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Health Dept conducts awareness, relief activities in flood-affected areas

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BHADERWAH: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh and under the guidance of Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Om Kumar, a Health Department team on Sunday visited the flood-affected areas in Block Bhaderwah. The purpose of the visit, conducted under the supervision of BMO Bhaderwah, Dr. Versha Sharma, was to sensitize the local population about water-borne diseases and preventive measures. During the visit, the health team also distributed ORS sachets among the locals and imparted health and hygiene education to raise



awareness about safe practices in the aftermath of floods. The Health Department reiterated its commitment to stand with the affected communities and assured that all necessary support and preventive measures will continue to be provided to safeguard public health.

Houses lost, hope restored: DC, SSP Doda visit cloudburst-hit lower Bheja Village

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BHADERWAH: In a bid to assess the devastation caused by the sudden cloudburst of August 26, Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Doda Sandeep Mehta on Saturday visited Lower Bheja village of Bhaderwah-where several families lost their homes and key infrastructure suffered massive damage.

The natural calamity triggered flash floods and landslides, washing away portions of internal roads, toppling houses, and snapping power supply. Swiftly responding, the district administration rushed relief teams with essential supplies and temporary shelter support.

ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar Bhutiyal, CO CRPF 33 Battalion Arun Kumar Singh, ASP Bhaderwah Vinod



DC Doda Harvinder Singh and SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta visiting Lower Bheja village of Bhaderwah-where several families lost their homes.

Sharma, Tehsildar Kamalpreet Singh, SDPO Shoket Ali, BDO Yasir Ahmed, Xen PWD, AEE R&B Mushtaq Ahmed, SHO Bhaderwah Suresh Gantam, SDAO Anir Rafiqi and other officers were also present. During their ground visit, DC

Singh and SSP Mehta interacted with the distressed residents and assured them that the administration stood firmly by their side.

"Immediate relief has been provided to the affected families. We are ensuring no one is

left without shelter or basic needs," said DC Doda Harvinder Singh, while directing departments to expedite debris clearance, road restoration, and power supply on priority.

SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta

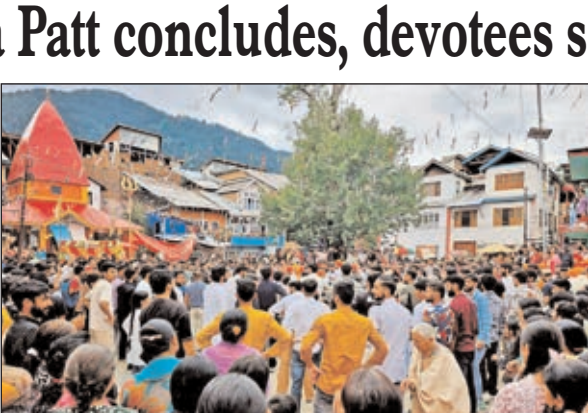
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KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma (JKAS), visited Margi village and other areas in Marwah and Warwan Sub-Division, which were severely affected by multiple cloudbursts on 26th August 2025.

The DC was accompanied by SSP Kishtwar, Sh. Naresh Singh (JKPS), SDM Marwah, Dr. Mohammad Ashraf, and other Senior Officers.

During the visit, the DC found that out of 224 houses, around 50 were fully damaged, 130-140 severely damaged, while the rest were partially affected. He directed the Revenue Department, SDRF, and other teams to clear debris around houses on priority.

The Agriculture and Horticulture Departments were asked to assess losses of crops and fruit trees so that compensation can be provided to farmers. The DC also reviewed the major cattle loss, as 45 animals were buried under debris. On his direc-



of locals and visitors from across Jammu and Kashmir: The mela, which commemorates the historic meeting between Emperor Akbar and Raja Nagpal of Bhaderwah in the 16th century, is celebrated annually from Nag Panchmi. It coincides with the conclusion of the Kailash Yatra and attracts people from all faiths, reflecting the region's strong tradition of communal harmony. Initiated over 600 years ago by Raja Nagpal, then ruler of the erstwhile principality of Bhaderkashi (now Bhaderwah), the Mela Patt has become a living symbol of the ancient Nag culture. Locals have long demanded that this

unique cultural event be accorded Heritage status and placed on the official tourism map.

Despite being centuries old, Nag culture is perhaps the only tradition of Jammu and Kashmir still practiced in its original form.

DC Doda Harvinder Singh described the mela as a "symbol of unwavering faith in Vasuki Nag Ji Maharaj," adding that in these testing times, devotees are seeking divine blessings to

avert future disasters. He also noted that the festival has become a major attraction for historians and cultural scholars. Meanwhile, Advocate Naresh Kumar Gupta, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, expressed gratitude to the JK Dharmarth Trust, local committees, administration, and police for their support.

He said, "This more than 600-year-old festival is celebrated peacefully without any untoward incident, which shows the communal harmony and respect for Raja Nagpal across all communities." Special prayers were also held for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the nation, seeking relief from recurring cloudbursts and floods.

President Sanatan Dharam Sabha Bhaderwah, Satish Kotwal, said:"People were wor-

ried after the cloudburst and flash floods here, but we have full faith in Lord Vasuki Nag, that's why no major loss occurred. Our faith on Vasuki Nag is so strong. Despite floods, cloudburst and torrential rains, this year we have seen even bigger participation. People came with prayers not only for themselves but also for the safety and prosperity of the entire region from ongoing inclement weather conditions and natural disasters."

The event was marked by traditional folk performances, with devotees dancing to the tunes of the DhiKKu, a centuries-old cultural dance form intrinsic to the festival.

Ensuring a smooth and incident-free celebration, SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta confirmed that foolproof security arrangements were put in place around the venue.

PM committed to building self-reliant and inclusive India: Nalwa

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SUCHETGARH: BJP J&K UT Minority Morcha President S. Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, along with MLA Suchetgarh Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat, state and district minority team members, participated in a programme organized at Arjun Singh Kotli, Suchetgarh Border, to listen to the 125th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat. The programme was organized under the leadership of Gurdeep Singh Raju. The gathering included several prominent leaders of the minority community, local residents, and party workers, reflecting active engagement and enthusiasm to hear the Prime Minister's address directly. Addressing the occasion, S. Ranjodh Singh Nalwa emphasized the importance of the programme in inspiring citizens to contribute to the nation's progress.

"Mann Ki Baat is a unique platform where the Prime Minister connects with every citizen, sharing ideas, initiatives, and motivating us to work for the development of the



country. As minority community leaders, we are committed to promoting his vision of a strong, self-reliant, and inclusive India," he said.

MLA Suchetgarh Prof. Gharu Ram Bhagat highlighted the Prime Minister's key message of self-reliance and local empowerment.

"PM Modi's call for 'Vocal for Local' and Atmanirbhar Bharat encourages every citizen to support local industries, products, and talent. The goal of a Developed India is achievable when every community, including minorities, contributes to national growth," he stated. During the broadcast, PM Modi reiterated that the nation must move forward on the path of Atmanirbhar Bharat, emphasizing the importance of promoting

domestic products, strengthening local industries, and working collectively for the holistic development of India.

He stressed that every citizen has a role to play in achieving the vision of a Developed India, urging active participation in initiatives that enhance economic growth, social harmony, and national unity.

The programme concluded with party leaders and participants reaffirming their commitment to the Prime Minister's vision and pledging to promote awareness of Mann Ki Baat messages in their respective communities.

Leaders also encouraged citizens to adopt Swadeshi practices, support local businesses, and work collectively toward a prosperous and self-reliant India.

Pawan Khajuria demands relief package for flood affected areas



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UDHAMPUR: Senior Political leader Pawan Khajuria has urged the government to announce an immediate and comprehensive relief package for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the Udhampur constituency, who have suffered massive losses due to recent flash floods.

Khajuria stated that over the past few days, flash floods have caused widespread destruction across various parts of the Union Territory, with Udhampur's rural panchayats bearing the brunt. Several houses, shops, and public properties have been damaged or completely washed away, leav-

ing many families homeless and struggling.

He acknowledged the administration's efforts to provide help with the limited resources currently available but emphasized that the aid is far from sufficient.

"Many people are still suffering. They need immediate financial assistance and rehabilitation. The government must step up and announce a substantial relief package," Khajuria said.

Highlighting the infrastructural damage, he pointed out that several key roads have also been washed away or severely damaged and require urgent repair to restore connectivity and ensure safe travel for

locals.

Today, in Panchayat Sateni, hundreds of residents gathered in protest, blocking the Dhar road to demand compensation for the losses they incurred. The protest caused traffic disruption until administrative officials rushed to the site and assured the people that necessary relief measures would be taken. Following this assurance, the road was cleared, and normalcy was restored.

Khajuria said the protest is a clear sign of the growing frustration and desperation among the affected communities. "The government must act now. This is an immediate requirement of the people, and their voices cannot be ignored," he asserted.

The panchayats in Udhampur East that have been severely affected include Thanna, Jagannoo, Sateni, Sounthan, Krowa, Bareerian, Battal, Ballian, Badali, Garnai, Malarah, Devibani, Thalora, Garh, Motu, Panjian, Bawe, Khoon, Sundala, Chadawa, Chani, Seen Brahmana, Majalta, Maand, among others.

DC Kishtwar visits cloudburst-affected areas of Marwah, Warwan, reviews damage & relief measures



DC Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma visited Margi village to inspect damage.

tions, tractors and labourers were immediately arranged on the spot, and work for proper disposal of carcasses was started to prevent the spread of infectious diseases in the entire village. Veterinary doctors also vaccinated and treated the surviving animals on the spot.

Since ration stocks up to

November were washed away, the DC directed the AD FCS&CA Kishtwar to immediately provide one month's ration to the affected families, which was provided on the spot.

Relief material from the Red Cross was also distributed among the people on the spot.

The DC directed the PHE

pare long-term protective measures.

He further informed that 6-7 places in Marwah and Warwan were hit by cloudbursts, which also damaged roads and bridges. On his directions, the PMGSY Department restored road and bridges connectivity at the affected places.

The DC and SSP Kishtwar also stayed overnight in Warwan and visited Nowapachi (Tehsil HQ Marwah) the next day. There, the DC held a public darbar, where locals raised issues related to health, education, irrigation, and other concerns.

The Deputy Commissioner assured the people that the district administration will continue all possible efforts to provide relief, rehabilitation, and safety measures to the affected families of Marwah and Warwan.

DC inspects protection works along Ravi River at Lakhanpur

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KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rajesh Sharma on Sunday visited the Ravi River bank at Lakhanpur to review the ongoing protection works that have commenced with the reeding of water levels.

The protection work have been undertaken to safeguard vital assets, including the District Development Council Chairman's office building and peripheral structures such as the Animal Husbandry Department Check Post, which were at risk due to recent high discharge levels from the Ranjit Sagar Dam.

During the visit, the DC, accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vishavjeet Singh, inspected the latest discharge status from the dam and reviewed precautionary measures to mitigate potential future risks.

The Deputy Commissioner



directed the executing agency to execute the restoration and protection works with utmost caution and efficiency, taking advantage of the improved weather conditions. He emphasized that all safety protocols must be adhered to while ensuring durable protection of the critical infrastructure along the river-

bank. He further instructed the concerned departments to remain vigilant and keep a close watch on discharge patterns from the dam to ensure timely action in case of any emergent situation.

Officials from Flood Control and other line departments were present during the inspection.

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JAMMU: SKUAST-Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ) felicitated Dr. N.P. Thakur, Professor-cum-Chief Scientist (Soils) & Head, Farming System Research Centre SKUAST-Jammu on his superannuation after rendering distinguished services of more than 25 years.

President Teaching Association Dr. Vikas Sharma, while listing Dr Thakur's achievements in the discipline of Soil and Farming Research System, wished him a healthy/prosperous post retired life.

He informed that Dr N.P. Thakur proved himself, a very enthusiastic administrator during his tenure as Head, FSR.



President SKUAST-TAJ Dr. Vikas Sharma and other office bearers felicitating Dr. N.P. Thakur on his superannuation on Sunday.

The office bearers of teaching association- Dr Vivak Arya- General Secretary TAJ, Dr. Rajeev Bharat-Treasurer while appreciating Dr. Thakur's contributions

in research and extension selflessly wished him a very healthy post-retired life.

Dr. A. P Singh, Head Division of Agronomy, Dr. Meenakshi Gupta, Dr. A. K.

Gupta, Dr. Vijay Khajuria, Dr. Purshotam Sharma, Dr. Ashay Deep and Sr. Happy Singh, President, Labour Union were also present on the occasion.

Guru Ka Langar starts for flood affected

SAMBA: In view of the hardships caused by recent heavy rains, landslides, and road blockages, working committee of Sadguru Kabir Bhawan, Chak Aytara, Bishnah launched a humanitarian initiative to support the affected. Many villages in the Tawi Island (Mandal Phallain) Block and adjoining areas are badly hit, while hundreds of trucks remain stranded along the NIHW, leaving drivers and conductors without basic food.

The Working Committee of the Bhawan has taken the responsibility to serve Guru Ka Langar to the needy. Besides the working committee also visited Village Phinder where many houses were damaged due to rains. The Chairman of Shiromani Sant Kabir Bhawan committed financial assistance for an amount of Rs 20,000/- to the poor family for their damaged house.

He also appealed the RDD for providing grants under the Housing Schemes to the deserving cases.