

Kishtwar Cloudburst: Candle march taken out to pay tributes to victims



Miran Sahib and Shankar Nagar residents taking out candle march to pay tributes to cloudburst victims.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To pay tributes to those killed the cloudburst hit Chositi village in Kishtwar district, the Jammu Police along with the Miran Sahib residents on Monday took out a candle march in Miran Sahib areas here in the city outskirts. The participants including

the Station House Officers of Miran Sahib Police Station, Azad Manhas led the march. The locals paid tributes to those who lost their lives in the tragedy and also prayed for the well being of the missing and injured persons. Social activist from the area, Lovely Sharma, Jyoti Sharma Manoj Rampal,

Chander Parkash addressed the gathering and later the participants observed two-minute silence for the departed souls. Chander Parkash expressed that many people from the twin belts are also missing in the tragedy and hoped that they would be rescued by the teams engaged in the opera-

tion. Meanwhile, a candle march was organised at Shankar Nagar in the memory of victims of Chositi and Kathua cloudbursts. The civil society expressed heartfelt condolences to their families. They appealed to Govt to start a large scale search program in finding

the victims of cloudburst. The prominent citizens present were Shamsher Chand, Balwinder Singh Rinku, Altaf Hakla, Manmeet Singh, Rakesh Meenia, Captain Ghar Singh, Yashwant Singh Pathania, Kuldeep Kumar, Fazal Hussain, A S Khera, Raju Katyal and others.

Physical Education aspirants protest, demand recruitment, inclusion in JKPSCT Lecturer Drive

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Hundreds of unemployed Physical Education Teacher (PET) aspirants from across Jammu and Kashmir today staged a protest at the Press Club Jammu, pressing for immediate recruitment and inclusion in the JKPSCT Lecturer Drive. The protesters, holding placards and raising slogans, said their careers have been left in limbo due to years of government neglect. The aspirants highlighted that no recruitment of Physical Education Teachers has been conducted for the past eight to nine years, either

for other teaching subjects are advertised regularly. Physical Education has been repeatedly ignored without any valid justification. This, they argued, not only jeopardises their future but also deprives schoolchildren of the benefits of sports and fitness education. The protesters criticised the government for failing to implement the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in spirit, which emphasises the importance of Physical Education, Yoga and Sports at all school levels. They pointed out that while posts for General Line Teachers in other subjects were recently

making government recruitment their only option. The aspirants also raised concerns over age issues, saying many are crossing the upper age limit due to the prolonged recruitment gap. This, they said, has created emotional and financial stress among thousands of trained youth who see no career prospects ahead. The key demands of the protesters include immediate defreezing and advertisement of PET vacancies in the Education Department, inclusion of Physical Education in the JKPSCT 10+2 Lecturer Recruitment Drive, making



Physical Education Teachers during a protest at Jammu.

by the JKSSB or the JKPSCT. They said that despite holding specialised degrees such as M.P.Ed., B.P.Ed., B.P.E., PG Diplomas and various sports certifications, thousands of qualified candidates remain unemployed, a situation they described as "official apathy." They expressed strong resentment over the exclusion of Physical Education from the recent JKPSCT +2 Lecturer Recruitment Drive. Calling it a grave injustice, the aspirants said that while posts

refrozen and advertised, no such step has been taken for Physical Education, leaving qualified professionals isolated and frustrated. They further said that Physical Education aspirants undergo 4-10 years of rigorous training, including practicals and fitness standards, which leaves them with little scope to prepare for other competitive examinations. Unlike other subjects, Physical Education also has no private-sector avenues,

Physical Education compulsory in schools from Class 6th to 12th as per NEP 2020, introduction of an annual recruitment calendar, and age relaxation for aspirants affected by the decade-long gap. The protesters appealed to the Lieutenant Governor-led administration to intervene at the earliest and safeguard the careers of Physical Education professionals in Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring long-overdue justice to their community.

LG Kavinder felicitates Anil Gupta of Mahajan Sabha



Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta felicitating Anil Gupta of Mahajan Sabha.

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta felicitated Anil Gupta on behalf of the Mahajan Sabha. The recognition was awarded for his outstanding dedication and excellent service. His tireless efforts and commitment have been instrumental in

preserving the community's records and heritage. The Mahajan Sabha appreciated his significant contribution, acknowledging the value of his work in strengthening community ties and ensuring future generations have access to well-documented information.

Mission YUVA: Training imparted to YUVA Doots at Rajouri

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: A Capacity Building Programme for YUVA Doots of Rajouri district was today organized in the Dr Raj Kumar Thapa Memorial Conference Hall of PWD Dak Bungalow under the supervision of District Nodal Officer Mission YUVA (Additional Deputy Commissioner) Chander Prakash and Joint Director Employment Jammu Paramjeet Singh. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Director Employment Mohammad Nawaz Choudhary highlighted the objectives of Mission YUVA and underlined the pivotal role of YUVA Doots in promoting entrepreneurship. He urged them to identify and motivate potential entrepreneurs across the district and provide proper guidance in

availing benefits under the scheme. Interacting with the participants, the District Nodal Officer Mission YUVA (ADC) emphasized the responsibility of YUVA Doots in spreading awareness about Mission YUVA among unemployed and educated youth. He exhorted them to work with dedication to ensure maximum coverage under the scheme through active handling of budding entrepreneurs. Joint Director Employment Paramjeet Singh Raina in his address, encouraged the Yuva Doots to act as a vital link between the administration and the youth. He said

their proactive efforts would help government schemes reach the grassroots level effectively, thereby not only empowering individuals but also driving the socio-economic development of the district. The programme also featured an interactive question-answer session, where participants' queries were addressed comprehensively. It concluded with all stakeholders reaffirming their collective commitment to make Mission YUVA a transformative platform for fostering youth-led growth and entrepreneurship in Rajouri.

Rana reviews relief, rehabilitation measures in Mendhar

STATE TIMES NEWS
MENDHAR: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology & Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana, convened a meeting on Monday to review relief and rehabilitation measures being undertaken in the affected areas of Poonch district due to recent landslides. The meeting was attended by Sub-Divisional Officers and senior officials from the concerned departments, who presented detailed on-

ground reports highlighting the current situation in their respective areas. During the deliberations, the Minister was briefed about the damage to residential structures, road networks and public utilities in the landslide-prone zones. Following a comprehensive review, the Minister issued a series of directives aimed at ensuring swift, coordinated and effective response measures by all the concerned departments. He instructed the Revenue

and line departments to immediately initiate a thorough assessment of damages, with special attention to loss of life, property, livestock and standing crops. He emphasized the need for assessments to be completed with accuracy and urgency to facilitate timely relief and compensation. The Rural Development Department, Flood Control Department and Forest Department were directed to jointly undertake protection and mitigation meas-

ures in the vulnerable areas. The Minister stressed the importance of immediate temporary rehabilitation and financial assistance in accordance with the disaster relief guidelines. To alleviate immediate suffering, the Minister ordered equitable distribution of essential relief materials, including food, clean drinking water, medicines, blankets and other basic necessities. He called for enhanced coordination among the civil administra-

tion, disaster management authorities and local voluntary organizations to strengthen relief efforts. Reaffirming the Omar Abdullah Government's commitment to the safety, rehabilitation and welfare of every affected citizen, the Minister called for a proactive, coordinated and people-centric approach from all departments. He assured that his office will closely monitor the situation until full restoration and rehabilitation is achieved.

DC inaugurates Library at Doda

STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh on Monday inaugurated the Knowledge Nexus Library here at Mandir Gali, Nagri near Government Medical College. The newly established library is a fully air-conditioned and well-furnished facility with modern amenities including comfortable seating, separate study desks, RO mineral water (hot/cold), CCTV surveillance, daily newspapers, free Wi-Fi, seat reservation options, LED-lit study cabins with charg-

ing points, washroom facility, magazines, religious books and a canteen service. The Deputy Commissioner said that the library will serve as a valuable hub of knowledge, research and guidance, benefiting students, researchers and readers across the district. Civil Society members, SHO and other dignitaries were also present at the inaugural function. The Knowledge Nexus Library is expected to play a significant role in promoting a vibrant reading culture and academic environment in the region.

DC Udhampur reviews implementation of TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan

STATE TIMES NEWS
UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Saloni Rai on Monday chaired a meeting with officers of the Health Department to review the status of the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan with a focus on accelerating efforts towards eliminating the disease from the District. She also presided over a meeting of the District TB Co-morbidity coordination Committee. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh; PO Poshan Subash Dogra and other officers of the Health Department. At the outset, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anil Manhas presented a comprehensive PowerPoint



DC Udhampur Saloni Rai chairing a meeting on Monday.

presentation, highlighting the district's performance with regard to the TB elimination programme. The DC also reviewed the implementation of the Ni-Kshay Mitra initiative, launched under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, which aims to provide additional support to TB patients and improve treatment outcomes. The DC reviewed the status of NAAT and X-ray testing, treatment success

rate and Ni-Kshay Mitra registrations, while directing the concerned authorities to increase TB testing and strengthen diagnostic facilities. She emphasized the importance of enhanced counseling to ensure early detection and timely treatment of TB cases. The DC called for intensified awareness campaigns, increased testing and collective efforts to achieve the goal of TB eradication. She directed concerned to work in close coordination to

achieve 100% screening coverage by October 2025. The Health Department was asked to prioritize outreach to vulnerable and underserved populations, especially those residing in remote areas. She directed officials to map vulnerable groups, strengthen diagnostic and treatment services and promote early detection through focused screening and testing drives. The District Tuberculosis Officer was instructed to organize dedicated health camps and conduct intensified awareness drives across the district to identify and treat TB patients promptly. She also urged the general public to voluntarily register as Ni-Kshay Mitras to support TB patients and contribute to this national mission of eradicating a TB-free India.

Jammu to Srinagar	
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE	
11078 Jhelum Express	
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi
12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express	
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express	
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 715	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	
Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)	
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 660	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	

FIND CINEMA	
WAR 2 HINDI	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	9:00 AM / 10:00 AM / 12:20 PM / 1:20 PM / 3:45 PM / 7:10 PM / 08:00 PM / 09:50PM / 11:20 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	9:00 AM / 11:55 AM / 3:35 PM / 7:15 PM / 10:05 PM / 10:55 PM
COOLIE THE POWERHOUSE HINDI	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:05 PM / 4:00 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	12:40 PM
MAHAVATAR NARSIMHA HINDI	
PVR KC JAMMU	7:20 PM
SAIYAARA HINDI	
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	1:20 PM
PVR KC JAMMU	4:15 PM

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Psychiatry and Disease Hospital	2577444
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Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637
Emergency	2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638
Chest Disease Hospital	2577064, 2548012
Dental Hospital	2544670
Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar	2430041
Emergency	2431740
Child Hospital	2577023
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Indian Red Cross Society	2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248
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City	2544263
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Ganguly	2480026
Bari Brahmana	220020
Akhnoor	252481
Kathua	234313
Samba	243280
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Udhampur	270897
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FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)	
	101
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Health Officer	2547440
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DC Ramban inspects patient care services at SDH Banihal

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan today conducted a surprise inspection of Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Banihal to assess the healthcare services being provided to the public. During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the overall functioning of the hospital, inspected different sections and took a firsthand account of the availability of medical services and facilities. He interacted with patients and attendants to get direct feedback on the healthcare delivery system. The DC visited different wards, checked cleanliness,



DC Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan interacting with doctors.

patient care facilities and directed the Block Medical Officer Banihal to ensure that patients are provided with quality healthcare. He

emphasized the importance of maintaining round-the-clock services, ensuring availability of doctors and paramedical staff and keeping

essential medicines and diagnostic services fully functional. The Deputy Commissioner directed the BMO to utilize available space and infrastructure to augment the bedding capacity of the hospital to facilitate the patients. He also directed BMO to ensure effective implementation of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) - Ayushman Bharat and to make sure that patients avail free medical treatment. The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SDM Banihal, Mohammad Naseeb Bajraan, Tehsildar, SDPO and BMO Banihal during the inspection.