20.

While addressing the median in a press conference, he said that link roads, paths, lanes, drains, protection walls etc would be constructed with his assistance of Rs 1 crore from his CDF and this would be in addition to the financial assistance provided by the government under SDRF and other funds.

He said that although for the time being, the government has already provided Rs.1 lakh as ex-gratia to the kins of each of the three persons who had died in the incident, more compensation will be given to them under SDRF and other JK UT and Central Government Funds.

While thanking the Chief Minister, J&K, Omar Abdullah for visiting thrice in the affected areas of Ramban for taking first hand information of damages and



reviewing the restoration and relief work, he said that at his behest 250 labourers were engaged to clear the debris and muck from the affected houses and streets and water tankers were also supplied to wash the paths and also to provide clean drinking water in the affected areas.

He informed that so far there are reports of damage to 400 structures and death of hundreds of cattle and bovines in Ramban. However, the assessment of damages is going on by the special designated teams.

He advised the people to construct their houses in safer areas and not beside the nallahs.

# JKMEF organises meeting at District Hospital Samba, raises voice for employees’ rights



Members of JKMEF during meeting at Samba.

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SAMBA: Under the steadfast leadership of Shri Jaswinder Singh, the Jammu Kashmir Medical Employees Federation (JKMEF) today held a significant meeting at District Hospital Samba, where the pulse of the healthcare community beat with determination and unity.

A large gathering of health employees from across Samba district joined the event, pledging their unwavering support to the Central Body of JKMEF in the ongoing fight for justice and welfare.

In a heartfelt welcome, Kuldeep Dabgotra, District President Samba, present-

ed a comprehensive report outlining the severe hardships faced by health employees.

He brought to light the alarming delay in salaries under the 2211 Family Welfare Head, painting a grim picture of employees teetering on the brink of starvation.

"When the healers themselves are left unheard, who will heal the wounds of the system?" - this powerful sentiment echoed through the assembly.

The gathering saw full solidarity among the health workers, all promising their complete backing to the Federation's future actions. Adding further strength to the proceedings, Bharat

Bhushan Bhagat, President of the Jammu and Kashmir Government Pharmacist Association, addressed the gathering, inspiring the audience with a vision for the future.

His words served as a rallying call for collective advancement, professional dignity, and rightful recognition.

Other prominent lent their voices to the cause were Prof. Pratul Singh, General Secretary, Harpal Singh, President of X-Ray Technicians, Dheeraj Sharma, President of Udhampur District, Sunil Bhandral, Kamla Devi, Mohd Arshad, Kartar Chand, Naresh Jamwal, and Vijay Sharma, among others.

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