

# DC Ramban inspects progress of Restoration Work on NH-44; takes stock of relief measures

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan today conducted an extensive inspection of the National Highway-44 from Nashri to Banihal stretch, which has been affected due to heavy rainfall over the past few days. The incessant rainfall triggered landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones at several vulnerable spots, disrupting traffic movement. SSP Arun Gupta, SSP Traffic NHW Raja Adil Ahmed, ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo, Project Director NHAI Shubam Yadav, and other senior officers were present on the occasion. During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner inspected critical stretches at Karoal (Batti), Maroge, and Kishtwari Pather, which have



DC Ramban Mohammad Alyas Khan inspection NH-44 at Nashri.

suffered damage owing to recurring landslides and shooting stones. He directed the Project Director to intensify restoration works on the highway to ensure safe and timely resumption of traffic movement. Executing agencies were also instructed to mobilize adequate men and machinery to complete clear-

ance and protection works at the earliest. Apart from the highway, the DC also visited areas affected by flash floods adjoining River Chenab and other Nallas. He also took stock of functioning of designated lodgment centres and reviewed the arrangements made for the affected families.

He instructed the concerned departments to remain vigilant and ensure adequate services and supply of essential services to displaced people. The Deputy Commissioner further directed Beacon, PWD, and PMGSY to expedite restoration of all internal roads which are blocked due

to landslides. The Deputy Commissioner also directed officers of JPDCL, Jal Shakti and other departments to restore Water, Power and other services and supplies on a war footing basis. Speaking to media persons, the DC said that the District Administration has kept all rescue and relief teams on high alert. He said, "All necessary arrangements have been made at identified locations across the district for affected people. Our priority is to ensure the safety of citizens, timely restoration of road connectivity, and adequate supply of essentials." He added that the District Administration, in coordination with Police, SDRF, NHAI, Beacon, Health and other line departments, is fully prepared to tackle any emergency situation arising out of the prevailing weather conditions.

# DC Poonch convenes introductory meeting with civil society members

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma, today chaired an introductory meeting with civil society members in the conference hall of the DC Office to deliberate upon pressing developmental issues and to promote communal harmony in the district. The meeting was attended by ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik; ACR Mohammad Sayeed, Executive Engineers, and other district officers, who were present to address local concerns. The Civil society members projected a wide range of developmental demands, seeking the widening and blacktopping of the Poonch-Mandi road, strengthening of hospital infrastructure by filling posts of doctors and staff, Betar Nallah crate works, repair of Drungali Nala Bridge near



Nangali Sahib, crate works from SK Bridge to Police Line for public safety during harsh weather, and extension of the Jogger Park. Other issues such as the establishment of a university campus in Poonch, commissioning of the Mini Secretariat functional to house all departments under one roof, improvement of medical facilities, and upgradation of roads and blacktopping were also raised. The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the concerns and issued on-the-

spot directions to the concerned officers for resolving genuine public issues. He assured the participants that all highlighted demands would be prioritized and addressed in a time-bound manner. The civil society members expressed gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner for convening the introductory meeting and providing a platform for open dialogue. In response, the DC reaffirmed the administration's commitment to work in close coordination with the community, assuring, "The administration stands with you at every step.

# DC Kathua reviews flood situation in River Ravi, Lakhanpur and Bhagthali Industrial Estate

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today conducted an extensive tour of Lakhanpur and Bhagthali Industrial Estate areas to take stock of the situation arising from the increased water levels in River Ravi following the release of water from the Ranjit Sagar Dam. During the visit to Lakhanpur, the Deputy Commissioner informed that inter-state connectivity has been impacted due to damage to one of the bridges connecting Punjab. However, traffic movement on the second bridge has been temporarily restored to facilitate essential and emergency services. In a swift response, the District Administration evacuated livestock from the Animal Husbandry



DC Kathua Rajesh Sharma during visit to Lakhanpur.

Check Post at the Lakhanpur entry point, which has now been relocated to the State Tax building to ensure uninterrupted operations. At Bhagthali Industrial Estate, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the ongoing protection work being carried out by the Flood Control authorities and directed them to take all preventive and safety measures to safeguard lives and property

in vulnerable areas. He further informed that the protection work on the Sahard Khad Bridge is progressing and it will be opened for vehicular traffic at the earliest. The Deputy Commissioner appealed to the public to exercise utmost caution and avoid venturing near the river, nallahs, and rivulets, as the water levels remain high and pose a significant risk to safety.

# 3-day workshop on ‘Youth Empowerment Skills’ concludes at Shri SKC Degree College Poonch

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
POONCH: Shri SKC Degree College Poonch organized a three-day inter-collegiate workshop on Youth Empowerment Skills under the aegis of "Art of Living." Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma was the chief guest at the valedictory function. The Deputy Commissioner delivered a thought-provoking presidential address, highlighting the importance of such workshops for youth. He commended students for their participation and encouraged them to implement the learnings. Earlier, the workshop was inaugurated by Principal, Dr. Jasbir Singh, in the presence of dignitaries and participants from GDC Poonch, GDC Mendhar, and GDC Surankote. Dr. Tabassum Naz, Coordinator of the workshop, presented



Dignitaries during the workshop.

an overview of the objectives and highlighted the importance of such programs in fostering holistic development among students. The first technical session was conducted by senior resource persons Amitesh Marwah and Tanushree Gupta, who engaged participants in interactive activities and shared valuable insights on techniques for

achieving a stress-free mind. They emphasized the importance of cultivating inner peace and self-awareness to build a violence-free society through self-developmental practices. The second day focused on self-development and its role in creating a peaceful mindset, with Dr. Ram providing students with tools to assess their emotional

states and recognize signs of stress. The students were introduced to self-help strategies such as positive self-talk, journaling, and setting achievable goals. The third day focused on creating a violence-free society through emotional balance and self-awareness, with students participating in role-playing exercises on conflict resolution, empa-

thetic listening, and effective communication. The valedictory session featured Dr. Shamim Ahmed Bandyopadhyay conducting the proceedings and presenting a formal welcome address. Dr. Tabassum Naz presented a detailed report of the sessions. Dr. Jasbir Singh emphasized the need for such workshops, urging students to spread the outcomes among their family, friends, and society to eradicate social evils. Dr. Mohd. Azam, Principal GDC Mendhar and Dr. Rani Mughal, Principal GDC Surankote were the guest of Honour. The workshop concluded on a positive note, with students expressing a strong desire to continue developing their emotional intelligence and contributing toward a violence-free society.

# Rains aftermath: DC Udhampur inspects condition of NH-44; orders immediate restoration of damaged road stretches

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai along with Additional Superintendent of Police Sandeep Bhat today conducted comprehensive inspection of National Highway-44 to assess the damages caused due to incessant rains over the past few days. The team undertook an on-ground assessment of the damages caused by continuous rainfall, including landslides, road blockages and disruptions to vehicular traffic. The DC emphasized the need for swift clearance of debris, restoration of road connectivity, and proactive safety measures to prevent accidents. She also directed officials to remain on high alert and extend every possible assistance to commuters stranded due to road blockages. The Additional SP highlighted that adequate deployment of police personnel has been ensured to regulate traffic movement and provide assistance in coordination with district administra-



DC Udhampur, Saloni Rai inspecting national highway.

tion and NHAI authorities. The DC reiterated the administration's commitment to safeguarding lives, restoring normalcy at the earliest and ensuring effective disaster response. The district administration has appealed to the public to avoid unnecessary travel on NH-44 during heavy

rains and follow official advisories for their safety. For any emergency or assistance, citizens may contact the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) at 01992-272727, 272728, Mobile: 9697136717, 7889941318 or Police Control Room (PCR) at 01992-276915.

# DC Samba undertakes extensive tour of rain-affected areas, ensures swift relief & rehabilitation

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan today undertook a comprehensive inspection of rain-ravaged areas across the district to assess damages, oversee relief operations, and reassure the affected populace of the administration's unwavering support. At the Community Hall, Samba, where families displaced by the incessant rains have been sheltered, the DC reviewed the facilities and directed officials to guarantee adequate arrangements for food, shelter, sanitation, and other critical amenities. Subsequently, she visited Samba town, Sangwali Mandi, and Purmandal, where several residential houses and private proper-



DC Samba Ayushi Sudan assessing damages.

ties had sustained damage. She interacted empathetically with affected residents, heard their grievances, and assured them of timely relief and rehabilitation. The DC instructed all concerned departments to initiate immediate, result-oriented measures to mitigate hardships.

At AIIMS Vijaypur, Ms. Sudan conducted an on-site inspection of the damaged bridge and reviewed precautionary measures for public safety. Later, during her visit to Smailpur and Bari Brahmana, she examined rising water levels in local ponds and directed the concerned officers to implement urgent

remedial steps to safeguard habitations. The DC also inspected the PHC Purmandal, ensuring that adequate medical staff, medicines and emergency response facilities are in place to meet the public health exigencies arising out of the situation. While addressing the people, Ms. Sudan reaffirmed that the district administration stands resolutely committed to the safety, dignity, and well-being of every citizen. She assured that all possible steps are being undertaken to provide prompt relief, restore normalcy, and strengthen resilience against such natural adversities. During the visit, ACR Samba, SDM, Tehsildar, BDOs & other concerned officers were also present.

# Dr Manyal visits flood-affected villages in Ramgarh

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMGARH: M L A Ramgarh and Former Minister for Health and Medical Education, J&K, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal today undertook an extensive tour of flood-affected villages including Khour, Ramloo Brahmana, Palouta, Kamore, Nanga, and Keso. The recent heavy rains have caused severe



MLA Ramgarh Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal inspecting flood affected areas.

flooding in the region, leading to significant hardship for the residents. The breach of the embankment near the 13 BN BSF Ramgarh further aggravated the situation, resulting in damage to nearby villages. During his visit, Dr. Manyal personally interacted with the affected fami-

lies, listened to their concerns, and assured them of timely redressal and relief measures. He emphasized the need for swift administrative response and directed officials to ensure immediate assistance, including compensation for the losses incurred by the people. On this occasion, Assistant Commandant of

BSF was also present, extending support and coordinating relief efforts with the civil administration. Dr. Manyal reiterated his commitment to stand with the residents in this difficult time and called for coordinated efforts to restore normalcy at the earliest.

# Reasi Administration swiftly responds to heavy rains & flash floods in Mahore Sub Division

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: The Reasi District Administration, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner, is working on war footing to restore essential services and ensure safety of people affected by heavy rainfall and flash floods in Mahore Sub Division. Major roads including Reasi-Arnas-Mahore (RAM) BRO road at Daman and Malai Nallah and Budhal-Mahore-Gool (BMG) BRO road at Sungri, Chasana and Sarh were blocked due to landslides. The diversion at Badora Nallah, constructed after the bridge collapse six months ago, was washed away due to the flash floods. Immediate measures are being taken to restore connectivity at these critical locations. Under the close supervision of SDM Mahore,

Shafqat Majeed Bhat, mobile services were restored in the region by afternoon and partial internet connectivity was ensured, bringing relief to the local population. SDM has also directed Tehsildars to conduct a detailed damage assessment of property and livestock. Importantly, no loss of human life has been reported so far. The District Administration is monitoring the situation round the clock and has urged people to remain vigilant, avoid unnecessary travel during heavy rains, and strictly follow advisories issued from time to time. The Reasi Administration reaffirmed its commitment to stand with the people of Mahore and assured that all possible steps are being taken for quick restoration of road connectivity, utilities and normal life.

# DC Doda, SSP take stock of road damages, direct immediate restoration measures



**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, along with Senior Superintendent of Police Sandeep Kumar today conducted inspection of the Doda-Bhaderwah road and National Highway-244 at Jangalwar (Thathri) and Khalleni Nallah to assess the damages caused due to torrential rains. During the visit, the DC and SSP took stock of damage to roads and reviewed the ground situation. They took note of the hardships being faced by commuters and the general public due to road blockages and disruptions in connectivity. The DC directed the NHIDCL and Executive Engineer R&B Department to immediately initiate landslide clearance and restoration works to ensure smooth traffic movement. He emphasized to take effective measures to restore connectivity and provide relief to the public without delay. The District Administration Doda has assured the public that all possible measures are being taken to restore normal traffic movement at the earliest and to ensure safety of the commuters.

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