

# Amit terms public awareness pivotal during IIT Madras Road Safety Summit

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
CHENNAI: Amit Sharma, Secretary Transport, Union Territory of Ladakh emphasised that public self awareness and consciousness is pivotal for reducing road accidents and crashes during an all-important Road Safety Summit 2023 held at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras wherein he was invited as a Special Guest and a Keynote Speaker.



Secretary Transport, UT Ladakh, Amit Sharma being felicitated at IIT, Madras.

Secretary Transport Ladakh, in his address, shared his thoughts in the first technical session held here wherein Amit mentioned that apart from installing Smart Road Safety Devices like Speed Guns, Crash Barriers, Highway Rescue and Patrol teams, it is the primarily the public in-general who has to take the lead, in

understanding the fall-outs of rash driving, not following traffic rules, allowing minors to drive, drunken driving and many others instances which lead towards fatalistic crashes, often. He advised that self-awareness and adherence to traffic advisories issued from time-to-time must be followed to

ensure minimum loss of human lives due to accidents and there should be no usage of mobile phones while driving the vehicles.

Amit also shared that next week, a three-day seminar, with support of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Bharat Sarkar, is being organised in Ladakh next week to make public and officers aware about the latest traffic and transport management practices, as it would help to have a better understanding on the subject, especially for the common citizens, which is the need of the hour.

Before culmination, the gathering appreciated the innovative thoughts shared by Special Guest Amit Sharma for which he was felicitated by the dignitaries.

# IAF to host Airshow in Jammu on Sep 21



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: On the occasion of 76 years of Accession of J&K into Indian Union and the Diamond Jubilee of Air Force Station Jammu, the IAF and Govt of UT J&K jointly is organising a first-of-its-kind Airshow at Jammu Airfield on September 21 and 22, 2023.

"The Air Show will have the world famous IAF Air Warrior Drill team (AWDT), the Aakashganga Daredevil Skydiving team, Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT), Mi-

132, Mi-17 medium lift helicopters showcasing the slithering and Small Team Insertion and Extraction techniques, free fall para jumpers and precision drill movements by AWDT," he said adding that 130 helicopter

The display will showcase the operational capability of the Indian Air Force with an aim to motivate youth to join the elite service. This event will also aim to sensitise general public the hazards for aviation and how can they assist in aviation safety. The display will be open to general public apart from schools, Air Veterans, Civil dignitaries and personnel of defence forces and Air Force Station Jammu. LG Manoj Sinha will be the chief guest for the event.

# Govt committed to resolve people's issues: Yudhvir

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), J&K, has lauded the government for its unwavering commitment in addressing public welfare issues. Interacting with media persons during the camp, Yudhvir Sethi expressed gratitude to the district administration for considering his demand with regard to establish a special camp to resolve common issues faced by the public, including pension-related concerns, issuance of new ration cards, medical certificates, income certificates, and more. Sethi said that special camp has been set up at Parade Ground in which officers from various departments sitting together with an objective to address the issues being faced by the people.

# Dairy sector plays special role in making women self-reliant: Mukhdar



Member J&K Kissan Advisory Board, Mukhdar Singh with dairy farmers and women at a programme.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Member J&K Kissan Advisory Board, Mukhdar Singh, emphasized the significant role of the dairy sector in empowering women and improving their social and economic status in the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

Mukhdar Singh urged the female group from SKUAST Jammu at his dairy in Karpalpur, Jammu, he provided valuable insights ranging from selecting suitable breeds of dairy animals to selling high-quality milk through milk ATM vans.

Husbandry Jammu to ensure the extension of mechanisms that prioritize training, skill development, and active participation of women, aiming for a minimum of 70 percent involvement in various schemes.

He also suggested that women should have access to easy loans and markets to initiate businesses within the dairy sector. Additionally, Mukhdar Singh called upon the government to recognize and honor tribal dairy women during the upcoming Kissan Mela, highlighting their contribution to the dairy industry and their role in fostering self-reliance and economic growth among women in the region.

# Shree Toyota Jammu displays Hilux with Special Applications



Dignitaries showcasing iconic special application models of the Toyota Hilux in Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Shree Toyota on Thursday proudly showcased two iconic special application models of the Toyota Hilux in Jammu, aimed to spotlight its remarkable versatility for conversions to meet unique needs.

The event was attended by key dignitaries from Shree Toyota and Toyota Kirloskar Motors, namely D.K. Batra, Managing Director, Shree Toyota, Bhisham Batra,

Director, Shree Toyota, Anuj Pathak, Field Service Manager, Toyota Kirloskar Motors, Parveen Kulkarni, Deputy Manager, Toyota Kirloskar Motors, Sahil Gupta, GM Sales, Shree Toyota.

At the forefront of this special showcase by Shree Toyota, the authorized dealer for Toyota in Jammu and Ladakh regions, were the Field Diagnosis Vehicle (FDV) and the Rapid Intervention Vehicle (RIV),

both designed to serve society in unique and vital ways.

The FDV is engineered to provide essential vehicle servicing in remote and challenging locations, while the RIV is equipped for firefighting and swift rescue operations during emergencies. Globally, the Toyota Hilux has made an indelible mark, with sales surpassing an impressive 20 million units and capturing the hearts of discerning customers across 180 countries. Over its more than five-decade history spanning eight generations, the Hilux has delivered

extraordinary experiences and forged unbreakable bonds with those who seek awesome drives.

The Toyota Hilux, tailored to the evolving needs of customers seeking a versatile utility vehicle, excels in off-roading adventures on challenging terrains as well as daily urban use. It caters to the emerging businesses, functioning as a campervan, supporting farming, mining, construction, and playing a pivotal role as a rescue vehicle, among other applications.

It boasts a robust powertrain

featuring a 2.8-liter Four-Cylinder Turbo-Diesel Engine, offering the choice between a 6-Speed Automatic and 6-Speed Manual Transmission. Beyond its powerful engine and extensive feature set, the Hilux shines with its exceptional durability, cost-effective maintenance, and practicality across various applications. Additionally, the Hilux's impressive water wading capacity of 700mm positions it as an ideal choice for navigating rugged Indian trails, setting a new benchmark in off-road capability.

# Modi Govt ensured strong, stable, decisive government: BJP

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Former Minister & J&K B-JP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma and former JMC Mayor & J&K B-JP Vice-President Chander Mohan Gupta accompanied by Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan B-JP Incharge Dil Bahadur Janwal listened to a number of grievances put forth by visiting individuals and deputations at B-JP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Senior B-JP leaders gave patient hearings to the problems presented by the people, which were immediately taken up with the concerned officials of the departments stressing



BJP leader Sham Sharma listening to public grievances.

for early resolution so that the people are not made to suffer.

Sham Lal Sharma said that earlier governments in Jammu & Kashmir misled innocent people for their own benefits while B-JP truly worked for the issues faced by common masses. He said that

Modi government has ensured a strong, stable and decisive government that has a strong faith of the people on the policies of B-JP and believe that the party truly works for their upliftment. Dil Bahadur Janwal conducted the camp proceedings.

# DB directs state to create supernumerary posts in JKCCE

**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court comprising Justice Tashi Rabstan and Justice Mohan Lal came to the rescue of petitioners and directed State to create supernumerary posts for the respondents Ruppali Phull and Abdul Rehman without any delay and they shall be entitled to all consequential benefits including seniority, promotion etc. from the date of the other similarly situated candidates came to be appointed, minus the monetary benefits.

Division Bench while dismissing the appeal filed by GAD & ors after hearing Sr. Adv Abhinav Sharma with Advocate Abhimanyu Sharma and Nitin Bhasin for the respondents whereas AAG Raman Sharma for the State, observed that it is the admitted case that the Public Service Commission had failed to draw up the waiting list of candidates in the order of merit in terms of Rule 57 of the Jammu & Kashmir Public

Service Commission (Business & Procedure) Rules, 1980 and SRO 387 dated 01.12.2008. The purpose of such a list is that in case any meritorious candidate fails to join for any reason then the next meritorious candidate may be offered vacant post as it is an existing vacancy. Therefore, we do not find any force in the stand of appellants-State taken in paragraph (iv) of brief factual position of the appeal that all the vacancies occurring due to non-joining of candidates should be carried forward to the subsequent competitive examination - a stand which is totally alien to Rule 57 and SRO 387 (supra). Further, the appellants-State, more particularly the officers at the helm of affairs of the State dealing with the matter; have taken two contradictory stands in the said paragraph - on one hand they have averred that out of 182 candidates 17 candidates did not join within 21 days and, on the other hand, they have averred that the vacancies that occurred on account of resignation of the selected

candidates after joining the services have necessarily to be referred to the Public Service Commission for being filled up through next Combined Competitive Examination. It seems the appellants are trying to twist the facts to suit their own case. Although the appellants-State were expected to follow the rule position as well as the SRO while issuing the select list and making appointments-in-question, but they acted arbitrarily, as per their own whim and caprice thereby making mockery of the system without realizing that respondents Ruppali Phull and Abdul Rehman have been suffering for the last about twelve years without any fault on their part.

DB further observed that as regards the contention of appellants-State that at this stage the cases of Ruppali Phull and Abdul Rehman were required to be rejected on account of administrative inconvenience and difficulties, it leads to the conclusion that the appellants-State are still admitting the claim of respondents herein, thus the consideration order on the part of

appellants herein was not at all fair and reasonable. DB further said that, we are in full agreement with the Single Judge that it was not open to the appellants herein to reject the case of respondents herein on account of administrative inconvenience when no such grounds was urged before the Court in the previous round of litigation.

With these observations Division Bench not inclined to take a view other than the one taken by the learned Single Judge. Accordingly, both the appeals are dismissed along with connected CM/As. Further, in case the posts-in-question have already been filled up, in such an eventuality the appellants-State are directed to create supernumerary posts for the respondents Ruppali Phull and Abdul Rehman without any delay and they shall be entitled to all consequential benefits including seniority, promotion etc. from the date of the other similarly situated candidates came to be appointed minus the monetary benefits.

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# Political, traders outfits condemn Kokernag terrorist attack

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JAMMU: Political, social and traders in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday condemned the Kokernag terrorist attack and extended condolences to the families of martyred police officer and army men who lost their lives in the encounter.

An Army colonel, a major, and a Deputy Superintendent of JK Police were martyred in the ongoing gunfight with terrorists in the Kokernag area of Anantnag district on Wednesday.

Former Minister and Senior BJP leader, Sukhmandar Choudhary condoled the martyrdom of the braveheart officers of J&K Police and Army in an encounter at Kokernag,



Anantnag. Choudhary said that he is deeply saddened by the terrible loss of three young bravehearts Col. Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhonack of 19 RR and DySP Humayun Muzamil Bhat son of retired IG of J&K Police Ghulam Hassan Bhat.

Choudhary said every loss of life is unfortunate adding that perpetrators of the criminal act would be brought to justice soon.

Choudhary extended his sympathies with the bereaved families and urged for every help to the families from govt.

On the occasion DDC Marh Balbir Lal, Chairman Municipal Committee Ghou Manhasa Jatinder Singh, State Secretary Kissan Morecha Anita Langeh, BJP District Secretary Deepak Pandey, Ex Vice Chairman Krishan Lal, Sarpanch

Lal Singh, Sarpanch Parshotam Sharma, Sarpanch Shiy Salaria, Mahila Morecha District Vice President Romi Devi, MM Mandal President Rekha Rani, Dr Pawan Choudhary, Sanjeev Singh, Atul Sharma, Mahesh Bhardwaj and prominent people of the area were also present.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Jammu, mourned the tragic martyrdom of three valiant officers.

In this connection a meeting was held at Chamber House under the chairmanship of Arun Gupta, President CCI Jammu in which office bearers of Jammu Chamber Rajiv Gupta, Munish Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Rajesh Gupta were also present.

Arun Gupta expressed his condolences and solidarity with the families of the martyred officers.

Gupta further urged the government to take strenuous steps to eliminate terrorism in the Kashmir Valley. He emphasized the need for a collective effort to ensure the safety and security of our citizens.

Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) on Thursday took out a march rally in the support of security forces and paid rich tribute to martyrs of Anantnag.



While addressing the media, Vikram raised voice against

Pakistan for encouraging the terrorists and disturb the peaceful climate of J&K.

Vicky also appealed Central Govt to take a strong action against terrorism and having a strike against Pakistan who always distribute our country.

Former YRS Presidents Surinder Singh Gilli and Rajan Singh also condemned that terrorism is a major drawback for J&K and its effects on major economy of J&K as this is tourism state. Chairman Raghuvir Singh and Founder member Rajinder Singh also said that the OGWs who are involved in such type of activities, administration took strictly action against them and having a legal action.

The Kashmiri Pandit Sabha (KPC) Jammu held a meeting of Executive Body to condole the demise of three of our bravehearts. The Sabha paid deep condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for peace to the departed soul of the martyred bravehearts.

The Sabha urged both the UT government and the GOI to avenge the killings and also continue with the strong measures taken against the terrorists and their sympathizers to establish lasting peace in the valley.

The Sabha also condoled the death of security forces in the Rajouri district where incidents of terrorism and violence have been taking place consistently.

Various Sikh Organizations J&K all members with one voice under the chairmanship of Mohinder Singh Chief Organizer Bhai Kanahiya Nishkam Sewa Society J&K and Ex-member DGPC Jammu, paid tributes to the martyrs in the meeting.

The participants said that we salute the great sacrifices of brave officers who laid their lives for the nation.

Ajatshatru Singh, a senior BJP leader and former minister expressed deep grief over the sacrifices made by three officers during the encounter in Kokernag area.

Ajatshatru conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the families of the brave martyrs. He assured them that the entire nation stands in solidarity with them during this difficult time.

"The sacrifices made by Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhonack, and Deputy Superintendent of Police

Humayun Bhat will forever be remembered. Their unwavering bravery and dedication to duty serve as a shining example to all. Their sacrifices will inspire generations to come and instill a sense of patriotism in our society," he said.

During this time of great sorrow, Ajatshatru Singh called upon the nation to unite and stand with the families of three brave-hearts.

On the call of the Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market Jammu Traders in large numbers took out Mashal Rally (candle march) from Federation office to Bikram Chowk



to pay tributes to the martyred officers. Traders while passing through main road ware house raised slogans against Pakistan and the anti-national forces who are behind this attack.

Deepak Gupta, President Traders Federation Ware House Nehru Market Jammu voiced searing concerns about Pakistan's direct complicity in providing sanctuary to terrorists through its sinister intelligence agency, ISI.

He emphasised that the recent attack was a blatant attempt to derail peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir.

Among those who were present in the Mashal Rally include Munish Mahajan, Sr. Vice President, Sham Lal Langer, General Secretary, Vishal Gupta, Secretary of the Federation.