Yudhvir Sethi conducts survey of rain-affected areas in Jammu East Constituency

Asks DC Jammu for immediate compensation for affected residents

MLA Jammu East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi interacting with officials during visit to rain-hit area.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In the wake of recent heavy rains that caused widespread waterlogging and damage in several parts of the city, Yudhvir Sethi, MLA of Jammu East Constituency, accompanied by officials from the Jammu Tawi River Front Development Agency, Jammu Municipal Corporation, and UEED, visited multiple affected areas to assess the situation firsthand and interact with local residents. During the visit, Sethi surveyed neighborhoods severely impacted by the downpour, including Ward Nos. 71, 72, and adjoining localities of Jammu East Constituency, where waterlogging, damaged drainage systems, and flooded streets disrupted daily life.

He visited Lajpat Nagar, where the old PWD Nallah is in a severely damaged state. "Despite repeated complaints, no repair work has been undertaken. Overflowing water during heavy rain has entered several homes, causing hardship," he said, urging officials for immediate repair.

At Bikram Chowk near Tawi Bridge Temple, Sethi noted that a damaged iron grill poses a serious risk to public safety and requires urgent repair.

In the Fishery Farm area under the Smart City Project, blocked grills have obstructed the natural flow of water, flooding nearby homes. "This issue needs immediate rectification to prevent inconvenience to residents," he added. Sethi also raised concerns about Peer Kho Nallah, where a large hole has led to rainwater entering houses, and the broken wall of the Army Camp near Bhagwati Nagar and Jawahar Nagar, which has caused flooding in adjacent homes. "We had earlier requested construction of a proper Nallah here, but no action has been taken. Immediate attention is required," he emphasized.

Addressing the broader issue of urban drainage, Sethi pointed out that Nallahs across Jammu East have not been cleaned regularly. "Lack of routine desilting and maintenance has worsened waterlogging after the recent rainfall. The administration must ensure proper cleaning and upkeep of all Nallahs to prevent such problems in the future," he saod. Speaking to the media, Sethi emphasized the urgency of immediate relief measures for affected residents. He assured that he would personally follow up with the concerned departments to ensure rapid action. In addition to inspecting affected areas, he directed municipal officials to prioritize repair of roads and drainage systems and called for temporary relief measures, including provision of clean drinking water, electricity restoration, and medical aid in severely impacted localities.

Yudhvir Sethi also met Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Rakesh Minhas, requesting immediate compensation for all affected residents.

Local residents appreciated the MLA's on-ground presence and proactive approach, expressing hope that the visit would accelerate relief measures and lead to sustainable infrastructure improvements to prevent future flooding.

Modi Govt's vision reflected in Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu's growth: LG Kavinder

Says region-specific strategies with modern tech needed for Ladakh's growth

LG Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta interacting with VSK members.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

DAMAN: The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Kavinder Gupta, said that the rapid growth and transformation witnessed in Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu stand as a shining reflection of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Government's vision for inclusive and sustainable development.

He noted that the Union Territory has emerged as a model of progress with modern infrastructure, thriving tourism, women-led enterprises, and improved public services, embodying the Centre's commitment to balanced regional growth and people-centric governance.

The Lt Governor of Ladakh stated this on the conclusion of his three-day visit to the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu after reviewing a series of flagship projects and institutions.

He said the visit had been "highly impressive and inspiring," adding that Ladakh too would adopt similar people-centric models of growth in health, education, and infrastructure.

The Lt Governor visited the upcoming 300-bedded Hospital at Marwad, Nani Daman, spread over 26,125 sq. mt. with a built-up area of 42,000 sq. mt.

He reviewed its world-class facilities, including OPDs, trauma centre, imaging services, labour and delivery units, dialysis units, ICUs, seven modular OTs, physiotherapy centres, and deluxe rooms. Supporting infrastructure, such as dormitories, utility blocks, a modern post-mortem unit, and systems like pneumatic tubes, nurse call, and biomedical waste management, reflects the Modi Government's priority of providing modern, accessible, and affordable healthcare for all.

The Lt Governor also visited the Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) in Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. The state-of-the-art digital hub monitors real-time learning outcomes, student and teacher attendance, and syllabus progress.

It has transformed governance in education, with the UT rising from the bottom five in NAS 2021 to the top five in PARAKH 2024. The Lt Governor noted that this technology-driven model could be replicated in Ladakh, ensuring data-based governance and improved learning outcomes in remote areas.

The Lt Governor also reviewed the newly constructed Panchayat Ghars in Antiyawad, Ghelwad, Somnath, and Varkund, underlining the government's thrust on strengthening grassroots democracy.

He further visited the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Daman and the Engineering College at Varkund, both key institutions that will provide new opportunities for youth and promote skill-based, industry-relevant education.

The Lt Governor emphasised that the Modi Government's focus on health, education, connectivity, and youth empowerment is clearly visible in Daman's transformation. He added that Ladakh would benefit by drawing lessons from these models, particularly in sectors critical to regional growth.

"Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu's development journey is a testament to the Centre's commitment to inclusive growth. Ladakh too will embrace this vision to ensure holistic and people-first development," he said.

While appreciating the progress in Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu, the Lt Governor also shared his concerns regarding Ladakh's unique developmental challenges. He highlighted the need to strengthen healthcare facilities in high-altitude regions, enhance digital connectivity, ensure quality education in remote villages, and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for young people and women. He emphasised that Ladakh requires region-specific strategies, combining modern technology with local needs, to bridge gaps in infrastructure and services.

Slogan writing competition held

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: Department of Sociology, Government College for Women(GCW), Udhampur, organized a Slogan Writing Competition on the theme "Protection of Tansgender from Discrimination" as a part of academic activities.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of the Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Nalini Pathania. She explained, "The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019" that aims to protect the rights and welfare of the transgender persons. Earlier the welcome address was delivered by Dr. Swati Dutt (HOD Sociology) where she exhorted upon the need for protection of transgender from discrimination as this section of society faces multiple challenges including social stigma, discrimination and inequality with regard to education and employment. A total of 16 students from different semesters of the College expressed their views through their slogans. The slogans were adjudged by Prof. Swarna Devi (HOD, Political Science), Dr. Anita Kumari (Assistant Professor, Zoology) and Prof. Pooja Bharti (HOD, Geography).

Reetika Jamwal secured first position, Poli Devi stood second and Srishti Sandhu secured third position (students of Semester V). The programme was organised by Dr. Swati Dutt (HOD, Sociology). The formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Pooja Bharti.

Jodhamal authors felicitated for literary excellence

Jodhamal authors being felicitated for literary excellence.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Jodhamal Public School celebrated the creativity and accomplishments of its young literary talents through a special felicitation event held in the school premises.

This inspiring occasion marked the culmination of the Young Authors Programme, an innovative initiative that empowers students to explore the art of storytelling by guiding them through the complete process of writing, editing, and publishing their own books. In the last two years more than 300 students have authored books and these have been printed by the publishers. These books can also be ordered online. These authors have been trained and mentored by Deepika Ibikunle. The event, held on the school campus, was graced by the School Management and teachers, who gathered to honour the literary achievements of the students. It served as a powerful platform to recognize and encourage young minds to think creatively and express them confidently.

This year, 144 students from Grades V to IX were felicitated for their outstanding participation in the BriBooks Summer Writing Festival, the world's largest book writing festival. Their remarkable storytelling skills and imagination earned them widespread appreciation and accolades.

Trustee Nandan Kuthiala, Director Aarti Kuthiala, Principal Dr. Deep Khare, and Vice Principal Amita Arora extended heartfelt appreciation to the students for showcasing their exceptional talent.

Their dedication has been instrumental in inspiring peers to excel on national and international literary platforms.

The felicitation ceremony marked a proud and memorable milestone, reinforcing Jodhamal Public School's commitment to fostering creativity, excellence, and holistic education.

Iftikhar of Ladakh gets Ultimate Kho Kho League invite

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KARGIL: In a proud moment for Union Territory of Ladakh, Iftikhar Hussain, son of Late Master Mohd Ibrahim from Minjee in Kargil, has been shortlisted for the prestigious Ultimate Kho Kho League 2025 by the Kho Kho Federation of India.

To celebrate this achievement, the Ladakh Kho Kho Association organized a felicitation ceremony, where general secretary, Syed Mehraj Uddin Shah, on behalf of president, Jigmat Angchuk and all players, presented traditional khataks to Hussain.

Speaking on the occasion, Syed Mehraj Uddin Shah expressed gratitude to the Kho Kho Federation of India, particularly its president, Sudhanshu Mittal and chairman (Administration and Organization), MS Tyagi, for ensuring a fair and transparent selection process that has paved the way for a player from Ladakh's two-year-old team to reach the national league.

Iftikhar Hussain from Minjee in Kargil, who shortlisted for Ultimate Kho Kho League 2025 posing with others.

He also extended thanks to the Federation for imparting International Kho Kho Course Level III-A training to Safdar Ali for coaching and technical officiating.

Iftikhar Hussain thanked the Kho Kho Federation of India for recognizing his talent and shortlisting him for the upcoming Ultimate Kho Kho League 2025.

Chief organizer of Kho Kho Association Ladakh, Zaheer Abass Khan, appreciated the Federation's efforts in reaching out to nurture grassroots talent even in remote areas like Minjee, Kargil.

Meanwhile, Councillor Baroo Minjee, LAHDC Kargil, Advocate Khadim Hussain, congratulated Iftikhar Hussain on his remarkable achievement and assured his full support in every possible way.

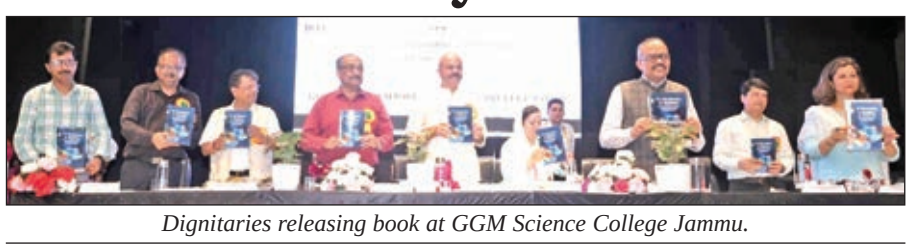
SMVDU faculty presents Research Paper at International Conference in Malaysia

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATRA: Dr. Ankush Raina, faculty member at the School of Mechanical Engineering, presented a research paper on "3D Printing and Tribology" at the 6th Malaysian International Tribology Conference (MyTribos 2025) held at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Bangi, Malaysia. The MyTribos, a conference series organized by the Malaysian Tribology Society affiliated to International Tribology Council is recognized

worldwide as a platform for advancing knowledge in tribology and its applications in industries. The 2025 edition witnessed participation from leading researchers, academicians, and industrial experts worldwide. In his presentation, Dr. Raina showcased the ongoing research of the group working at SMVDU on integrating additive manufacturing (3D printing) with tribological studies. The presentation included the joint work done by Mr. Danish Langeh, Dr. Mir Irfan Ul Haq and Dr. Ankush Raina. The research explores the design and fabrication of functional components using polymer and composite materials, while analyzing their wear resistance, surface interactions, and performance under real world operating conditions. The research holds promise for lightweight engineering applications, sustainable manufacturing practices, and development of customized solutions in automotive and biomedical sectors. Vice-Chancellor, SMVDU, Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, congratulated Dr. Raina for bringing international recognition to the University through his research contribution and presentation at a global platform.

Book on "An Introduction to Statistics" released by Education Minister



Dignitaries releasing book at GGM Science College Jammu.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The recently concluded International Conference on Emerging Trends in Multidisciplinary Research, organized by Government Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College, Jammu, witnessed the formal release of the book "An Introduction to Statistics" authored by Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Dr. Aijaz Ahmad Hakak, and Dr. Mohinder Pal.

The book was unveiled by Minister for Higher Education, Ms. Sakeena Itoo, in the presence of eminent dignitaries including Yudhvir Sethi, MLA Jammu East; Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, Cluster University of Jammu; and Shantmanu, Additional Chief Secretary and Financial Commissioner, Higher Education, J&K. The ceremony was attended by distinguished academicians, scholars, and students. In her address, Minister Sakeena Itoo commended the efforts of the authors, noting that the book will serve as a comprehensive guide for undergraduate learners. She emphasized the vital role of Statistics in decision-making, research, governance, and business, underlining its growing relevance in today's data-driven world. Prof. K. S. Chandrasekar, Vice Chancellor, appreciated the clarity, practical examples, and broad coverage of the book making it an invaluable resource for both beginners and advanced learners, stating that it will greatly benefit not only students of Statistics but also those from non-Statistics backgrounds. MLA Jammu East, Yudhvir Sethi, congratulated the authors for their academic contribution and assured continued support to initiatives that strengthen higher education in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shantmanu lauded the book as a significant addition to the academic landscape, remarking that such works bridge the gap between theory and application, thereby empowering students with skills essential for research and employability.

Highlighting the contents, Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta explained that the book covers Correlation, Regression, Sampling Theory, ANOVA, Design of Experiments, Time Series, and Econometrics, enriched with illustrations, exercises, and practical applications and added that the book is dedicated to advancing higher education and supporting the student community at large.

TRAVEL TIME!

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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 : 08:55 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

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