

Javed Rana flags off Wildlife Rescue Vehicle Fleet

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JAMMU: In a significant step towards enhancing the wildlife conflict mitigation measures, Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmad Rana, on Monday flagged off a fleet of 10 specialised Wildlife Rescue Vehicles.

The newly procured vehicles aim to strengthen mobility of the established Wildlife Control Rooms across the Union Territory.



Cabinet Minister Javed Rana flagging off fleet.

These will also ensure swift response in handling inci-

dents of human-wildlife conflict, particularly in vulnerable and high-risk areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Javed Rana emphasized the urgent need to address the growing threat of wildlife conflict, which poses serious social, economic and safety challenges.

He asked the department to make every possible effort to protect human life and property while maintaining the ecological balance. He said that multiple steps are being taken at various levels to create awareness among the locals about animal behaviour and the protective measures they could adopt to reduce the man-animal conflict.

"Wildlife Rescue Vehicle Fleet is expected to significantly reduce response

time and enhance the department's ability to respond effectively to conflict situations, thereby safeguarding both," maintained the Minister.

Rana further highlighted the urgent need to balance conservation and development while ensuring coexistence. "We have to find sustainable solutions that protect both. While human lives must be safeguarded, the survival of wildlife is equally important," he said.

Rana asked the wildlife department for adoption of best practices from other parts of the country that have successfully managed human-wildlife conflicts.

Rana also appreciated the forest department in managing human-wildlife interactions effectively despite the challenges faced by the officials on ground.

Girls athletics meet of Zone Jib held



Officials along with players posing for photograph.

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UDHAMPUR: Annual inter-school girls athletics meet of Zone Jib, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), took place in the disciplines of Kho-Kho, Kabaddi and Volleyball in under-14 and under-17 age categories at Mini Stadium, here today.

The competition is being held under the guidance of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Jyoti Rani, who earlier declared open the meet. Over 350 girls turned up for the event representing 27 government and private educa-

tional institutions.

The Results (Finals):

Under-14: Kabaddi: MS Kuperla bt HS Laddan 17-05. Volleyball: HSS Barta bt HS Sattani 2-0. Kho-Kho: HS Kawa bt HS Laddan 4-3.

Under-17: Kabaddi: HS Bali bt HSS Barta 9-3. Volleyball: HSS Barta bt HS Upper Thanoa 2-0. Kho-Kho: HS Kawa bt HS Laddan 6-4.

All the matches were officiated by the technical staff of Youth services and sports department zone jib.

Aman, Manik win sprint gold in Chenani



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UDHAMPUR: The annual inter-school zonal level sports meet of Zone Chenani in district Udhampur in the disciplines of Wrestling and Athletics concluded today at Government Higher Secondary School Chenani, here. The competition, organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (DYSS), held under the supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer (ZPEO), Chenani, Jyoti Rani and conducted by the technical officials of the department.

Earlier, during the finals, Anil Verna (PEM) interacted with the participants and encouraged them towards healthy

competition. In total, 250 boys from 23 participating institutes contested for the top honours. Among those prominent present were Bikram Singh, Yogeshwar, Rakesh Kumar, Mohan Dass, Meena Kotwal, Anita Katal, Ravi Kumar, Joginder Singh, Rajinder Chanyal, Gulzar Begum, Mohd. Zubair, Waseem, Jamil, Sandeep, Atul, Pritam, Anil, Yashpal, Pooja, Radha, Sunita, and Ritu.

The Results:

ATHLETICS: Under-14: 100 mts: Aman Singh, HS Nagulta, Ist. 200 mts: Ajay Kumar, CMS Chenani, Ist. 400 mts: Zahid Khan, MS Baishity, Ist. 600 mts: Uttam

Singh, CMS Chenani, Ist. Shot Put: Ajay Kumar, CMS Chenani, Ist. Long Jump: Abrar Abbas, GGMS Kud, Ist. High Jump: Sumit Kumar, MS Toldi Nallah, Ist. **ATHLETICS:** Under-17: 100 mts: Manik Kumar, HS Sirah, Ist. 200 mts: Sohrit Kumar, HSS Dhanas, Ist. 400 mts: Parveen Chand, HSS Sewna, Ist. 800 mts: Pardeep Kumar, HSS Sewna, Ist. 1500 mts: Varun Bali, HSS Chenani, Ist. 3000 mts: Puran Chand, HSS Sewna, Ist. Shot Put: Sumit, HSS Chenani, Ist. Long Jump: Sehraan Sombria, HS Bashat, Ist. High Jump: Puran Chand, HSS Sewna, Ist.

WRESTLING: Under-14: Sohan of MS Noti, Ajit of MS Baishity, Summar of MS Mada, Pardeep of MS Gujad, Ajeet and Shahdab of NPS Chenani emerged winners in different weight categories.

WRESTLING: Under-17: Anil of MS Lower Manta, Arjun of HSS Dhanas, Rajesh of HSS Kud, Sumit of HSS Chenani, Roop of HSS Nagulta, Bilal of HS Bashat and Fasil of HSS Sudhmahadev were winners in different weight categories.

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SRINAGAR: Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo, on Monday visited Madri Meherban Welfare Institute Miskeen Bagh and reviewed the functioning of the institute.

Director Social Welfare Kashmir, Director Finance Social Welfare department, District Social Welfare officer Srinagar and other senior officers of the department accompanied the Minister during the visit.

On the occasion, the trustees and staff of the institute briefed the Minister about the services



Cabinet Minister Sakeena Itoo chairing a meeting.

being provided by the institute to orphans, Tribal students, economically disadvantaged children, destitute women and other needy people.

Engaging with the trustees, staff and benefi-

ciaries of the institute on the occasion, the Minister highlighted that this centre

has been serving as a vital support centre from last many decades to people in need.

Appreciating the selfless efforts of the institute, the Minister highlighted the commitment of Omar Abdullah led Government towards inclusive growth and upliftment of underprivileged communities. "Institutions like Madri Meherban embody the spirit of compassion and resilience. Government is firm to support such institutions so that no under-

privileged individual is left behind," Sakeena stated.

The Minister further highlighted that the Government is committed towards strengthening grassroots welfare infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir for the welfare of common masses.

She assured the institute of full support of Government in addressing operational challenges, adding that the genuine issues and concerns faced by the institute will be addressed promptly.

ECI begins training programme for BLO Supervisors from Jharkhand

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JAMMU: Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India Gyanesh Kumar inaugurated a two-day capacity-building programme for frontline election functionaries from Jharkhand at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIDEM), New Delhi on Monday. The participants, numbering 402, include DEOs, EROs, BLOs and BLO Supervisors. Over

the past three months, ECI has trained over 3000 such participants from across the country at IIDEM.

In his inaugural address, CEC Gyanesh Kumar commended the exemplary hard work and dedication demonstrated by the participants at the grassroots level in Jharkhand during enrolment of electors. CEC also exhorted the participants, who will be familiarised with the provisions of first and second

appeals under Sections 24(a) and 24(b) of RP Act 1950 to make the electors aware of these provisions.

It may be recalled that the first and second appeals against the final electoral rolls can be made with the D M / District Collector/Executive Magistrate and the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of the State/UT respectively. No appeals were filed from Jharkhand after the comple-

tion of the Special Summary Revision (SSR) exercise as of 6th-10th of January 2025.

Playing a key role in ensuring correct and updated electoral rolls, the participants are being trained to function strictly as per the Representation of People Act 1950, 1951, Registration of Electors Rules 1960, Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 and the instructions issued by the ECI from time to time. The curriculum of

the programme includes interactive sessions, role plays, simulating house-to-house surveys, case studies, and hands-on exercises for filling Forms 6, 7 and 8. Additionally, participants will receive practical training on the Voter Helpline App (VHA) and the IT tools. The trainees will also be provided technical demonstrations and training of EVMs and VVPATs including the conduct of mock polls.

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JAMMU: As many as four blind Judo players from J&K have represented India in the World Blind Championship which held at Astana Kazakhstan.

Trained by chief judo coach of J&K Sports Council, Suraj Bhan Singh at MA Stadium, here, these judokas got selected in the Indian team considering their performance at the National level.

It was for the first time that such a big number of blind Judokas from J&K represented the country. These four players, Anshuan



Sharna, Abida Choudhary, Anjum, were part of the 12-member Indian team.

DC Srinagar conducts whirlwind tour of city areas, assesses situation arisen due to gusty winds

Inspects Power infrastructure, mobilizes official machinery to assess losses

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SRINAGAR: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud Din Bhat, Monday morning undertook whirlwind tour of various City areas to assess situation arisen of strong gusty winds that wreaked havoc during intervening night of May 18 and 19, 2025.

DC was accompanied by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mir Intiyaz Ul Aziz; SDM West, Irfan Bahadur and other concerned Officers of District Administration Srinagar.

The DC visited Power Grid Station at Bemina and assessed the situation and ongoing electricity



DC Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud Din Bhat, during tour of various areas of Srinagar city.

restoration efforts undertaken by KPDCL.

On the occasion, DC was given a detailed appraisal of the restoration works and was assured that

power supply across Srinagar will be achieved at the earliest.

DC directed the KPDCL authorities to expedite restoration works to

ensure complete restoration of electricity to Srinagar.

DC also visited various City areas including Soura, Noorbagh, Karan Nagar, Safakadal, Bemina and other adjoining areas and took on the site assessment of the damages caused due to widespread gusty winds.

DC passed the directions for mobilizing official machinery to assess the losses caused due to the gusty winds. He also emphasized on active coordination between District Administration and other agencies to address the situation and restore normal functioning of any affected area.

DDC, MD JJM review Jal Jeevan Mission implementation in Kulgam

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KULGAM: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan, along with Mission Director (MD), Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Khurshid Ahmad Shah, on Monday jointly chaired a review meeting to assess the progress and implementation status of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district.

Chief Engineer PHE Kashmir, Superintendent Engineer PHE HYD Circle Anantnag/Kulgam, ACD, Technical Advisor Kashmir JJM- JK, Executive Engineers of PHE Division Kulgam/Qazigund, PHE-Mechanical and other concerned officers were present in the meeting.

Both the officers were apprised about the present position of projects through a powerpoint presentation.

As per the figures, the district consists of 61,122 rural households out of which 53,871 households have been provided with Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) till date. 143 civil schemes and 16 mechanical schemes are in the scope of

execution under JJM out of which 108 and 7 respectively have been commissioned. 259 works have been executed comprising of one Dug well, 4 Bore wells, 18 Rapid Sand Filtration Plants (RSFPs), 131 Pipe Networks, 15 Slow Sand Filtration Plants (SSFPs) and 92 General Service Reservoirs' (GSRs).

District Development Commissioner and Mission Director JJM impressed upon all the officers of Jal Shakti Department to take responsibility of the execution of works under JJM and work with utmost dedication and sincerity, and provide FHTCs to the remaining 7251 households. They stressed upon the officers to gear up the execution of works without further delay so that the remaining people of the district are facilitated with the piped drinking water.

District Development Commissioner & MD fixed timelines on execution of different works and directed the concerned officers to ensure completion of these works within the given timelines. They also took a detailed review of various other schemes sponsored under JKIDFC and NABARD, besides

reviewing the Mechanical schemes.

The chair was also informed that 42 villages in the district have been certified as Har Ghar Jal (HGJ) villages. MD directed the Executive Engineers to certify all HGJ reported villages as per the guidelines of National Jal Jeevan Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.

Further Executive Engineer water quality was directed to expedite the water testing of samples in all schools, Anganwadi centres and in individual households. It was also emphasized that at least 5 women among the Pani samiti members in each village be trained for water quality testing.

Chief Chemist was directed to regularly monitor the water quality testing as per the revised protocol review of various other schemes sponsored under JKIDFC and NABARD, besides reviewing the Mechanical schemes.

The Mission Director later took an extensive tour of the district and inspected the Water supply schemes Yaroo, Watigam, Chadnullah, Jailbal, Mirhama, Langam and Thaghal.

BJP leadership visits shelling-affected areas in Nowshera, assures full support and development

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NOWSHERA: J&K BJP senior leadership led by its President Sat Sharma visited the villages Kangri, Seri, Kalsian, Jhanger, Lam and Ghai Charyalla and inspected the damages caused by Pakistan's shelling in of Nowshera Assembly and interacted with the local people.

Former J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, party General Secretary and MLA Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Thakur Randhir Singh, MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat, District President Pritam Sharma, District Prabhari Sanjay Kumar Barn, DDCs Rajinder Sharma,

and Sangita Sharma, Sukhdev Singh, Vikram Sharma and other senior leaders of the party were present.

During a public darbar held at Kalsian, the leaders listened to grievances of the affected residents and assured them of full support.

Sat Sharma, while interacting with the media and the locals, said that the civilian areas have borne the brunt of the inappropriate military offence by Pakistan. He said that Pakistan, instead of acting on its terror camps, chose to wage a mini-war like situation, but failed to pursue the offence for a long peri-



BJP President Sat Sharma and others during visit to shelling-affected areas of Nowshera.

od due to the bravery of our soldiers. He also said that Pakistan will not be

able to forget the action it witnessed in 90 hours for the next 90 years.

During the time of trouble, he lauded the unity shown by the people to sup-

port the nation's cause, irrespective of their faiths/religions. He also lauded the all-party delegation being sent by India to different nations to single out Pakistan on the issue of Terrorism.

"BJP raised the issue of 'community and individual Bunkers' with the Home Ministry and the action has already begun on the issue. The party is also committed to all the development related issues in the area particularly building, upgrading and metaling of the roads", said Sat Sharma, while assuring the people of time-bound relief and long-term security measures.

Ravinder Raina reiterated the BJP's commitment to work for the welfare of the people. He said that for the BJP, the nation is always the first and the party will take all the steps needed to secure its borders from external and internal threats. He also stressed on the BJP cadre's commitment to the development of the area.

Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal praised the local masses for holding their ground during the time of Pakistan's aggression. He said that the bravery of the people gives direct power and boosts the morale of a soldier. He further asked them to hail the security

forces for their bravery and sacrifices.

Thakur Randhir Singh said that the BJP family stands with the people in every problem. He said that BJP is the party of the people who came into existence to serve the masses and the nation and the party cadre is sincerely serving the masses in this hour. Mohan Lal Bhagat said that the inappropriate aggressive behaviour by Pakistan backfired and taught a good lesson. Pakistan was given a befitting reply by our brave Indian Forces, who have, since centuries, written a saga of sacrifices and bravery, said Mohan Lal.