

## Jammu Police conducts police-public meeting at Arnia

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ARNIA: As a part of a public outreach programme and to improve the Police- Public relations, efficiency, transparency and accountability in Policing at the grass root and to develop confidence and synergy with citizens on Sunday, a Police-public meeting chaired by SP headquarters Jammu Irshad Hussain Rather, JKPS at Tara Chak, Arnia in which SHO Bishnah Inspector Rakesh Singh, & SHO Arnia Inspector Dilawar Kumar & about 150 persons including youth/prominent/senior Citizens participated in the said meeting.

SHO R S Bishnah & SHO Arnia briefed the audience regarding the steps taken by Jammu Police in curbing the crimes in the area especially Drug peddling in the area and ensuring safety, security of general public. They briefed the audience that remaining vigilant regarding the day-to-day activities of their wards as it is the key in preventing drug abuse by the youth.

SP Headquarters Jammu briefed the participants regarding importance of



SP headquarters Jammu Irshad Hussain Rather and others during the meeting.

good Police-Public relations in maintaining peace, tranquility and public order for welfare of society at large, at the same juncture it was lucidly conveyed to them that the Police will walk an extra mile for ensuring effective Policing in the area. Participants were briefed regarding the effective steps taken by the Jammu & Kashmir Police in Controlling Drug menace and other crimes and sought cooperation of the people in curbing drug peddling and other social crimes. He urged the participants to cooperate with Police and Civil administration in maintaining law & order in their areas as well as in identifying anti-social elements like

drugs peddler, bootleggers, thieves, etc.

The participants were also briefed/advised to keep a supervision over the routine activities of their children and they if notice any thing unusual immediately try to cross check it. They were also informed that if any one who is drug addict and wants treatment can come to Police Drug De-addiction Centre Channi Jammu and all assistance/treatment shall be provided to the addict persons.

Participants were briefed to follow the traffic rules and were also advised not to hand over their vehicles to minors/unknown persons and always use Seat belts while driving their vehicles, also use helmets while riding

two wheelers and avoid triple ridding/rash driving etc.

Participants were also advised to spread awareness against the use and possession of banned Chinese manjha (gattu thread), which is strictly prohibited by law due to its metallic or synthetic coating that poses grave risks to humans and animals, especially during the kite-flying season.

The participants were further advised that if they notice anything suspicious or any suspicious person/vehicles roaming in their respective areas, bring immediately it to the notice of the nearest Police unit.

The participants were also advised to share the information of drug peddler and

other criminal elements if noticed in their area to the concerned Police immediately.

Sp Headquarters asked for the joint efforts of all the stakeholders & assured public that all necessary measures will be taken by the Jammu police to curb drug menace and take firm legal actions against drug peddlers and those facilitating drug trafficking and sheltering criminals.

Participants were assured by SP Headquarters Jammu & other officers that issues pertaining to police will be redressed on priority and those pertaining to civil administration will be taken up with the concerned quarters for the speedy disposal. It deserves to be mentioned here that towards the end of the meet, the public was fervently urged to become stake holders in Policing by coming up with fruitful ideas, so as to refine Policing in the larger interest of general public. The meeting ended with positive gestures and the public was thankful for organizing such interaction meets.

## Satish visits Kathua, meets affected families of cloudburst incident

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KATHUA: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma on Sunday visited Kathua district to meet the families affected by the recent cloudburst and subsequent landslides that claimed several lives and left many injured.

During his visit to the affected areas, the Minister interacted with the bereaved families, expressed profound grief over the tragic loss of lives, and conveyed his heartfelt condolences. He assured the families that the government would extend full support in terms of relief, rehabilitation, and other necessary assistance during this difficult time.

Satish Sharma also visited Government Medical College Kathua and interacted with the injured under treatment and prayed for their early recovery. He directed the district administration to ensure that the victims receive prompt medical



Cabinet Minister Satish Sharma enquiring well being of injured.

care and no affected family faces any delay in availing relief measures.

"The cloudburst and landslides in Jodh Khad, Juthana, and adjoining areas have caused immense tragedy. The loss of precious lives can not be compensated, but the government stands firmly with every affected family and will provide all necessary support for their rehabilitation," he said.

The Minister emphasized that relief and rescue operations are being carried out on priority and stressed the importance of precautionary measures in vulnerable areas

to minimize risks in the future. He also appealed the local population to remain vigilant and extend cooperation to the administration in ongoing rescue and relief efforts.

The Minister, among others, was accompanied by ADDC Kathua, Surinder Mohan; Principal GMC Kathua, Dr. Sunil Atri; and other senior officers of the district administration.

Later, the Minister also visited Army Hospital Pathankot to enquire about the well-being of injured persons shifted there for treatment.

## SSP Doda review security for upcoming Kailash Kund Yatra



SSP Doda, Sandeep Mehta chairing a meeting.

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DODA: In the course of preparations for the upcoming traditional Kailash Kund Yatra 2025, a crucial security meeting was convened today by Senior Superintendent of Police Doda, Sandeep Mehta (JKPS), at Bhaderwah. The meeting was attended by a comprehensive group of stakeholders, including all territorial police officers,

representatives from the Army, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), and the IRP 5th Battalion. Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, IAS also joined the meeting virtually, who interacted with the members from the Sanatan Dharam Sabha Bhaderwah, Kailash Seva Sangh, and Sanatan Dharam Sabha Kellar and other participants.

In view of the recent natural calamity at Chisoti Padar and Ghati, Kathua several significant measures vis a vis smooth conduct of Kailash kund yatra were deliberated and agreed upon unanimously. The major decisions were Participation in the Yatra will be restricted, prohibiting children, elderly individuals, and women from taking part to ensure their safety. The number of Langar

parties will be limited, and they will only be permitted to set up at designated safer locations, away from Nallahs.

A complete list of all participating devotees must be submitted to the local administration in advance to maintain accountability and enhance security.

The Chattergala route will remain closed to Yatra movement, ensuring the safety of all participants. Only Gatha-Sungli and Drafra routes will operate.

It was also decided that only a minimum number of yatries will be allowed with Chhari Mubarak

SSP Doda emphasized the importance of strict compliance of these measures and urged all stakeholders to collaborate fully for a successful and incident-free Kailash Yatra 2025. The administration aims to provide a safe environment for all devotees while preserving the sanctity of this revered event.

## Kailash Yatra from August 20, arrangements reviewed

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DODA: The District Administration Doda, under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh, on Sunday conducted a Google Meet to review arrangements for the upcoming Kailash Yatra and to assess the prevailing weather situation.

The Deputy Commissioner joined the meeting virtually from his office and issued directions to ensure the smooth and safe conduct of the yatra, scheduled to commence from Bhaderwah on August 20, 2025.

The review was convened following the recent cloudburst at Padder's Chisoti village, which underscored the urgent need for disaster preparedness and real-time departmental coordination.

The meeting was attend-



ed by Additional Commissioner Revenue Doda, ASP Bhaderwah, Tehsildars of Bhaderwah and Bhalla, SDPO Bhaderwah, BDO Bhaderwah and representatives from Police, CRPF, Forest Department and other line departments. The Deputy Commissioner stressed close coordination among civil and security agencies, particularly in view of unpredictable weather, to ensure pilgrim safety.

Representatives from

Kailash Sewa Sang Trust, Kailash Langer Ganthak Ramtund, Chobia Langer Hayan Rish Dal, Ashapati Kailash Sewa Smiti, Vasuki Sewa Sang Chobia, Kailash Dal Development Committee and J&K Dharmarth Trust also participated. The Deputy Commissioner acknowledged their role in providing langar facilities, logistics and voluntary services. The meeting discussed disaster preparedness, medical aid, traffic and crowd management, accommoda-

tion and setting up control rooms along the route. The Deputy Commissioner directed departments to stay on high alert, ensure real-time weather monitoring and deploy rescue teams at vulnerable points. He urged all stakeholders to work in close coordination so that the yatra is conducted safely, peacefully and in an environmentally responsible manner.

He further directed that the Kailash Yatra must strictly follow the traditional route.

He instructed that no langar sheds be set up near Nallahs or large drains and instead be established only at safe locations to avoid risks from natural disasters.

He informed that he had already taken up the matter with the Deputy Commissioners of Udhampur and Kathua, who assured that only a limited number of yatries will be allowed from their districts, considering route capacity, safety and weather challenges.

## Poonch Brigade, Yuva Unstoppable distribute ration kits among border dwellers

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POONCH: As part of the Independence Day celebrations, the Indian Army's Poonch Brigade, in collaboration with YUVA UNSTOPPABLE NGO, organized a humanitarian outreach event focused on supporting families affected by cross-border shelling during Operation SINDOOR.

In a heartwarming display of solidarity several ration kits were distributed to the affected families of Shahpur, Chileri and Jattan.

This initiative aimed to assist these families in their recovery and reaffirm the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to the welfare of the border population as India celebrates its 79th



Independence Day. Through such consistent engagements, the Army remains a pillar of support and reassurance, fostering a deep sense of trust and belonging among local residents. Yuva Unstoppable NGO played a crucial role in this effort, providing the ration kits and

demonstrating its commitment to inclusive development and social responsibility. The event was deeply appreciated by the local populace, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to both the Indian Army and Yuva Unstoppable NGO for their compassion and timely support.

## Er Deepak Byotra awarded Ph.D

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KATRA: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Katra, proudly announces that Er. Deepak Byotra, son of H.L. Gupta and Shakuntala Gupta, resident of Channi Himmat, Jammu (J&K), has been declared qualified for the award of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Er. Byotra carried out his doctoral research on the topic "Performance Analysis of Textured Journal Bearing Operating with Nanoparticles in the Lubricant" under the supervision of Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Associate Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU.

His research work explores innovative approaches to enhancing the performance of journal bearings using nano particle-based lubricants, contributing to advancements in mechanical design and lubrication technology.

The outcomes of his research have been published in reputed SCI-indexed journals, presented at international conferences, and featured in book chapters published by globally recognized publishers, including Springer and Taylor & Francis. The University congratulates Er. Deepak Byotra on his academic achievement and wishes him success in his future professional and research endeavors.



and wellbeing of the citizens." The visiting team of officers included Additional Deputy Commissioner Koteranka, Dil Mir Choudhary; DSEO, Sandeep Sharma (Nodal Officer for Rehabilitation); Tehsildar Koteranka, Sahil Ali; Dy.SP Sharafat Choudhary; Executive Engineer Flood Control; Divisional Forest Officer; District Mineral Officer; Social Forestry officials; Ashfaq Choudhary, AEE PIHE; Naim Naik, Range Officer; along with other field officials from the Revenue, RDD and CAPD departments.

The District Administration reaffirmed its commitment to take all necessary steps on priority to ensure relief, rehabilitation and long-term safety of the affected families.

## MLA Budhal visits land sinking affected village Panjnara

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RAJOURI: Member Legislative Assembly Budhal, Javed Iqbal Choudhary today visited village Panjnara, where several houses were damaged due to land sinking. Acting promptly on receiving information, the District Administration Rajouri evacuated affected families to safer locations, thereby preventing



MLA Budhal, Javed Iqbal Choudhary interacting with locals.

loss of life. During the visit, the MLA assessed the situation on ground. The Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma deputed officials from the concerned departments to conduct a comprehensive review of

the damage and plan remedial measures. The MLA assured the affected families that they would be rehabilitated and full support would be extended by the administration during this difficult time.

The MLA complimented

the Deputy Commissioner and his team for prompt response during crises. He said, "From the Budhal episode to Operation Sindoore and now in Panjnara, the administration has always been at the forefront, working tirelessly for the safety

## Prof Bhim Singh remembered on 87th birth anniversary



NGO members paying tributes to Prof Bhim Singh.

UDHAMPUR: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Late Prof. Bhim Singh Ji, a tribute ceremony was organized today at the office of

Dogra Kranti Dal (NGO). On this occasion, the participants paid floral tributes to his statue. During the ceremony, Prof. Bhim Singh Ji's life and his remarkable con-

tributions to society were remembered.

The participants pledged to follow his ideals and principles, and resolved to walk on the path shown by him.

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