

# JKHCBA Jammu condemns vandalism of temple, urges for perpetrators and preventive measures

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHCBAJ) strongly condemns the recent vandalism of the Shiv Temple in Dharmari area of Reasi district. This heinous act is not only a blatant attack on a place of worship but also an assault on the communal harmony that binds our society together.

General Secretary Parvesh Singh Salaria urge the administration to act swiftly and act against those who are responsible for this blasphemous act. The perpetrators must be dealt with an iron hand, and their plans to disrupt communal harmony must be exposed and foiled. It is imperative that such deliberate attacks on the Hindu religion are not tolerated under any circumstances.

While we acknowledge that several arrests have already been made, we demand a speedy and thorough investigation to ensure that all involved are brought to justice promptly. Speedy investigation is required. Swift justice will deter future acts of vandalism and maintain public confidence in the rule of law.

Tolerance should serve the constitutional secular fabric of our nation and should never be misconstrued as a sign of weakness or surrender. The JKHCBAJ stands firm in its resolve to ensure that justice is served and communal harmony is preserved.

We call upon the administration to take stringent action against those who seek to create discord and ensure that peace and unity prevail in Reasi and across Jammu and Kashmir.

BJP to undertake vigorous campaign to expose false propaganda of Congress: Chander Mohan

**JAMMU:** The Bharatiya Janata Party has decided to undertake a vigorous campaign to expose and explode its false propaganda of Congress being loyal to the Constitution of India and its democracy, said Adv. Chander Mohan Sharma Senior BJP leader and Convenor of the committee constituted by JKBJP to carry forward the campaign.

Addressing press conference, Adv. Chander Mohan Sharma said that imposition of Emergency by then Prime Minister Late Indira Gandhi in defending her election rigged through unfair means in 1975 was a biggest blow on Indian

Constitution and democracy.

By giving firsthand accounts of sufferings of Loktantra Senanis (a name which was given by Allahabad High Court in a judgment) to those who fought against draconian Emergency of 1975, Sharma said.

He further said that beside political opponents of Shiekh Abdullah the then chief Minister many innocent citizens were also rounded up.

"Dictatorial attitude of Shiekh was of similar like late Indira Gandhi. All fundamental rights were suspended. Judiciary's powers and rights were curtailed. Army seniors were superseded in promotions. Human rights were thrown to the winds," Sharma said adding that the campaign being undertaken will be aimed at to sound and alert the masses against

the real danger on democracy and constitution from Congress and INDIA bloc.

Sharma who was accompanied by Nanaji Deshmukh Library & e-Library Incharge Prof. Kulbushan Mehotra, Sanskrit Art & Culture Cell Convenor Kulbir Charak.

The campaign will be taken further through Distt Units of BJP J&K UT to enlighten the masses about the real dangerous motos of congress led INDIA-bloc for establishment of dynastic rule in the country.

Prof Mahotra said that there is sufficient evidence and record available to establish atrocities and torture inflicted upon detainee in jails police stations and interrogation centers throughout the state. The documents available will be used to educate the younger generation.

# 'Join fight against drug addiction'

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**BUDGAM:** Cultural Educational & Environmental Organisation (CEEEO) India, in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare Budgam, District Administration Budgam, and Budgam Police, has launched "Nasha Mukht Budgam," a comprehensive initiative aimed at combating drug addiction among the youth.

This initiative has garnered support from leaders of the Shia Community and is set to spread awareness throughout the district of Budgam during the month of Muharram.

The primary objective of "Nasha Mukht Budgam" is to raise awareness about the dangers of drug addiction and to empower the youth to make informed choices.

By joining forces with various stakeholders, including community leaders and local

authorities, the initiative aims to foster a drug-free environment where young people can thrive and contribute positively to society.

This campaign underscores a collective commitment to creating a society free from the scourge of drugs.

It calls upon individuals and organizations to unite in this noble cause, emphasizing the transformative impact that community-driven initiatives can achieve.

Through widespread outreach and education, "Nasha

Mukht Budgam" seeks to inspire positive change and protect the well-being of future generations. Together, through concerted efforts and solidarity, we can make a tangible difference in the lives of our youth and build a resilient, drug-free society.

Join us in supporting #NashaMukhtBudgam and promoting #DrugFreeSociety, #AwarenessDrive, and #YouthEmpowerment.

Let's stand together to safeguard our communities and ensure a brighter future for all.

# Trade unions delegation meets Sham Lal, discusses issues



Trade unions members calling on former Minister Sham Lal Sharma on Wednesday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** A deputation of Senior leaders from various trade unions, including Bakshi Singh, Sushil Sudan, Subash Verma, and Rajesh Jamwal, convened at the residence of Sham Lal Sharma, State Vice President of the Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP).

During the meeting, they brought forth critical issues affecting employees, such as the regularization of daily wage workers, the provision of Rs 5 lakh gratuity to retired and retiring daily wage workers, the immediate release of all pending wages in a

promptly.

He committed to taking up these matters with the government's Lieutenant Governor (LG) and ensuring timely clearance of claims and dues for retired employees.

The meeting underscored a concerted effort to advocate for employee rights and resolve longstanding grievances effectively.

# Deputation invites DIG Sunil Gupta's team for public awareness meeting at Trikuta Nagar



Deputation from Trikuta Nagar presenting photo of Lord Ganesha to DIG Sunil Gupta.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** A deputation from Trikuta Nagar including Ajay Jamwal, Shailja Gupta,

Geeta Dogra, Prerna Nanda, Vijay Khajuria, and Sandeep Sharma met with DIG Sunil Gupta. They extended an

invitation to DIG Sunil Gupta's team for a public awareness meeting at Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

# Plantation Drive for beautification of Centre for Organic and Natural Farming conducted at SKUAST-Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** The mega plantation drive has to be initiated in the coming monsoon at Main Campus, Chatha under the guidance of Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, and with the support of Director Research, Dean FoA, Dean FoH&F, Prof. Mukesh Pandey and expert advice of Prof. R.K. Pandey, a plantation drive was initiated today at the Centre for Organic and Natural Farming, Skuast Jammu Chatha. The event marked the beginning of an effort to beautify the Centre with ornamental

trees and shrubs.

Prof. Parshant Bakshi, Head of the Centre, inaugurated the plantation drive by planting a Royal Palm. Prof. R.K. Pandey contributed by planting a Fish Tail Palm. Joining them in this green initiative were Dr. Sudhir Singh, Prof. at CONE, Sadiq Ahmed, Niraj Manhas, FCLAs Vijay Choudhary, Garu Ram, Deepak Kumar, Sunil Kumar, and other staff members, who all actively participated by planting various ornamental species in the designated lawn

area.

This initiative aims to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the Centre and promote a greener environment, reflecting the commitment of SKUAST-Jammu towards sustainable and eco-friendly practices.

It is worthwhile to mention that Prof. Bakshi has already planted 12500 fruit plants with his students and well wishers since 2016 under Save Horticulture and keeps on encouraging for planting of fruit plants on Birthday or special day.

# SSP Security Jammu awards SgCT for act of honesty



SgCt Raj Kumar returning lost bag along with cash/other documents to a pilgrim.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** A pilgrim namely Omesh

Khadiq, son of Raghbir Khadiq, resident of Guna, Madhya Pradesh left his bag containing Rs 45,000 and documents near X-ray baggage scanner point at Bhagwati Nagar Base camp.

SgCt Raj Kumar (377/4th Sec) (ARP No 016454) who was deployed at the point found the bag and informed his supervisory officer.

The pilgrim was located on the basis of documents available in the bag. The bag along with cash/other documents were handed over the pilgrim.

Many pilgrims have eulogized the act of integrity and honesty displayed by the Police official.

SSP Security Jammu has appreciated the act of SgCt Raj Kumar awarded him with a commendation certificate and cash reward so as to boost his morale and others to emulate.

# Rashtriya Bajrang Dal protests against Rahul Gandhi in Jammu

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Activists of the Rashtriya Bajrang Dal on Wednesday clashed with the police during a demonstration held here against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his controversial remarks in Parliament.

The remarks made by Gandhi, who is the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha, during a discussion on the motion of thanks to the President's address on Monday, were later expunged.

Led by RBD chief Rakesh Kumar, scores of activists took out a protest march and burnt an effigy of Gandhi. They raised slogans against the Congress party and Gandhi and sought his apology.

The protesters also clashed with police.

"We demanded a public apology from him (Gandhi)... We will ensure the end of Congress in the country," Kumar said.

# Power shutdown

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**JAMMU:** Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Greater Kailash, Jallo Chak, Ratnu Chak and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 04 from 5 am to 9 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Gandhi Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Auqaf Market, Div Com Office, RBI, Bahu Plaza and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 04 from 5 am to 8 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Sidhra, Tawi Vihar Colony, Majin and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 05 from 5 am to 9 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Malhori Jaggir and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 06 from 5 am to 9 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Bathindi, Vidhata Nagar, Kargil Colony, Sunjwan and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 07 from 5 am to 9 am.

Similarly, the back power from Serward Katra Grid will remain affected on July 06 and 07 from 7 am to 11 am.

Meanwhile, Superintending Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL O&M Circle, Kathua has informed that the power supply to Rajbagh (Hardo Muthi), Sunjwan, Bakral, Khanpur, Bandhore, Marheen, Sanjmorh, Ghair, Balasakhu, Beeruchack, Chak Nathal, Thanger, Manyari, Kadyala, Devo Chak and adjoining areas will remain affected on July 04 from 5 am to 9 am.

# Shaleen Kabra reviews flood preparedness



Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra, chairing a meeting.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**SRINAGAR:** Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra, on Wednesday chaired a review meeting regarding flood preparedness in Jammu and Kashmir.

While addressing the meeting, the ACS called for devising an effective strategy to deal with the anticipated floods. He called for evolving proper SoPs to

tackle with the situation where every concerned individual is fully acquainted with his/her role and responsibility in the times of emergency. He directed the officers to remain in a state of alertness to combat any eventuality that may arise.

He called for having a detailed flood mapping/inundation map of each area to act accordingly. He exhorted upon the concerned officers to have prop-

er planning in place to deal effectively with the natural disasters. He also asked for ensuring mobilisation of resources in advance besides issuance of flood duty charts. The ACS asked for devising a mechanism for timely reporting to higher authorities in case of emergency so that proper rescue measures are taken timely.

During the meeting, the Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (I&FC) Jammu/ Kashmir,

presented a PPT apprising of the works carried out, so far, by the department. He also highlighted the future plans of the department besides the contingency plan devised for the eventuality.

It was informed in the meeting that 24/7 control rooms have been established to monitor the gauge sites and duty roster of officers. Besides, contact numbers of all concerned officers have been prepared and circulated among all for information. It was further informed that early warning from the Integrated Operational Flood Forecasting System (IOFS) shall be issued for floods in major rivers of UT of J&K. IOFS is a web-GIS tool developed and run on forecasted weather data of IMD and generate warning bulletin on a predefined interval.

It will help to provide early warnings on impending hydro-meteorological disasters to disaster risk man-

agers and agencies, and the community at large.

It was revealed that the monitoring stations have been established at upstream of rivers so that in case of heavy rainfall or cloudburst in river basin, timely warnings can be issued. The field staff has been geared up to remain alert for the impending flood event and take necessary measures as required.

The meeting was attended by Special Secretary, Jal Shakti Department; Director Finance, Jal Shakti Department, J&K; Chief Engineer, P H E / I & F C / R T I C J a m m u / K a s h m i r, Superintending Engineer-concerned, Executive Engineer, Flood Zonal Committee Jammu region/Kashmir region, Executive Engineer, JTFRP; Executive Engineer concerned while the outstanding officers participated virtually.

# DG RS visits Pahalgam; reviews sanitation facilities

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**PAHALGAM:** Director General Rural Sanitation, Anoo Malhotra, on Wednesday conducted two-day visit to Pahalgam axis to review and enhance the sanitation measures in place for pilgrims of Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

During her visit, the DG actively engaged with the pilgrims and distributed cloth bags to promote the use of eco-friendly alternatives and reduce plastic waste. She emphasized the importance of sustainable practices and urged upon the pilgrims to contribute towards maintaining pristine environment of the holy shrine.

She also inspected the water quality at Water ATMs installed at Nunwan and Chandanwari base camps. Ensuring availability of safe and clean drinking water to the pilgrims is a top priority of the IT administration, she added. The visit included a detailed inspection of the



DG Rural Sanitation, Anoo Malhotra visiting Pahalgam.

waste management facilities.

Anoo Malhotra assessed the efficiency of waste collection and processing mechanisms, ensuring that they align with the objectives of sustainable sanitation and zero landfill.

Furthermore, the DG visited several langars (community kitchens) to gather direct feedback from the langar operators regarding the sanitation services being made available for them. This interaction provided valuable insights into the challenges faced and the necessary improvements to further enhance the overall experience

for the pilgrims.

At Chandwari, Anoo Malhotra interacted with the sanitation workers, supervisors and had detailed feedback from the nodal officer Chandanwari. She also sought feedback from the pilgrims returning from the holy cave regarding the status of sanitation services.

Nodal Officer Chandanwari, Mohammad Iqbal Daing, briefed the DG about different initiatives being taken up to achieve sustainable sanitation and zero landfill.

The DG also felicitated Faisal Ahmad, Sanitation Supervisor, in recognition of his exemplary service and commitment. Faisal remained stationed at Nunwan base-camp ensuring top-notch sanitation facilities for Shri Amarnath Ji Yatris, skipping his own Nikkah Ceremony, which he attended virtually.

In recognition of his exceptional dedication, Faisal was awarded a certificate of outstanding commitment and a shawl as a token of appreciation.

DG was accompanied by ACP, Zaheer Abas, Nodal Officer, Pahalgam Axis, Ashfeen Ali, Nodal Officer Nunwan Basecamp, Mudasir Gul, Nodal Officer, Chandanwari, Mohammad Iqbal Daing and other officials.

# DC holds consultation with Shia leaders regarding Muharram arrangements, peaceful conduct of processions

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
**SRINAGAR:** In order to review the arrangements and the facilities being made for the people during the holy month of Muharram-ul-Haram and ensure smooth and peaceful conduct of Muharram processions in the District, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Wednesday held a consultative meeting with prominent Shia leaders here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Senior Superintendent



DC Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat chairing a meeting.

of Police (SSP) Srinagar, Ashish Mishra,

Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar,

Syed Ahmad Kataria Chief Planning Officer,

Fayaz Ahmad Dar and other officers were present in the meeting.

While prominent leaders of various Shia associations were also present in the meeting.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said the purpose of holding interaction is to facilitate the mourners by making all other necessary arrangements, besides sought suggestions from the stakeholders for ensuring peaceful processions during the holy month.

The DC also sought

cooperation from all the Shia Associations and other stakeholders in ensuring smooth conduct of Muharram processions and other religious gatherings in the best interest of the by all people.

While responding to the suggestions and issues put forth by the representatives of Shia leaders, the Deputy Commissioner assured them that all their genuine demands will be looked into on priority.

With regard to arrangements like electricity & water supplies, repairing

of roads, providing of ration, sanitation, street lighting and medicare facilities, the DC said that necessary instructions have already been given to all the concerned Departments.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Srinagar sought cooperation from the Shia community for conducting peaceful Muharram processions. He informed that elaborate security arrangements are being made to ensure hassle free conduct of the processions in Srinagar District.

