

# ASP Poonch reaches out to shelling affected families in Surankote

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SURANKOTE: To assess the situation in areas of Surankote recently affected by shelling Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Poonch Mohan Lal Sharma accompanied by DySP surankote Aijaj Choudary & SHO surankote inspector Sachinder Singh today conducted an extensive visit to Surankote and adjoining areas.

During the visit ASP Poonch took stock of the ground realities, interacted with the local population and assured them of the police department's commitment to their safety and well-being.

He also reviewed the security arrangements in the area and instructed the concerned officers to remain vigilant and responsive to any emerging situation.

The ASP reiterated that



the Jammu & Kashmir Police stands firmly with the residents and will continue to extend all possible support to maintain peace and order.

He accompanied by the Incharge Police Post (IC PP) Jhullas, also undertook

a comprehensive visit to the forward border villages of Jhullas, Mangnar, and Salotri to assess the situation on ground and reassured the local population.

During the visit, Addl SP Poonch interacted with

local residents and community representatives, listening to their concerns regarding safety, infrastructure damage, and essential services in light of the recent cross-border shelling. He reiterated the commitment of J&K Police to ensure the security and well-being of civilians living in the border belt.

"The safety of our border residents is our top priority. The police administration stands with the people of Poonch, especially those directly affected by ceasefire violations. Every effort will be made to address their grievances promptly," said Mohan Sharma.

The visit reflects the proactive approach of Poonch Police in maintaining peace and public confidence amid sensitive border conditions.

# Army distributes food to locals at Lasana

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POONCH: In a heart-warming display of compassion and commitment to the well-being of civilians from the area, who had sought refuge in the Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Lasana, the Indian Army sprang into action to ensure their safety and comfort.

The Indian Army's prompt response to the situation has been exemplary. By offering food to the civilians in the GHSS Lasana, the Army has provided a safe haven for those in need. Moreover, the Army's provision of food to the displaced families demonstrates its dedication to the welfare of the local population.

The Indian Army's actions in Lasana reflect its broader strategy of winning the hearts and minds of the people. By engaging



Army officials providing food to people staying at a school in Poonch amid India-Pak conflict.

in humanitarian activities, the Army aims to build trust and foster a sense of security among the local population.

This approach not only helps to strengthen the bond between the Army

and the community but also underscores the Army's commitment to protecting and serving the people. The Indian Army's efforts in Lasana have had a profound impact on the community.

By providing essential support to those in need, the Army has demonstrated its role as a guardian and protector of the people. This initiative has also helped to reinforce the Army's reputation as a force for good, working tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of civilians.

The Indian Army's humanitarian efforts in Poonch serve as a shining example of its dedication to serving the nation and its people.

By providing shelter and food to displaced civilians, the Army has shown that it is not just a defender of the country's borders but also a guardian of its citizens' well-being.

This initiative is a testament to the Army's commitment to winning the hearts and minds of the people and reinforcing its bond with the community.

## DC Poonch visits areas affected by ceasefire violation, directs damage assessment



DC Poonch, Vikas Kundal visiting shelling hit areas.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal, visited several areas of the town affected by the recent cross border shelling. He was accompanied by senior officers of the district administration.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected Mohalla Qazi Mohra, Mohalla Dungus, Mohalla Sarain, District Police Lines, District Court Complex, Jamia Zia Ul Uloom, Mohalla Geeta Bhawan, Mohalla Kamsar, Mohalla Radio Station, Gurudwara Singh Sabha and Mohalla Kama Khan all of which suffered damage due to cross border shelling.

The Deputy Commissioner interacted with local residents and took stock of the ground situation. He directed the concerned authorities to conduct a detailed assessment of property damage and submit comprehensive reports promptly.

The administration assured the affected residents and institutions of all necessary support. Officials were also instructed to ensure timely relief and rehabilitation in coordination with local agencies.

The Deputy Commissioner is expected to visit the remaining areas affected by the cross border shelling shortly to assess the situation firsthand.

## DC Baramulla conducts extensive visit of Uri; reviews relief measures for shelling affected people

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: In view of the recent cross-border shelling incidents, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, on Sunday conducted an extensive visit to Uri subdivision to take stock of the arrangements made for families evacuated from vulnerable areas along the Line of Control (LoC).

Accompanied by Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Uri and senior officers from concerned departments, DC visited several key locations, including Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Uri, Control Room Uri, Government Degree College Uri, and GDC Boniyar, which are currently being used as temporary relief centres.

At SDH Uri, the DC reviewed emergency preparedness, availability of staff, and healthcare facilities. He emphasized the need to ensure round-the-clock medical services for any eventuality.

The DC also visited the Food Civil Supplies and



DC Baramulla, Minga Sherpa along with locals at Uri.

Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) food store to check the availability and distribution of ration and essential supplies for the affected population. He directed officials to maintain adequate stock and ensure timely delivery to all relief locations.

During interactions with the displaced families, DC assured them of full administrative support and directed officials to ensure proper arrangements for food, bedding, sanitation, and medical aid.

He also held detailed interactions with SDRF

volunteers deployed in the area and lauded their tireless efforts in assisting the affected families and maintaining order on the ground.

Meanwhile, DC directed the SDM Uri to carry out a comprehensive assessment of damages caused to property, livestock, and infrastructure due to shelling. He instructed for a prompt and detailed report so that compensation and necessary support could be extended to the affected households without delay.

It is pertinent to mention that a majority of the fami-

lies from vulnerable border locations had already been shifted to District Headquarters Baramulla, where the district administration has made elaborate arrangements including food, shelter, medical services, and sanitation facilities.

Reaffirming the administration's commitment, DC stated that all possible steps are being taken to safeguard the lives and well-being of border residents and that the district administration stands firmly with them during this difficult time.

## AICC member visits to border-affected areas of Bishnah Constituency

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: AICC Member and President of All J&K Sadhguru Kabir Sabha, Shamsher Chand, along with Balwinder Singh Rinku (Coordinator, Minority Department and Vice President, DCC Jammu Urban), Rakesh Meenia (District General Secretary), Janak Raj (General Secretary), Tilak Raj (Former Sarpanch), Jagga Ram (Former Sarpanch), and Akash, conducted a visit to the border-affected areas of Pindi Charakan, Treva, Arnia, and Nandpur, falling under the Bishnah Constituency.

During the visit, the delegation interacted with the local residents and assessed the prevailing ground situation in these vulnerable regions.

They expressed their concern over the difficulties being faced by the border dwellers due to the current circumstances.

The leaders assured the affected families of full support, particularly in terms of accommodation and food supply, and emphasized that necessary steps would be taken to address their urgent needs in coordination with concerned authorities.



AICC Member Shamsher Chand and others during visit to border areas.

# Army conducts of Veterans/ExSM/Veer Nari meet

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: Indian Army organised a Veteran/ExSM/Veer Nari/Matas meet at Gando reaffirming its deep respect and gratitude towards the brave Ex-Servicemen who have served the nation with dedication and honour.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of numerous veterans and their dependents highlighting the enduring bond between serving personnel and retired soldiers.

This impactful initiative celebrated the unparalleled sacrifices of our veterans as well as the bravehearts who have sacrificed their lives for the country.



Army officials along with veterans during the meet.

The meet was a testament to the Indian Army's commitment to its veterans and their families. It provides a unique opportunity for them to come together, share experiences, and celebrate their spirit of camaraderie and sacrifices.

The gathering served as a

platform to strengthen the bond between serving personnel and veterans share experiences and address welfare related concerns.

The various sessions were held such as post-retirement benefits, healthcare schemes, pension updates and resettlement opportunities.

The event featured an open forum where veterans could voice their concern and offer suggestions directly to Army leadership ensuring their voice continue to shape the future.

The meet successfully concluded with assurances of working positively towards alleviating the problems of Ex-servicemen. Overall, the interaction provided an opportunity to understand the problems being faced by the Ex-servicemen and reassuring them that the organization will continue to work for their welfare. A total of 56 Ex-Servicemen and 07 NCC Cadets attended the event.

## DC Kupwara visits Karnah, takes stock of situation

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KUPWARA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan on Sunday conducted an extensive tour of Karnah sub division to assess the situation after the recent border tensions which resulted in the damage of various houses and shop establishments.

During the tour, DC visited various families at Tangdar, Hajinard, Nachiyar, Shamspora, Baghbela, Batpora and Tarboni whose houses and shops were damaged by the cross border shelling during the recent border tensions between the two countries.



DC Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan during tour to Karnah.

DC assured the families that Government and administration is committed to provide every possible support to them.

Ayushi also visited the sub district hospital Tangdar to take the firsthand appraisal

of the healthcare facilities available in the border sub division. She inspected various sections of the hospital including OPD, IPD, Gynecology, OT, USG, X-Ray and others. She interacted with the patients and

attendants and enquired about the treatment and healthcare facilities provided by the hospital.

The DC also interacted with the doctors and paramedical staff of the hospital and enquired about the availability of essential drugs and other amenities of the hospital. She directed them to work with concerted efforts and dedication to ensure proper treatment and well being of the patients belonging to this border and far flung sub division.

The DC was accompanied by SDM Karnah, Zaffar Ahmad; Tehsildar and various officers from R&B, PHE and others.

## Illegal extraction and transportation of minerals; 5 arrested

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
AWANTIPORA: In continuation of its ongoing drive against illegal mining, Police in Awantipora have arrested 05 persons & seized 03 vehicles & 01 JCB used in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals.

Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, a Police party of Police Station Awantipora headed by SHO Police Station

Awantipora DySP (P) Atif Zahoor under the supervision of SDPO Awantipora seized 03 tipper bearing registration numbers JK015-1405, JK13B-0811 & JK04-7922 and 01 JCB without registration numbers and arrested 05 persons. They have been identified as Muzafer Ahmad Shah son of Ab Hamid Shah resident of Bahoo Awantipora, Intiyaz Ahmad Dar son of Mohd Sultan Dar and Ubaid Ahmad Dar son of Farooq Ahmad Dar both residents of Aghangipora, Abdul Rashid Dar son of Mohd Jabar Dar resident of Larkipora Padgampora and Mehar Ud Din Chachi son of Ghulam Noorani chachi resident of Dadoo Marhama.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR NO. 108/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Awantipora and further investigation has been initiated.

## Drone found in Bengal's Murshidabad non-lethal: BSF

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KOLKATA: The BSF South Bengal Frontier on Sunday urged the public not to spread rumours along the eastern border and downplayed concerns over a drone found in Murshidabad, describing it as a harmless photography device with no payload capacity.

The paramilitary force's remark comes amidst heightened tension along the north-western frontier due to repeated drone incursions by Pakistan in recent days.

In a statement on the Murshidabad drone, the paramilitary force emphasised that it was a non-lethal, commercial device with no payload capacity, typically used for photography during events.

Such drones are "used by our photographers to cover any function or event and have no load carrying capacity," the BSF clarified.

According to the BSF, the drone "has been recovered deep inside Indian territory, with only a range of 400-500

metres, flying time of 15-20 minutes depending upon the battery being used, an inbuilt 4K camera and no load carrying capacity." "Therefore, it shouldn't be seen and equated with the kind we have been listening to these days," the statement said, adding the recovered drone was handed over to Shamsheergunj police station and they are trying to find the user," it added.

Murshidabad is a border district in West Bengal sharing frontiers with Bangladesh.

## Gandhi Global Family welcomes ceasefire

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Gandhi Global Family (GGF), Jammu & Kashmir, warmly welcomes the ceasefire between India and Pakistan. Dr. S. P. Varma, President GGF J&K, has commended the Government of India for its constructive role in promoting dialogue and de-escalation in the region. Members and volunteers of GGF J&K have consistently advocated for peace and remain dedicated to fostering harmony across borders. The ceasefire brings much-needed relief to civilians residing along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Border (IB), halting cross-border firing and drone attacks in North India. A two-minute silence was

observed by GGF J&K to honor the brave souls who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation during the challenging time.

Dr. Varma stresses the importance of sustained dialogue, mutual respect and regional cooperation to achieve lasting peace and stability in the Indian subcontinent.

He also expressed deep appreciation for the many GGF volunteers who have demonstrated exemplary courage in organizing humanitarian relief camps across J&K and encouraged them to continue their vital efforts. He further praised the Indian Defence Forces for their unwavering dedication in safeguarding the nation's borders.

## Delhi records high of 37.8 deg C, partly cloudy sky forecast for Monday

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: The national capital on Sunday recorded a maximum temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius, 1.7 notches below the seasonal average, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). The minimum temperature settled at 23.6 degrees Celsius, 1.8 notches below the season's average, the IMD said. Over the last 24 hours, Delhi received 13 mm of rainfall, measured between 8.30 am on Saturday and 8.30 am on Sunday. The relative humidity in the capital oscillated between 74 per cent and 34 per cent on Sunday. The weather department has forecast partly cloudy sky for Monday with the maximum and minimum temperatures expected to settle around 39 degrees Celsius and 26 degrees Celsius, respectively.

The air quality in Delhi was recorded in the 'moderate' category at 4 pm on Sunday, with an Air Quality Index (AQI) reading of 158, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data showed.

## President Trump praises 'strong, unwaveringly powerful' leadership of India, Pakistan

**■ AGENCY**  
NEW YORK/WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump on Sunday praised the "strong and unwaveringly powerful" leadership of India and Pakistan for reaching a "ceasefire" and offered to work with them for a "solution" on the Kashmir issue.

India has always maintained that the Kashmir issue is a bilateral matter and there is no space for any third party. India asserts that the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the Union Territory of Ladakh are and always will be integral and inalienable parts of it.

"I will work with you both to see if, after a 'thousand years,' a solution can be arrived at concerning Kashmir. God Bless the leadership of India and Pakistan on a job well done!!!" Trump said in a post on Truth Social.

His comments came hours after India and

Pakistan on Saturday reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea, with immediate effect.

"I am very proud of the strong and unwaveringly powerful leadership of India and Pakistan for having the strength, wisdom, and fortitude to fully know and understand that it was time to stop the current aggression that could have lead (led) to the death and destruction of so many, and so much," Trump said.

"Millions of good and innocent people could have died! Your legacy is greatly enhanced by your brave actions. I am proud that the USA was able to help you arrive at this historic and heroic decision," Trump said.

He went on to say that even though this has not been discussed, he is going to "increase trade substantially with both of these great Nations."

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