DC Pulwama visits flood-prone areas, reviews preparedness measures

PULWAMA: Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, today conducted an extensive tour of various flood-prone areas of the district amid incessant rains to assess water flow, review control measures & strengthen preparedness.

DC visited Karanbal Kakapora, Hatiwara, Samboora, and Bujbagh areas of Pampore Tehsil, and Goripora, Sail, and Chersoo areas of Awantipora along with other affected areas and took on-ground stock of the

During the visit, DC issued a series of directions aimed at strengthening preparedness and safeguarding lives and property. He instructed

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KULGAM: In the wake of

adverse weather condition.

Khan,

Laisoo, Gudder, Chawgam,

Chambagund and other

areas to assess the ground

situation arisen due to

incessant rains in the dis-

DC said that people from

vulnerable spots were

shifted to safer places as a

precautionary measure,

Commissioner

Kulgam, Athar



the Flood Control authorities to maintain strict vigil over river embankments. vulnerable spots and irrigation channels. He further directed that field staff and SDRF teams remain stationed round-the-clock at

Nasir Aslam Wani, legisla-

administration is on high

alert with men and

machinery fully geared up

Amir also interacted with

the locals and listened to

their concerns. He directed

all the departments to stay

situation arisen due to incessant rains

identified critical locations to

facilitate a timely response. Police and Revenue officers were asked to coordinate closely with locals and ensure smooth evacuation wherever required. Besides, the Health department was

the locals and listened to

interacting with the locals,

they assured them that

government is continuous-

ly monitoring the evolving

situation and keeping a

close vigil on the water lev-

Rana assured that all the

departments have been put

on a state of high alert to

carry out all contingency

plans and provide all nec-

essary assistance in case of

He said that men and

machinery has been fully

geared to tackle any emer-

gency with swiftness.

els of river Jhelum.

concerns. While

venience is not hampered.

directed to keep medical teams and ambulances on

the need for stocking essential commodities in vulnerable areas so that public con-Dr. Qayoom further direct-

standby. DC also stressed

untoward situations. During the visit, DC was by the accompanied Additional

communities.

Commissioners of Pulwama and Awantipora, concerned Executive Engineers of Irrigation & Flood Control; concerned tehsildars; officers from Police, SDRF teams, and other line depart-

seamless inter-departmental

coordination, timely dissemi-

nation of information, and

active engagement with local

He also interacted with the

residents at various loca-

tions, listened to their con-

cerns, and urged them to

remain alert, follow advi-

sories, and promptly inform

the authorities about any

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SHOPIAN: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Shishir Gupta visited Wandina, Melhura and other adjoining areas of Zainapora subdivision today to ascertain water levels amid the adverse weather conditions. The visit was aimed to assess the current and emerging situation in the low lying areas of the subdivision along

administration Shopian is keeping close vigil over the emerging situation and staff has been deputed in the vulnerable low lying areas to

residing in Wanduna have been safely relocated to safer places by the sub divisional administration Zainapora.

The local administration was licized, in case of emergency.

to the public.

3rd National Lok Adalat in Srinagar on September-13

SRINAGAR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Srinagar is going to organize 3rd National Lok Adalat on 13 September, 2025 in the premises of District Court Complex Moominabad Srinagar.

Parties or their Advocates whose cases are pending before any Court at District Court Complex Moominabad Srinagar or before the Court Additional Mobile Panthachowk and are desirous to settle their cases/ claims /matters through the Lok Adalat scheduled herein above shall approach the concerned Courts by or before 04 September, 2025.

cases are not pending (i.e. Pre Litigation matters) in any court but desires to settle their disputes can also approach the office of the District Legal Services Authority Srinagar by or before 04 September, 2025, so that their cases, claims or matters can be settled amicably in the National Lok

Adalat. Both pre-litigation and pending in court cases shall be taken up for settlement. Pre Litigation cases include NI Act cases under section 138, Money recovery cases, Labour dispute cases, Electricity and water bills cases (excluding non com-

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cases include Criminal compoundable offence, NI Act cases under section 138, Money recovery cases. MACT cases, Labour dispute cases, Electricity and water bills cases (excluding compoundable). non Matrimonial disputes (except Divorce), Land acquisition cases, Service matters relating to pay and allowances and retiral benefits, and Revenue cases. besides other civil cases (Rent, easmentary rights, injunction suits, specific per-

DC Shopian visits Zainapora subdivision, assesses DC Baramulla undertakes extensive tour Rana assesses flood situation in Rajbagh ground situation along Rambiara River of border villages of Uri sub-division They also interacted with

the Rambiara River.

keep vigil on the water levels.

Earlier in the early morning hours, as a precautionary

instructed by DC to remain alert and the people were asked to adhere to the guidelines of the government and contact helpline numbers, already pub-

DC emphasized close monitoring of water levels and timely dissemination of information

DC was accompanied by ADC, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz; ACR, SDM, Tehsildar and other officers/officials during

BARAMULLA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa conducted an extensive tour of border villages of Uri subdivision to take first hand appraisal of developmental works, administrative initiatives and grievances pertaining to the region.

The visit was aimed at assessing on-ground developmental issues and engaging directly with the local population living close to the border to resolve any infrastructural and service delivery challenges faced by them.

During the visit, DC met the locals at various border villages of Uri including Hathlanga, Isham and adjoining areas where the people projected several developmental issues including infrastructure for school buildings, uninterrupted power supply, and demand for individual bunkers.

DC gave a patient hearing to all the con-

cerns raised by the villagers and assured the public that the administration is committed to the development and welfare of border residents, and all genuine issues would be addressed in a time-bound manner.

He issued on-spot directions to the concerned officers to take up the issues raised by the local population and address their grievances on priority and in a time bound manner.

Meanwhile, Minga Sherpa along with other officers conducted a visit to community bunkers and Medical Sub Center at the last border village Hathlanga and took stock of the facilities available.

DC was accompanied by the SDM Uri, Shubhankar P. Pathak, Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Medical Officer, Executive Engineer R&B, PDD and other concerned district officers during

SRINAGAR: Minister for tor Ahsan Pardesi and sen-Div Com Kashmir monitors Jhelum Water Levels 56 SDRF Personnel Jal Shakti, Javed Ahmed ior officers of Irrigation & Rana accompanied by Flood Control department **Promoted** Advisor to Chief Minister, visited Rajbagh, to assess amid looming flood threat **STATE TIMES NEWS** DC visits several areas of Kulgam, assesses

Promotion Departmental Committee of HG/CD & SDRF J&K met today here under the chairmanship of Alok Kumar, Commandant General Homeguards, Civil Defence & SDRF J&K and the proceedings resulted in promotion of 56SDRF personnel to their next rank i.e, Sub-Inspector (20), Asstt. Sub-Inspector (18) and Head Constable (18).

The Commandant General vigilant & ensure swift $\ensuremath{\mathrm{HG\!/\!CD}}\xspace \& \ensuremath{\mathrm{SDRF}}\xspace \ensuremath{\mathrm{J\&K}}\xspace \ensuremath{\mathrm{has}}\xspace \ensuremath{\mathrm{con-}}$ response to any eventualigratulated the promoted offi-Accompanying the DC cers/ officials and encouraged were ADC Viqar Ahmed them to perform their duties Giri, SDM D.H.Pora, ACD with similar zeal and enthusi**STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: In view of the ongoing spell of incessant rainfall across the Valley, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg conducted an onground inspection at Ram Munshi Bagh this morning to assess the water levels of River Jhelum.

During the visit, Div Com reviewed real-time gauge readings from various monitoring stations and was briefed on the historical flood trends of River Jhelum and its tributaries, along with the current rainfall statistics in



the catchment areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Anshul Garg informed that the administration is continuously monitoring the evolving situation. He assured that all necessary contingency plans and response mechanisms are in place to effectively manage any potential flood-related

Div Com also appealed to the general public to remain vigilant, follow official advisories, and avoid venturing close to rivers, streams, and other water bodies during this period of heightened

BJP hits back at Rahul, says his family is 'chor' while Modi pure like Gangajal 'chor' (thief), then it is the people handed Gandhi's Telangana CM Revanth dance with constitutional 'nakli' (fake) Gandhi family. party a big defeat and he Reddy and former Punjab propriety. He alleged that

Wednesday called Prime Minister Narendra Modi pure like the holy waters of the Ganga as it hit out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for denunciation of the 'Gujarat model' and alleged that the Gandhi family is the most corrupt and "chor" family.

BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia's fierce attack on Gandhi came after he alleged that the Gujarat model, projected by the ruling party as a showpiece for growth when Modi was the state's chief minister, was "all about vote chori" during his public meetings in Bihar.

"If there is one family that $\,$ is the most corrupt and

Gandhi, Robert Vadra and Rahul Gandhi are out on bail in corruption cases." Bhatia alleged and reminded Rahul Gandhi how his "chowkidar chor hai" slogan against PM Modi had backfired.

Modi is "pure like the Gangajal" as he is fully dedicated to the service of people, the BJP spokesperson said, charging Rahul Gandhi with levelling an unfounded allegation and using tasteless language against the prime minister in his meetings.

The Congress leader had run "chowkidar chor hai" campaign against the prime minister during the 2019

Lok Sabha elections but

had to apologise to the Supreme Court for misquoting it, Bhatia said.

"The Gandhi family is corrupt and liar," the BJP leader said.

Speaking to reporters, he accused the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha of using indecorous language against those holding constitutional positions like Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah and inviting to campaign against alleged "vote chori" in Bihar leaders who have made in the past "derogatory" comments on people from the state.

Leaders like Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, who heads the DMK, and

Charanjit Singh Channi, both from the Congress, have "insulted" people of Bihar but Gandhi is making them star campaigners in his programme,

The Congress is showing respect to these leaders, but people of Bihar will give the party a befitting reply during the assembly elections, expected to be held in October-November, Bhatia

He said the BJP will build this into a big campaign and will not tolerate any insult to Bihar.

Taking a swipe at the Congress leader, he said Gandhi never uses decent language or acts in accorthe national flag was trampled upon during Gandhi's campaign as well.

Gandhi, whose fortnightlong yatra against special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar has three more days to go, said. "I have come out with lots of evidence to suggest that votes have been stolen for the benefit of the BJP. In the days to come, I will come up with more evidence.

He also said the "Gujarat model" was "all about 'vote chori'. The BJP started stealing people's votes from there. The BJP, Modi and Shah win polls by stealing votes with the help

BSF officer saved by locals from raging floodwaters in Jammu

Border Security Force (BSF) was saved by a group of youths from raging floodwaters in the Akhnoor sector near here, an official said.

Amid chants of 'Bharat Mata ki Jai', the vouths displayed remarkable courage and used a large rubber tube to rescue the stranded officer, the official said. The dramatic rescue in the Pragwal area near the International Border was caught on camera and shared

online, drawing applause from the netizens tant sub-inspector of the who expressed The rescue was a spontaneous act of solidarity, a reminder of how ordinary people step forward in moments of crisis when every second counts, one of the youths said.

A party of the BSF was on patrol duty when they were caught in the flash floods, the officials said, adding that while the rest of the party was safely evacuated with the help of locals, one of the jawans lost his life.

Punjab Govt employee drowns, 60 others rescued in J-K's Kathua

STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: An employee of the

irrigation and flood control department drowned while 60 of his colleagues were saved in a joint rescue operation after they were caught in a swollen Ravi river in Kathua district

of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, officials said. The employees had come to open flood gates of Ravi river when they found themselves trapped near Lakhanpur in Kathua district, they said. One of the employees lost his

balance and fell into the river, and his body could not be traced.

However, his 60 other colleagues were rescued in a joint operation by the Army, Indian Air Force, J-K Police and the

'Simply cannot run bullet train with bogies of goods train': Delhi court flags 'archaic' laws

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi

court, while hearing a civil suit, referred to some "archaic" laws under the Code of Civil Procedure of 1908 and said that a bullet train cannot be run with the bogies of a goods train. District Judge Sanjeev Aggarwal was hearing an application by a decree holder for execution of the court's earlier judgment against a private company in a matter regarding a civil suit for the recovery

of around Rs 24.42 lakh. In an order dated August 25, the judge said, "Under the ease of doing business, the government of India has made a laudatory and fantastic legislation, to fast track the commercial disputes by enacting the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, which has resulted in extremely fast adjudication of commercial dis-

"But somehow it appears it has escaped the notice of legislature that to run such a fast track legislation, it cannot rely upon archaic Order 21 CPC (execution of decrees and orders) and other relevant sections, which were enacted long ago in the vear 1908, as you simply cannot run a bullet train with the bogies of a goods train.'

He said that bullet trains could only be run with a "shinkansen engine" of Japan.

"Therefore, I am sure the legislature will look into this aspect very soon to make relevant changes,' the judge said.

STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: Making a

strong pitch for selfreliance, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday said that international trade should take place voluntarily and not under pressure.

Addressing a lecture series to mark the centenary of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Bhagwat said self-reliance was the key to all issues and stressed the need to prioritise indigenous (swadeshi) products.

"Being aatmnirbhar (selfreliant) does not mean stopping imports. The world moves because it is interdependent. So export-import continue. However, there should be no pressure in it." Bhagwat said.

He said swadeshi does not mean not importing goods that the country already has or can manufacture easily.

"Bringing goods from outside hurts local vendors," he said, addressing a gathering of diplomats, bureaucrats, ex-servicemen, scientists,

thinkers and representatives

of NGOs among others. Sources said Bhagwat also held a separate meeting with over 50 diplomats from over two dozen countries.

Bhagwat's remarks came on a day when the additional 25 per cent tariff imposed by US President Donald Trump on India for its purchases of Russian oil came into effect. "Whatever is made in your

country, there is no need to import it from outside. Whatever is necessary for life and is not made in your country, we will import it from outside. The country's policy should be done voluntarily, one should not go under pressure. This is

swadeshi," he said.

Bhagwat

The RSS chief said radicalism has increased in the current world order as people tend to cancel those who speak against their views.

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against radicalism, wokeism unchecked sumerism. "The solution lies in Dharma, which is not a reli-

gion. Dharma respects diversity, including respect for the environment. Dharma talks about balance. Bharat can give a solution to this modern challenge the world is facing right now," he said.

Bhagwat also outlined a five-point plan for the future character-building, awakening patriotism and spreading the work of the RSS to every section of the society.

The RSS' agenda for

No international trade under pressure: RSS chief Bhagwat 'Panch Parivartan', bringing five-fold transformation of society, entails inculcating a sense of 'Swa' (selfhood) with 'Bharatiya' values, imbibing Indian family values, promoting social harmony, exhorting people to adopt an environmentfriendly lifestyle and per-

forming civic duty. "It is problematic if, after seeing someone, we think about their caste. This mindset must change. Wherever we live or work. we should be friendly with everyone and must accept them as our own. Temples, water, crematoria are for everyone, and there should be no discrimination in these matters," Bhagwat said.

He said it would be the RSS' endeavour to reach every section of the society and hoped that a feeling would take root in other

countries to have an organisation like the Sangh. "No individual of the socie-

ty should remain untouched. We must expand our work geographically - village by village, household by household, reaching all levels of society, from those below the poverty line to those above the wealth line," Bhagwat

Recalling the training sessions conducted by late RSS leader Laxmanrao Bhide. Bhagwat said the first generation of RSS volunteers organised Hindus in foreign countries and the second generation ensured that they stayed away from addiction and crass consumerism.

"The third generation should work in such a manner that people of the country they reside in should also feel that there should be an organisation like the RSS in their country," he said.

"Most of India's neighbouring regions were once part of India - the people, geography, rivers and forests remain the same: only lines were drawn on maps. Our duty is to foster a sense of belonging among these people," he said.

In a massive public outreach, the RSS has planned to organise a number of events, including more than lakh 'Hindu Sammelans', across the country to mark its centenary year, starting with Bhagwat's address at RSS headquarters in Nagpur on Vijay Dashmi, which falls on October 2 this year.

It has also planned to conduct a nationwide "door-todoor" public contact programme during its centenary year.