

# DGP, FC Home (ACS) visit Panjtarni, Baltal, Neelgarth

Take stock of yatra arrangements; Express satisfaction over facilities

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: In order to take stock of the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra arrangements, the Director General Police, J&K, Dilbag Singh, Financial Commissioner Home (ACS) J&K, R.K Goyal on Sunday visited the Panjtarni transit camp. ADGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar was accompanying the officers. The officers later on visited Baltal and Neelgarth as well.

During the visit the officers took stock of the security arrangements put in place at the transit camp for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the yatra in a meeting with officers of all the forces and agencies. They also took a round of the transit camp and reviewed the facilities of



DGP J&K, Dilbag Singh, Financial Commissioner Home (ACS) J&K, R.K Goyal visiting Panjtarni transit camp.

tentage, Langars and other arrangements being provided to the pilgrims.

In the meeting, visiting officers interacted with the officers deployed and enquired about different arrangements made. They were apprised about arrangements made for the security of yatries and to ensure hassle-free yatra. The officers discussed disaster management and rescue measures with the officers. The officers expressed satisfaction over medical, cleanliness and security facilities.

The DGP directed the offi-

cers deployed for yatra duties to ensure smooth conduct of the yatra. He stressed for providing all necessary assistance and support to the yatries. He emphasized upon officers to ensure that SOPs are being adhered in letter and spirit. He directed the officers to take all necessary measures to avoid any congestion at the camp and inconvenience to the yatries. He directed the officers to be extra vigilant and to ensure that safety and security of pilgrimage is not being compromised.

The visiting officers appreciated the role of MRIs of Police & other forces who have assisted and rescued a number of yatries at various difficult locations. They also complimented various camp commanders, force commanders, officers of various Police and civil wings for all the measures and arrangements made for safe and smooth Yatra and to meet any eventuality.

During their tour of the logistic area & langars, the officers reviewed various facilities being provided to the pilgrims. They also interacted with the pilgrims and verified about the facilities and arrangements.

The meeting was attended by Camp Director Sher Singh, Commandant ITBP Parminder Singh, 7 Para Major Mohit, Incharge transit camp Panjtarni SP Shri Munish Kumar and other deployed officers.

Later the officers visited Neelgarth & Baltal to review the services and facilities at Helipad and at the camp.

# Bukhari visits Shia leader Aga Syed Hassan Mosavi to convey Eid-el Ghadir greetings

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Sunday visited the Badgam residence of prominent Shia leader and president of Anjuman-E-Sharie Shian (J&K) Aga Syed Hassan Mosavi Al-Safavi to extend his greeting on the auspicious occasion of Eid-el Ghadir.

According to a press release issued here, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari met Aga Syed Hassan Mosavi at his residence in central Kashmir's Badgam and conveyed his warm greetings to the veteran leader on Eid-e Ghadir.

During their meeting, both leaders had a fruitful discussion and exchanged views on various issues.



Apni Party President S.M.A Bukhari extending Eid-el Ghadir greetings to president of Anjuman-E-Sharie Shian (J&K) Aga Syed Hassan Mosavi Al-Safavi.

On this occasion, Aga Syed Hassan Mosavi expressed his concern regarding the lack of drinking water in the Sonawari area and the delay in rehabilitating the Dal dwellers.

"The Shia leader also expressed his worries about the inadequate medical facilities at the District Hospital, Budgam, emphasising the urgent need for upgrading it to a 300-bed hospital," the press note stated.

On this occasion, Apni Party leader assured Aga Sahib that he would bring these public issues to the attention of the relevant authorities for prompt resolution.

# Jammu Billiards, Snooker meet begins



Chairman BSAJK, Sidharth Sharma playing shot to inaugurate 28th Jammu District Billiards and Snooker Championship at MA Stadium Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The 28th Jammu District Billiards and Snooker Championship declared open by chairman of Billiards and Snooker Association of J&K (BSAJK), Sidharth Sharma at Billiards Hall, MA Stadium, here on Sunday.

The event is being organised by the Billiards & Snooker Association J&K

under the aegis of J&K Sports Council.

Others present were Kuldeep Sharma (General Secretary), Zeeshan Ahmed (Joint Secretary), Ishuk Chowdhary (Organising Secretary), Sohail Khalid (Treasurer), Vishal Abrol, Ishan Sharma, Ishan Chowdhary, Rakesh Sharma and all the other participants.

This tournament is being

# Prarna maintains supremacy in Climbing

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Prarna Charak of Govt College for Women (GCW), Parade, maintained her supremacy after she secured first place in the women's category in the 6th round of the Sunday Series of Sport Climbing competitions being organised by Tawi Trekkers J&K at Sprawling Buds ICSE School, Bantalab, here.

She has almost consolidated her claim for inclusion in the J&K UT team for the forthcoming North Zone Sport Climbing Championship to be held at Delhi in the last week of September.

Likewise, in the Sub Junior Boys category, Aryan Rauthan of Army Public School, Damana, Jammu,



Winners of the 6th round of Sunday Series of Sport Climbing Competition with the organisers.

who secured 5th round of the competition has emerged as a strong contender for the North Zone competition.

However, there is a fierce competition for the first three positions in

the Junior Boys category among Harman Samotra, Aaradhya Manhas, Vageesh and Saksham Slathia.

In the Mini Boys category Harshveer Singh (460points) who bagged the first position today in absence of Vidhur Shoor is leading over Vidhur (445 points) Devansh is at the third place.

The other winners of the sixth round of the competition were Meetal Khajuria in the Junior Girls category, Jeevika Verma in the Sub Junior Girls category and Ayana Bhagat in the Mini Girls category.

Meanwhile, seventh round of the Sunday Series of competitions shall be held on July 16.

# VHP holds camp to train J&K girls in arts of self-defence, fight 'love jihad'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: VHP-affiliated 'Durga Vahini' held a training camp for girls in Jammu and Kashmir to teach them the arts of self-defence and how to keep their own during terror attacks, the right-wing outfit claimed here on Sunday.

Girls, all aged about 18, from 12 districts of the Union Territory participated in the week-long camp that started on July 3.

A VHP member said the camp was also aimed at making girls aware of 'love jihad' - a term used by right wing activists to refer to an alleged conspiracy to convert Hindu girls to Islam by marrying them.

"We organised a seven-day training camp from July 3, focusing on self-defence and personality development," Shabnam Khajuria, the head of

Durga Vahini, told PTI.

The primary objective of this initiative was to enhance girls' self-confidence and prepare them to combat all types of threats from terrorism to disasters in the region, she claimed.

"In addition to yoga and non-weapon techniques, the participants were trained in handling rifles and swords, enabling them to handle any situation effectively," Shabnam said.

In all, 82 girls, all aged 18 and above, hailing from 12 districts of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the border areas, participated in the camp, the group claimed. Aditi Gupta, one of the trainees shared her experience saying,

"The training in martial arts and weapon handling has made us physically and mentally strong. It has given us the self-confidence to face any situation. This is a lifelong learning

process." Another trainee Asmita Gupta said that the girl will go back to their native places and teach others about such practices. Durga Vahini is affiliated with the Vishva Hindu Parishad, a right-wing group which fervently champions Hindu supremacy. "It serves as the female counterpart of the Bajrang Dal, a subsidiary of the Hindu nationalist organisation VHP, established in 1991. Women aged 18 to 35 are eligible to join and receive training in the camp," Shakti Dhar Sharma, vice president, J&K VHP, told PTI.

He said they are educating women on the issues of love jihad and the challenges being faced by Hindus.

The camp operated from 4 am to 10.30 pm, dedicating four hours to the women's mental and physical development, Sharma said.

# Amarnath Yatra; 2 traffic cops hand over lost bag containing Rs 80,000 to owner



Traffic cops handing over lost bag to Amarnathji pilgrims.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: ASI Darshan Kumar and HC Satpal of Traffic Police deployed at Sarbal parking found a bag of lady yatri Yasoda Bain, wife of Manu Bhai of Ahmadabad Gujarat, containing Rs 80000, mobile phone and Yatra documents.

The personnel handed over the bag to the owner.

DGP J&K Dilbag Singh while appreciating the honesty and good work of the traffic personnel has announced Commendation certificate and a reward of Rs 10,000 each in favour of the officials.

# 1st WT20I: Skipper Harmanpreet, spinners star in easy Indian victory over Bangladesh

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
MIRPUR: Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur started the new international season with a smashing half-century as the Indian women's team catered to a seven-wicket victory over Bangladesh in the opening T20 International here on Sunday.

Opting to bowl, the Indian spinners used the conditions to their advantage and restricted Bangladesh to a meagre 114 for 5.

In reply, Harmanpreet (54 not out 35 balls) and her deputy Smriti Mandhana (38 off 34 balls) added 70 runs for the third wicket to chase down the target in just 16.2 overs.

The skipper hit six boundaries and two sixes and made best use of the two revives that she got off left-arm spinner Nahida Akter's bowling.

Mandhana was the pace-setter for India as she hit some delectable boundaries, five of them in all, including a rasping square cut off seamer Marufa Akter and an inside out lofted cover-drive. They were shots out of top drawer.

This was after the Indian bowlers set it up perfectly for the batters, who had to hardly break a sweat while chasing down an easy target.

The spin attack, led by the experienced Deepti Sharma (0/14 in 4 overs), along with debutants -- slow left arm orthodox Anusha Baredly (0/24 in 4 overs) and off-break bowler Minnu Manni (1/21 in 3 overs) -- executed skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's plan of bowling on one side of the wicket perfectly.

Leg-spinner Shafali Verma (1/18 in 3 overs) was also mostly on target, save a six that top-scorer Sorna Akhtar (28 off 28 balls) hit off her bowling.

The idea was to pack the off-side field with five fielders and bowl on the fourth or fifth off-stump line and the Bangladeshi batters, mostly right-handers, found it difficult to pierce the cordon.

This was after debutant Mani got her maiden wicket when Shamima Sultana (17), after tonking the offie for a six, couldn't connect her slog sweep and Jenimah Rodrigues took a smart catch at square leg.

organised after a gap of four years. However, the response was encouraging with a good number of young boys competing in the sub-junior, junior and Senior groups.

The opening day witnessed first round of competition in sub-junior category.

Earlier, Sidharth Sharma encouraged the participants and wished the organising team a successful event.

# Muzzaffarabad (POK) Refugees Welfare Society protests against discrimination with 5,300 POJK displaced families

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The Muzzaffarabad POK Refugees Welfare Society, Punjab strongly protest against the discrimination done with 5300 POJK displaced families for not including in the onetime financial package of Rs 2000 crore on the mere basis of their place of residence.

In fact due to insufficient arrangements in J&K State at that time, these families were sent by the government in different States of Union of India to settle there.

A representation has already been sent to Amit Shah, Home Minister with a copy to Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, J&K UT explaining the facts.

"These 5300 DP families are among the minority Hindu/Sikhs from 1508 villages of Muzzaffarabad, Mirpur, Kotli, Bhimbar, Gilgit, Baltistan, Poonch Jagir, Deva Batala etc. who previously lived in POJK before the tribal raid in Oct. 1947. After losing all their properties and their precious lives of their family members, on arriving in Jammu these people were named as Displaced Persons from occupied area of J&K vide Order No. 1476-C of 1950 dated 16.12.1950 although they were qualified Permanent Residents of the State having full rights of vote for State Assembly to acquire property and get government jobs in

the State. Although these DP's have been recognized by the Government of India as original inhabitants of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State even then they could not qualify the criteria for their inclusion in any financial benefit announced by the Centre government so far," Harbans Singh Mahalwee, General Secretary.

"We have to explain that these families were duly registered in 1960 by the Provincial Rehabilitation Department Jammu and were advised to quote the Registration Numbers allotted to them for any further correspondence with the PRO Jammu in future. Accordingly all the records were provided by the PRO Jammu to the respective State Authorities of India where these DP's were sent for their future settlement to facilitate the State authorities for verification of the DP's and submitting the concerned cases to the Provincial Rehabilitation Office Jammu for the disbursement of Ex-gratia amount of Rs. 3500. Many displaced families from Muzzaffarabad, Mirpur and Kotli, Poonch and other districts of Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir were settled in Punjab including Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan etc.," Harbans said.

After a long process of veri-

fication, an Ex gratia amount of Rs. 3500 per family was disbursed to these DP's during 1960-64 on the same pattern as of residents of Jammu, he said adding that no other cash or kind incentive was provided to these families for their movable and immovable properties left behind.

Although the things have changed at large yet the undecided fate of DP's of POJK -1947 settled outside J&K still awaits justice who have been deprived of all benefits announced by State/Central government, Harbans added.

On 9th October, 2019 these DP's heard some good news (conditional) from Centre Government when it was widely publicized in the media that 5300 DP's had been included in the package of Rs.2000 crore and a sum of Rs. 5.5 lakh would be disbursed to each family who was shifted to other States of India but later on returned to J&K State. In fact there were only few families who returned to J&K State and all others are still residing in different States. So again the outside DP's were betrayed.

Again, as per Government of India notification - PIB Delhi -dated 18 June,2021 reviewed various development projects of J&K in New Delhi and directed to ensure the benefits of the refugee package to all the refugees from POJK, West Pakistan and

those who had to migrate from Kashmir to Jammu at the earliest but no steps taken to include all the 5300 DP's residing in other States.

"We were insured by Dalip Kumar , Joint Secretary (FFR), Ministry of Home Affairs vide letter No.31/01/2011-R&SO dated 10th June,2015 addressed to Preeten Kaur , MLA, Patiala in response of our representation that the State government of J&K has also been requested to incorporate those DP's in rehabilitation package who have settled in other parts of the country," Harbans said and demand to take immediate measures to include all the 5300 DP's of POJK 1947 residing outside Jammu who have the legitimate right for Financial Assistance of Rs. 5.5 lakh as they too are a part of total 31619 (not 26319) families as recognized in the Parliamentary Report-183 dated 22nd December, 2014 on the recommendations of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee headed by a Chairman and consisting of 10 Rajya Sabha members, 31 Senior Lok Sabha Members and 5 Secretaries.

The Committee was informed by the Ministry of Home Affairs that as per the available records, 31,619 families were registered with the Rehabilitation Organisation, out of which 26,319 families opted to set-

tle down within the State itself and 5,300 families settled outside the State of J&K (Delhi 1,901 families, Maharashtra 123 families, Rajasthan 495 families and other States 2,781 families).

Out of 26,319 families, around 22,719 families opted to settle in rural areas, whereas 3,600 families settled in urban areas.

He also request that the Provincial Rehabilitation Officer Jammu, with which all these families had already been registered and where all the records like Nominal Roll Register, Form of Declaration (D-Forms) and payment record of ex-gratia of Rs. 3500 ( Appendix "II" and Appendix "L") are available , should be given the work of preparing final list and disbursement of Rs. 5.5 lakh so that immediate justice be provided to these 5300 victim families.

He also sought immediate intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Home Minister of India and Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K Union Territory) to do the necessary amendments for inclusion of these 5300 DP families so that these rightful original inhabitants of Jammu and Kashmir may get all the benefits including the Rs 5.5 lakh cash benefit for which they all are eligible.

# BVP Shivalik Branch organises two-day medical camp

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parshid (BVP) Shivalik Branch, Channi Himmat, Jammu organized two days MultiSpeciality Free Medical camp in collaboration with Hexamed Diagnostics & Specialty Clinics.

Prof. R.D Sharma, former Vice Chancellor of Jammu university was the Chief Guest, who inaugurated the free medical camp along with the dignitaries of the Bharat Vikas Parshid Shivalik Branch Channi Himmat and staff of Hexamed.

Prof. Sharma congratulated and appreciated the initiatives taken by the Bharat Vikas Parshid for organizing such programmes which are required to aware the people regarding the health care and asked the team for organizing such programmes in future also which will surely help the society.

The doctors from all Departments who attended more the 70 patients on both days include Dr. Luthra, Dr Vijay Kundal, Dr.



Former VC JU, Prof. R.D Sharma after inaugurating a camp.

Kulbhushan, Dr. Ajaz ul Haq, Dr. Gaurav Vaid, Dr. Parmila and others.

The consultation and tests were free on both days for the general public. The staff of Hexamed facilitated the chief guest Prof. R.D. Sharma, B.B Sharma Prant President and H.C Vaid President Bharat Vikas Parshid Shivalik Branch Channi Himmat.

H.C. Vaid President Bharat Vikas Parshid Shivalik Branch Channi Himmat welcomed and thanked the chief guest, staff members of Hexamed and other dignitaries for joining today's programme.

The dignitaries who attended the programme include Dev Raj Sharma President North Region -1, Trishula Gupta Chief organizer, Ashok Khajuria Secretary, Rakesh Sharma Treasurer, Dr. Vijay Sharma Media Parmukh, Rajneesh Gupta, Shiv Ram Sharma General Secretary Prant, Arun Sharma Joint Secretary Northern Region, Ashok Gupta Prant Vice President, S.S Jain, Abhinandan Jain, Anju Bansal, and other prominent members of the branch and from Prant body who attended the programme.