

Tiranga rally living expression of national pride: Jasrotia

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JASROTA: In honour of the success of Operation Sindoor and the indomitable courage, valour and heroism of the Indian Army, BJP MLA Jasrotia, Rajiv Jasrotia, Sunday led a grand 5 Km Tiranga Yatra Bike Rally from Bela to Badholi in Block Dinga, Amb.



BJP MLA Rajiv Jasrotia leading the Tiranga Rally.

The rally, filled with patriotic fervour and slogans of 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' was a mark of respect to the brave security personnel who were part of the operation and a tribute to those who sacrificed their lives defending the country's integrity and sovereignty.

The objective of the rally was to commemorate the successful operation targeting terrorist camps in Pakistan, honor the security personnel and civilians who lost their lives in the line of duty, including those who fell victim to Pakistan's shelling.

Prominent among those who participated in Tiranga rally included Mandal President Deepak Sharma, Sarpanchs Kewal Krishan, Sushil, Ex Mandal President Samar Singh, Yatra Incharge Sudesh Kumar Sethu, Vikram Singh, Panch Sham, Ashok Jasrotia and other prominent workers. Later MLA Jasrotia also organized public meeting at Badholi to listen to their grievances and assuring mitigation of their

meeting at Badholi, where he listened to Grievances, heard the concerns of the local residents and promised to address their grievances in a time-bound manner. The event showcased the MLA's commitment to the welfare of his constituents and his pride in the nation's security forces.

In his address, Jasrotia paid rich homage to the unwavering courage of the Indian armed forces, including paramilitary forces, BSF, CRPF and local police, who continue to protect the country against terrorism and subversive forces.

"India has never bowed to terrorism, and this is because of the selfless service of our brave men and women in uniform," he stated. A special commemoration and interfaith prayer followed the rally, held in memory of those who laid down their lives in the line of duty. The event concluded with a collective message of national pride and unity.

He stated that this event was not just a rally, but a living expression of national pride. He said that every time the Tiranga waves, it echoes our soul, our identity, and the legacy of sacrifice. The flag reminds us of the bravehearts who gave everything for the nation at the borders.

Jasrotia described Operation Sindoor not merely as a military operation but as a symbolic retaliation and a reflection of the resolve of India's Nari Shakti to protect the sanctity of sindoor (vermillion).

He said that by demolishing terror strongholds on Pakistani soil, India has made it clear that any threat directed towards the daughters of the nation will now be answered from across the border.

He further said that while India stands for peace and compassion, it will not hesitate to wield the Sudarshan (divine weapon) when the motherland is under threat.

Div Com visits shelling hit areas in Mendhar

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POONCH: Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar on Sunday conducted an extensive visit to Sub Division Mendhar to take stock of the situation in areas affected by recent unprovoked cross border shelling. The visit was aimed to assess the damage and ensure timely support to the affected families.



Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar conducting visit to Sub Division Mendhar.

He was accompanied by the Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal and other senior officers of the district administration.

During the visit, the Divisional Commissioner inspected several impacted locations and interacted with residents to personally understand their grievances and the extent of losses incurred.

He also visited the residence of the family where a woman lost her life due to the shelling. The Divisional Commissioner

expressed deep condolences to the bereaved family and assured them of full support from the administration. He conveyed heartfelt sympathies to all those who have suffered due to the cross border shelling.

The Divisional Commissioner issued directions to the district administration for a comprehensive and time bound assessment of the losses to life,

property, and livestock. He emphasized the need for immediate relief and compensation measures to alleviate the suffering of the affected people.

He reiterated the administration's commitment to standing with the people in this hour of grief and urged the officials on ground to continue working with compassion and urgency to restore normalcy.

Gulshan elected as District President of JKTF Rajouri

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RAJOURI: In a significant development, Gulshan Kumar Sharma has been elected as the new District President of the Jammu and Kashmir Teachers Forum (JKTF) Rajouri.

This appointment follows a thorough deliberation process involving a committee constituted for the District President election.

The committee, comprising prominent JKTF members including Mohd Maroof UT Senior Vice Chairman, Lokesh Kumar UT Chief Convenor, Joginder Singh UT Spokesperson, Ranjeet Singh UT Additional spokesperson, Mohd Shafiq Mirza District General



Secretary, Surjeet Kumar Ex-District President Teachers forum Rajouri, and Vinod Sharma Ex-District President Rajouri under the supervision of UT Sr Vice president Rafiq Hussain Malik carefully considered Gulshan Kumar Sharma's candidature before unanimously electing him.

With his experience as a senior leader and District Vice President of the forum, Gulshan Kumar Sharma's election is expected to bring new dynamism to JKTF

Rajouri. His vision aligns with the welfare and betterment of the teaching community and the education sector in Rajouri.

Meanwhile UT President Sheikh Mohd Ashraf along with the entire team, congratulated Gulshan Kumar Sharma on his election and pledged full support for a smooth transition. JKTF looks forward to his leadership in addressing teacher challenges and promoting educational excellence in the region.

JKTF is a professional organization dedicated to teacher welfare and education promotion in Jammu and Kashmir, affiliated with the All India Secondary Teachers Federation.

DC Rajouri visits border villages; assures assistance to shelling-affected families

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RAJOURI: In a compassionate outreach to the border residents, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma on Sunday visited shelling hit villages of Lam, Laroka, and Qila Darhal to assess the ground situation and interacted with the affected families.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner took firsthand stock of the damage caused to residential properties and other assets. While expressing solidarity with the affected persons, he assured them that the District Administration stands firmly with them in this hour of need.



He directed the field functionaries to expedite the assessment of damages to private property so that relief and compensation can be provided to the affected as

per the norms.

"The safety and well-being of border residents is our top priority. All possible support will be provided to the affected families," the DC assured.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Nowshera, Pritam Lal Thapa, along with officers from Revenue, Police, and other concerned departments, accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during the visit.

The Deputy Commissioner also reiterated the commitment of the administration to maintain continuous coordination with the security forces and other stakeholders to ensure the safety and timely support to the border population.

GGF extends relief to affected families in Poonch

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POONCH: In response to the recent cross-border firing that have disrupted lives in district Poonch, Gandhi Global Family J&K (GGF) extended humanitarian assistance to affected families, reaffirming its commitment to United Nations SDGs, which highlights the importance of partnerships in crisis response.

The initiative was carried out in collaboration with The Daffodils Project, Border Welfare Organization, Pulastya Foundation and Sangarsh, demonstrating the power of collective civil society action under Goal No 17 of UN SDGs. The Women's Wing of GGF Jammu led the dis-



GGF members providing aid to affected families at Poonch.

tribution of essential supplies including food items and sanitary pads, while indoor sports kits were also provided to support the well-being of children.

The relief consignment was dispatched under the

guidance of Jenab Gulham Nabi Azad, President Gandhi Global Family, former Chief Minister of J&K and former Union Minister, in the presence of Dr. S.P. Varma, President Gandhi

Avinash Choudhary formally handed over the relief material to Pankaj Magotra, ADDC Poonch, Tahir Malik, ADC Poonch and Mohd Sayeed, ACR Poonch in the presence of prominent civil society members including Adv Sunil Sharma, President Bar Association Poonch, Naresh Kumar, Ex-Councillor, Adv. Sanjeev Sharma, Syed Nusrat Shah, Adv. Navjot Sharma, Dr. Mehak Sharma, Er. Ramneek Singh and Nirjyot Singh.

This marks Gandhi Global Family's first visit to Poonch post war crises and the organization has expressed its willingness to supplement the efforts of the district administration as and when required.

This effort underscores the impact of coordinated civil society responses during humanitarian crises.

Farmers imparted training on commercial floriculture

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DODA: The Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens organized a one-day training program on Commercial Floriculture for farmers at Kumbhari Panchayat Shangroo in Block Bhalla Doda. The program was held under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme ATMA, with the objective of promoting commercial floriculture practices and enhancing farmers' income.

A large number of farmers participated in the event, reflecting their growing interest in floriculture and aromatic crops.

The session included a detailed discussion on commercial floriculture practices and cultivation of aromatic crops like lavender and rosemary. Farmers also shared their concerns related to the cultivation of

marigold, lavender, and other commercial flowers. Experts responded to their queries and assured continued support from the department.

Assistant Floriculture Officer Pawan Kumar briefed the participants about the Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in the district.

He emphasised that apart from technical support and latest farming technologies, the department also offers financial assistance in the form of incentives to the farmers.

The training program was conducted under the overall guidance of Director General Vivek Sharma and the supervi-

sion of Landscape Officer Vikrant Kumar.

The event also saw participation from prominent progressive farmers including Rajinder Kumar, Pritam Singh and Bans Raj, along with several women farmers.

The participants appreciated the efforts and regular support provided by the Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens, Jammu.

The training program served as a valuable platform for farmers to interact with experts, gain knowledge, and explore new opportunities in floriculture, ultimately aiming to improve their livelihoods through sustainable agricultural practice.

Int'l Museum Day celebrated at Krimchi Temples



DC Udhampur Saloni Rai visiting the exhibition.

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UDHAMPUR: The Archaeological Survey of India, Srinagar Circle on Sunday celebrated International Museum Day with great enthusiasm here at the historic 8th century Krimchi Group of Temples.

The event was graced by Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai, as the Chief Guest accompanied by other senior officials.

A Photo Exhibition showcasing the cultural and archaeological richness of the J&K region and World Heritage Sites of India and Asia pacific region was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner.

A QR code-based information system was also launched by the Deputy Commissioner providing visitors with digital access to the site's historical and archaeological details.

While addressing the gathering, the chief guest emphasized the role of museums in cultural preservation, education and promoting heritage awareness. Dr. Piyush Bhatt, Superintending Archaeologist, Srinagar Circle, highlighted museums as custodians of history and tools for inspiring future generations.

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Sakeena Ito engages with locals, assesses public issues, development needs



Cabinet Minister Sakeena Ito interacting with locals.

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KULGAM: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Ito, conducted an extensive tour of several areas of Damhal Hanjipora (DH Pora) Constituency and had on the spot assessment of public issues and development needs in these areas.

During the tour, Sakeena visited several villages and hamlets and held interaction with the local residents, Mohalla community members and representatives.

The Minister, during the interactions, attentively listened to the concerns of people regarding healthcare, road connectivity, power supply, water sup-

ply and other day to day issues requiring urgent attention of the government.

Addressing the locals at various locations, Sakeena highlighted that the present government is formed by the vote and trust of people and therefore the Ministers are continuously on the ground to listen to the people's issues, reflecting commitment of Omar Abdullah led government to grassroots governance. She added that the public service is core objective of the present government.

"Presence and responsiveness to public issues and concerns is main motto of this government", Sakeena stated.

While responding to the issues and grievances of local populace, Sakeena assured them that these would be addressed promptly.

ACR visits Bandi Kama Khan after tragic incident



ACR Poonch, Mohammad Sayeed during visit to Bandi Kama Khan village.

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POONCH: Assistant Commissioner Revenue Poonch, Mohammad Sayeed on Sunday visited the village of Bandi Kama Khan following the tragic drowning of a 14-year-old boy, Intiaz Ahmed, son of Khalil Ahmed. He was accompanied by Tehsildar Mandi and the In-Charge of Police Post Sathra.

The visit was conducted under the directions of the Deputy Commissioner. During the visit, the officials assessed the situ-

ation on the ground and met with the grieving family to express their condolences. As an immediate relief measure, financial assistance of Rs. 20,000 was provided from the Red Cross fund.

The authorities extended their heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family and urged the public to exercise caution near water bodies, particularly during the summer months when such incidents are more likely to occur.

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