

Modi at BRICS, a global wake-up call against terrorism, global hypocrisy: Gaurav Gupta

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JAMMU: BJP Spokesperson for Jammu & Kashmir UT, Gaurav Gupta, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's forceful and uncompromising address at the BRICS Summit 2025 has sent a clear and much-needed message to the global community - that terrorism cannot be fought with half measures, diplomatic silence, or selective outrage.

Gaurav Gupta pointed out that in stark contrast to the recent SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation) Summit, where the brutal Pahalgam terror attack



failed to find any mention - ultimately resulting in no joint declaration being issued - the BRICS Summit rose to the occasion. The BRICS joint communiqué explicitly referred to the Pahalgam attack, con-

demned it in the strongest terms, and stood in full solidarity with the victims and their families. "This is a significant diplomatic success for India and a testament to PM Modi's unrelenting commitment to exposing terror sponsors and securing international acknowledgment for India's fight against cross-border terrorism," Gupta said. He added that PM Modi's remarks - "India is a victim of terror; some countries are exporters of it" - were not only bold but long overdue. These words reflect the lived reality of Jammu & Kashmir, a region that has paid the highest price for

decades of Pakistan-sponsored terror. Gupta said it was heartening to see BRICS recognize this reality, where the SCO had failed due to pressure from certain member states that continue to shield or support terrorist elements.

Gaurav Gupta welcomed the Prime Minister's direct call for global sanctions on countries that provide safe haven, funding, and ideological cover to terrorism, emphasizing that "there can be no ifs and buts in the fight against terror." He stated that PM Modi's leadership at BRICS highlighted not only India's moral clarity but also its growing diplomatic influence, especially in mobilizing consensus on issues where the world has remained divided or hesitant.

Gupta also praised PM Modi's role as a voice for the Global South, noting that the Prime Minister rightly exposed the double standards of powerful Western

nations and international institutions. From climate finance to global trade, and from geopolitical conflicts to the functioning of the IMF and World Bank, PM Modi underscored that developing countries are too often subjected to unfair treatment. "When PM Modi said 'We are trying to run 21st-century software on 20th-century typewriters,' it captured the urgent need for reform in global governance," Gupta remarked.

In conclusion, Gaurav Gupta said that PM Modi has once again proven that India will not allow the world to look the other way when terrorism strikes its soil.

"From the streets of Jammu & Kashmir to the global stage at BRICS, the message is now loud and clear - India will not tolerate terror; will not accept global silence, and will continue to lead the world in the fight for justice, peace, and truth," Gupta asserted.

Yudhvir, Surinder holds public Darbar at BJP headquarters



BJP MLAs Yudhvir Sethi and Surinder Bhagat listening to public issues.

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JAMMU: BJP Vice-President and former MLA from Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi, and BJP MLA from Marh constituency, Surinder Bhagat, held a Public Darbar at the Bharatiya Janata Party headquarters in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The public darbar witnessed participation from a large number of people and deputations from across Jammu city and its adjoining areas, who came to raise various civic and administrative concerns.

Throughout the interaction, deputations from different localities highlighted a range of

pressing issues. A deputation from Pooni Chak voiced concerns regarding electricity supply and demanded swift restoration of damaged internal roads. Residents of Talab Tillo raised demands under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), while a group from Anand Nagar called for urgent repair of lanes and drains.

Deputations from Akhnour and Javed Nagar sought the repair and construction of main and link roads, respectively. A deputation from Bahu Plaza raised the issue of E-Buses. A group from Rajouri flagged an

administrative issue requiring intervention, while residents of Dhatreyar village pressed for road connectivity to their region.

Addressing the gathering, Yudhvir Sethi said, "The BJP is committed to addressing the genuine concerns of the public. These public darbars are a means to ensure that people's voices reach the administration effectively. We are taking note of each issue raised and will escalate them to the appropriate departments for timely redressal."

Surinder Bhagat reiterated the BJP's grassroots engagement model and said, "We are here not only to listen but to act. The developmental needs of our constituencies are our top priority. Whether it's road repairs, power supply, or water issues, each matter will be taken up with the concerned officials for prompt action."

Both the MLAs immediately took up the presented issues with the concerned department officials and pressed for their early disposal.

Delegation from Shri Kailakh Trust meets Sat to promote Sanskrit



Delegation members calling on BJP President Sat Sharma in Jammu.

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JAMMU: A delegation from Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust met with the Jammu and Kashmir BJP State President, Sat Sharma, at his residence today. The primary objective of the meeting was to discuss the promotion and innovation of Devavani Sanskrit across the region.

On this occasion, Sat Sharma lauded the efforts of the Trust, stating that Sanskrit is not merely a language but the foundation of Indian culture, knowledge, science, and tradition. He further emphasized that in today's time, spreading Sanskrit among the masses is our cultural responsibility,

and such efforts help society reconnect with its roots.

During the meeting, senior trustee of the Trust, R. K. Chhibber, shared details of the ongoing initiatives undertaken by the Trust. He informed that the Trust is continuously working across the Union Territory to promote Vedic traditions, Jyotish Shastra (astrology), Sanskrit education, and religious-cultural values. He added that the Trust regularly organizes research seminars, Sanskrit camps, youth workshops, and Devavani promotion programs.

Trust advisor Pramod Sharma informed that the upcoming Sanskrit Month will soon be inaugurated,

during which various programs will be conducted throughout the region. These will include Sanskrit recitation competitions, Sanskrit plays, verse-dialogues, grammar workshops, promotional campaigns in schools, anti-drug rallies, sessions on cyber-crime awareness, and lectures by scholars. He remarked that this month will serve as a powerful medium to connect not just students, but the general public as well, with the sacred language Sanskrit.

Prominent members of the Trust present on this occasion included Dr. Vishva Gupta, M. L. Verma, Ravi Gupta, Mohit Gupta, among other dignitaries.

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, launched the 'Align and Aspire' Staff Training Programme for its administrative officers and staff, scheduled from 7th to 9th July 2025 at its Jagti Campus. The training inaugural programme was graced (online) by Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

The inaugural ceremony began with the traditional lamp lighting at Vivekananda Classroom. The inaugural ceremony witnessed the presence of Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean, Faculty and Research, IIM Jammu; Prof. Nitin Upadhyay, Dean, Academics, IIM Jammu; Prof. Shyam Narayan Lal, Chairperson Anandam and Media and



IIM management along with staff members after the training programme.

Publication Division, IIM Jammu; Prof. Ravij Seth, Professor of Practice, IIM Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy (EE & C), IIM Jammu; Shailesh K Lohiya, Librarian, IIM Jammu and Cndr. Kesavan Baskkaran (Retd.), CAO, IIM Jammu. Faculty, Officers and staff

members from various departments of the Institute were also in attendance.

The training programme marks a significant strategic step towards enhancing institutional effectiveness through comprehensive staff development and engagement. It aims to align the administrative workforce with the Institute's vision, mission,

and core values, while simultaneously enhancing their professional skills and service orientation. The training programme will be conducted in two phases and is a completely residential initiative, allowing the participants to fully immerse themselves in the learning environment and benefit from focused peer interaction and experiential

learning.

The key objectives of the Programme include, Aligning staff with IIM Jammu's strategic goals and institutional culture; Familiarizing participants with institutional systems, policies, and digital tools; Enhancing soft skills including communication, teamwork, time management, and customer service; Promoting a proactive, accountable, and collaborative work culture; Instilling a growth mindset and readiness for continuous improvement; Improving internal communication and service delivery mechanisms; Reinforcing a sense of belonging, motivation, and institutional pride and, Facilitating peer learning and cross-functional knowledge-sharing.

Sant Samaj Nyas holds high-level meeting in Jammu on Shri Amarnathji Yatra

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JAMMU: A meeting was organized in Jammu by the org General Secretary of the Jammu Kashmir Sant Samaj Nyas, Mahant Rajesh Bittu Ji, along with visiting saints from outside the region. The meeting was chaired by Maha manadleshwar Sadhvi Vibhanand Giri Ji, Peethadheeshwar of Pragya Peeth Member of the Central Margdarshak Mandal of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Vice President of Delhi Sant Mahamandal NCR Mahant Swami Mohan Giri Ji Maharaj, Mahant Swami Yagya Giri Ji Maharaj Trustee of Pragya Sai Lok Kalyan Nyas, Pragya Dham Katangi.

The meeting also involved discussions with Jammu police officials regarding the



Sant Samaj members during the meeting.

ongoing Shri Amarnath Yatra. DIG Jammu Shiv kumar Sharma and other senior officials were present. The saints expressed their appreciation and gratitude towards the Jammu & Kashmir government for the excellent arrangements made for the Yatra. The saints also visited and reviewed the Peer Kho Temple, the Mata Bawe Wali Temple, Radha Krishan

Temple rs pura and the Retreat Ceremony held at the RS Pura border.

They noted that despite the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, the enthusiasm of the pilgrims remains high, and the yatra is continuing with great spirit.

On this occasion, Swami Yagya Giri Ji expressed his gratitude to Mahamadaleshwar Rameshwar Das Ji for the

arrangements made for the saints' accommodation at the Ram Mandir in Purani Mandi.

Mahant Rajesh Bittu Ji also thanked all the visiting saints for coming to Jammu and discussed in detail the facilities being provided to them. He also addressed what more needs to be done for local monasteries and temples. There were further discussions about the ongoing langar services being organized by various saints to ensure the pilgrims face no inconvenience.

He announced that a grand spiritual congregation will soon be held in Jammu, in which saints from all over the country and from all Akharas will participate. The meeting concluded with heartfelt thanks to all the visiting sant.

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JAMMU: Balbir Ram Rattan, spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, urged party activists to devote more time to reaching out to the masses with the historic and remarkable works done by the central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past 11 years. He appealed to take it up as a campaign so that every individual is properly informed about these schemes and achievements.

Speaking to senior party activists at the BJP headquarters in Jammu, Balbir Ram Rattan said that during last over 11-year, the Modi government implemented numerous welfare



BJP Spokesperson Balbir Ram Rattan chairing a meeting.

schemes that have brought positive changes to the lives of all sections of society. The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Ujjwala Yojana provided shelter to lakhs of families and smoke-free kitchens. Ayushman Bharat made healthcare accessible. Farmers were supported through the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi, the Jal

Jeevan Mission delivered piped water to households, and the Mudra Yojana created self-employment opportunities for millions of youth.

Balbir Ram Rattan said that in the last decade, India has not only made economic progress but also achieved new milestones in other areas. In Jammu and Kashmir, projects like rail-

way links, highway networks, medical colleges, etc. have been completed at a fast pace, directly benefiting the people here.

He urged BJP activists to interact with the beneficiaries of Modi government schemes and to share their success stories with as many people as possible. He said that the greatest strength of the Modi government has been its bold and historic decisions aimed at empowering the poor, farmers, women, youth, and the marginalized.

In this discussion, K.D. Singh, Keshav Chopra, Hans Raj Loria, Sanjay Bakshi, and other senior activists appreciated Balbir's suggestions and reiterated their commitment to follow them.

Bhandara for Amarnath Yatris by Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti continues



Samiti members serving Langar among Yatris.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti, Jammu and Kashmir has continuously been arranging Bhandara for Baba Amarnathji Yatris since 2nd July, 2025 at Railway Station, Jammu with enthusiasm and fervor. Today 6th day of Bhandara run by the samiti for the pilgrims of Baba Amarnath Burfani. Todays Bhandara inaugurated by Chandan ji Maharaj of Banaraas with the presence of sunil Sharma National Coordinator of Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti. Bhagwat Kathakar Phool

Krishan ji also participated in todays Bhandara. The Samiti has the mission of Public Service accomplishments which forms the core of the organization. The Langar run by the Samiti run continuously and provide pure healthy meals to pilgrims and devotees come from across the country for the darshan of Baba Amarnath.

The National Coordinator of the Samiti Sh. Sunil Sharma informed that today in Bhandara large number of yatris came from different states of India take meals and appreciated the efforts of the samiti for

arranging meals for such a long time for yatris on the directions and teachings of Bhrahmgvani Guruji. The pilgrims shall be served hygienic, delicious, energetic and digestive "sattvic" bhojan in all days; besides there shall be special and exclusive arrangement for pilgrims observing "fast" on important tithis (Dates) in Shravan Month and other important festival dates.

The spokesman of the Samiti Mr. Raman Sharma, informed that For this purpose, the Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti under the guidance of Sunil Sharma actively assisted by Madan Mohan gupta, Swatantar Bakshi and Ajay sharma have constituted a team of highly dedicated Members to serve the yatris in the best possible manner.

Among Others who attended todays Bhandara namely, Vishal Sharma, Jyoti Kumar, sanjeev Sharma, Neeraj Sharma, Tara chand, Madan mohan and others etc.

PAC holds discusses Audit Paras of HUDD

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SRINAGAR: The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Monday convened a meeting to discuss various audit paras of the Housing and Urban Development department (HUDD) at the Assembly Complex here.

The meeting was presided over by Committee Chairman Sham Lal Sharma and attended by members Mubarak Gul, Nazir Ahmad Khan, Qaysar Jamshaid Lone, Javid Hassan Baig, Sajad Shaheen, Muzaffar Iqbal Khan and Altaf Ahmad Wani.

Principal Accountant General J&K, Commissioner Secretary HUDD, Director General Accounts and Treasuries, VC LCMA, VCs of JDA/SDA, MD J&K Housing Board, Chief Town Planner, Chief Architect J&K, senior officers of SMC/JMC and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the PAC undertook a detailed review of audit paras pertaining to the Housing and Urban Development Department.

Addressing the officers, the Chairman underscored the importance of ensuring effi-

ciency and transparency in spending public money. He highlighted that the mandate of PAC is to scrutinize the government spending, identify lapses, fix accountability and recommend corrective actions.

The Chairman also asked the department that officers, who cause loss to exchequer, need to be made accountable and procedural delays should be completely avoided for smooth execution of works.

Highlighting on the mandate of PAC, the Chairman said that the main motto of this committee is to keep a regular check on the spending of public money. He added that the legislators have been given a mandate by the people to look after the system and take measures for its correction wherever necessary.

While taking strong notice of some of the unsatisfactory replies to audit paras, the Chairman and other members of PAC called upon the HUDD to submit a comprehensive report, in this regard, within two months.

The Chairman and the members also asked the department to frame a policy for revenue generation of various assets of the department.

Shiv Sena distributes poster to Amarnath pilgrims for 'Jammu-Darshan'



Shiv Sainiks distributing posters among Amarnath Yatris.

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JAMMU: A team of leaders of Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit appealed to the pilgrims arriving in Jammu for Shri Amarnath Yatra to visit other religious and tourist places of Jammu.

A team of senior leaders headed by the party's state chief Manish Sahni appealed to the pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Yatra to visit Jammu through special interaction and posters with details of the main religious and tourist places

at the main base camp located at Bhagwati Nagar in Jammu and the Tatkal registration counter near Jammu Railway Station.

Sahni said that Shri Amarnath Yatra has an important role in accelerating the economy of Jammu and Kashmir along with faith.

He said that he is very happy and satisfied with the continuous crowd of devotees of Baba Barfani. The effect of his appeal to devotees to be a part of the Yatra in record numbers

and give a befitting reply to terrorism is clearly visible.

Today, for the sixth consecutive day, there was a huge crowd of devotees of Baba Barfani at the on-spot registration counters.

Sahni has appealed to all the devotees of Baba Barfani who reach Jammu to spend 'one day in Jammu' and visit the religious and tourist places of Jammu.

Along with this, he has appealed to the administration to start a special package for Jammu Darshan and provide other facilities including e-buses.

Sahni said that it's a golden opportunity, during this time thousands of devotees from the country and abroad reach Jammu, there is a need to provide them information and facilities about other religious and tourist places of Jammu.

On this occasion Vinod Verma (Happy), Vijay, Tarsem, Yashpal were present.