Dr. Tahir urges ED to expand searches in J&K over gold smuggling network

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Reacting Enforcement Directorate's (ED) recent searches in the National Capital Region (NCR) and Ladakh in connection with a major gold smuggling racket, J&K BJP spokesperson Dr. Tahir Chowdhary welcomed the probe and urged the agency to intensify its investigation in Jammu and Kashmir as

Dr. Chowdhary praised the ED's action in uncovering a sophisticated smuggling network that allegedly brought over 1,000 kg of foreign-origin gold worth Rs 800 crore into the country through the India-China border, with transactions carried out via cryptocurrency channels.

He noted that such cross-border



criminal activities threaten national security and economic stability. In a statement, Dr. Chowdhary

GGM Science College celebrates World

Literacy Day with panel discussion

GGM Science College faculty and students during a programme.

under the patronage of

Romesh Kumar Gupta, who,

while addressing the gather-

ing, emphasized the value of

intellectual dialogues in an

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rather than replacing it, Dr.

Gupta remarked. He fur-

ther highlighted that litera-

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tion, and innovate responsi-

The event was organized

under the guidance of Dr.

Jatinder Kour (Convener),

Dr. Yasmeen Mughal (Co-

Convener), and Dr. Shalini

Sharma (Convener, Aatam

Nirbhar Bharat). Members

urged the central agencies to extend their search operations to Jammu and Kashmir, highlighting the region's proximity to sensitive border areas and its vulnerability to similar smuggling operations.

He also recommended that the investigation cover regional political outfits to ensure that no local networks are aiding or facilitating such illegal operations.

"Gold smuggling is not only an economic crime but a matter of national security. We fully support the ED's probe and urge it to expand its searches in Jammu and Kashmir, especially focusing on potential local networks and political elements that may be exploited by transnational criminal groups," Dr. Chowdhary said.

He further asserted that the BJP

or anti-national activity and would extend its cooperation to ensure that the entire chain behind such smuggling operations is disman-

The ED's ongoing investigation into the racket, which allegedly involved Chinese nationals, Tibetans, and local facilitators, has already led to detentions under the COFEPOSA Act and seizures of gold worth hundreds of crores.

Dr. Chowdhary's call for a deeper probe underscores the BJP's commitment to safeguarding the region against external threats and criminal exploitation.

Investigations into the matter are still underway, with authorities working to trace the full extent of

JCDA organises seminar on GST 2.0



JCDA members felicitating CCI Jammu President Arun Gupta

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu Computer Dealer Association (JCDA), representing the IT fraternity of the Jammu region, organized a seminar on "Latest GST Changes with Special Reference to IT Trade" at the Chamber House on Wednesday. The event began with the formal felicita-

tion of the newly elected Jammu Chamber Commerce and Industries (CCI) team, led by President Arun Gupta, by JCDA office bearers. The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from IT dealers across

In his address, Arun Gupta shared his insights on the

revised GST framework, expressing optimism that the new tax rates would boost market activity and benefit the common man. He encouraged the association to continue organizing such informative sessions for the betterment of the trade community in Jammu.

The seminar featured expert resentations by Rohit Choudhary from Tally and Naveen Gupta from Busy Accounting Software. They explained the upcoming GST 2.0 changes, set to be implemented from 23rd September 2025. Both experts responded to individual queries and provided practical advice tailored

Sandeep Malhotra President of JCDA, assured full support to members and thanked the CCI team for their cooperation in hosting the seminar. He emphasized the need for collective growth and knowledge-sharing within the IT sector.

Parthasarthi General Secretary of JCDA, who delivered the vote of thanks. He assured continued collaboration with CCI in

DHSJ reviews implementation of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan in Jammu Region

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A meeting on Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was convened on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar.

The meeting was attended by State Tuberculosis Officer (STO) Jammu Dr. Jyoti Jolly; Programme Manager NTEP Dr. Jitender Mehta; Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) and District Tuberculosis Officers (DTOs) of Jammu Division.

While addressing the participants, the Director Health laid special emphasis on coordination between CMO Offices and DTO office on daily basis to facilitate quality sample collection

ular and timely updating of data on the Nikshay portal with uploading of all previous offline data: immediate initiation of treatment for all diagnosed patients; enhancement of presumptive testing

to ensure achievement of the assigned targets and timely disbursal ASHA Incentives.

The meeting concluded with directions to all concerned officers to ensure strict compliance with the discussed points for effective implementation of the pro-

to the IT trade.

The program was ably conducted by Dr. Gopal

from periphery to the NAAT facilities (DMC). He further stressed on reg-

District Pencak Silat Championship concludes **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SUNDERBANI: District Pencak Silat Championship 2025 concluded at Radha Krishan Mandir Hall, Sunderbani, Rajouri after two days of intense and spirited competition held on 8th and 9th September. The championship witnessed the participation of around 175 students from various schools and clubs across the district.

The event featured multiple categories, highlighting the discipline, skill, and dedication of young martial arts athletes.



Participating players posing for a photograph with officials

Daljeet Singh Parihar, Tehsildar of Sunderbani, graced the occasion as $_{
m Guest},$ while Joginder Paul Gupta, Social Activist and District

President of the Pencak

Silat Association Rajouri,

11:15 at New Delhi

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06:55 at New Delhi

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was the Guest of Honour. Both dignitaries motivated the participants with their encouraging words.

Universal Sports Club Sunderbani emerged as the overall champions of the event, while Kalidhar

Memorial Army School Sunderbani secured the runner-up position. The championship praised for its smooth organization and the high level of sportsmanship displayed.

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Sadhotra voices concern over soil sinking in Kheri, seeks relocation of families from vulnerable houses

The program was held ments human creativity of the Literary Club and human imagination.

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JAMMU: The Literary

Club of GGM Science

College, in collaboration

Bharat, celebrated World

Literacy Day with a dynam-

ic panel discussion on the

thought-provoking theme

Human Creativity. The

event took place in the col-

lege Conference Hall, draw-

ing enthusiastic participation from faculty and stu-

Replacing

Conference National Additional General Secretary and former Minister, Ajay Sadhotra, today conducted an extensive visit to the rain and flood-affected areas of Jammu North Assembly Constituency, with a particular focus on the KHERI area, which is witnessing soil sinking, cracks in houses, land and continuous erosion posing a grave threat to life and prop-

During his visit, Sadhotra interacted with the affected families took stock of the situation and heard to their first hand experiences. He expressed serious concern over the alarming situation, saving that many houses are developing dangerous cracks while some structures are on the verge of

The locals apprised him of their constant fear due to the unstable soil conditions aggravated by the recent spell of heavy rains and floods

Sadhotra said that the unfolding situation in Kheri is a stark reminder that floods and rains are no longer routine seasonal phenomena but are manifesting in unexpected forms, leading to soil sinking, sudden landslides. and unusual erosion patterns in areas

not earlier known to be vulnerable. He said that this new challenge requires the government to go beyond traditional methods of relief and rehabilitation.

Calling for an exhaustive scientific and technical survey, Sadhotra hoped that authorities will deploy expert teams to assess the depth of damage and risk in the affected localities. "There is a need for a holistic strategy that combines immediate relief, longterm rehabilitation and scientific interventions to prevent further disasters." he added.

The National Conference Additional General Secretary stressed that relocation of families living in endangered areas to safer locations should be prioritized. He called for devising an "outof-box solution" that takes into account the unpredictability of such natural calamities in newer geogra-

Sadhotra reiterated that the Omar Abdullah-led National Conference government has always been serious about addressing challenges of natural calamities and remains deeply committed to mitigating the sufferings of the people. He said the party has a proven track record of standing by the people during testing times and will continue to play its role with sincerity, responsibility, and dedication.

Aatam Nirbhar Bharat

committee, along with stu-

Kumar, Ujjwal Thakur,

Vushesh, and Bhumika,

coordinated the program

The session, anchored by

Hanshika Sharma, conclud-

ed with inspiring closing

remarks from Manmeet

Kour, urging students to

embrace technology as an

enabler while safeguarding

the irreplaceable spark of

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efficiently.

He said that natural calamities should not be seen merely as isolated incidents but as part of a larger climate and environmental challenge, which requires a comprehensive response from all stakeholders-government agencies, civil society, and local people.

Reassuring the people of the party's steadfastness, Sadhotra said National Conference will extend every possible support to the affected families. In difficult situations, the party has always stood shoulder to shoulder with the people, and will continue to do so with greater vigor, he added.

Sadhotra appealed to the administration to take urgent preventive measures, set up dedicated monitoring cells and create a mechanism for timely alerts and early evacuation in vulnerable zones to avoid loss of lives and property in the future.

Those accompanying Sadhotra during his visit to the area included Raghubir Singh Manhas District President, Ch Bagh Ali Zonal Vice President, Randhir Singh District Secretary, Rakesh Sharma YNC District President, Ch Mohd Razak, Ch Abdul Gani

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Ajatshatru, Ranvijay inspect damages at Sui Simbli Temple due to recent flash floods

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Ajatshatru Singh, Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, along with Trustee R.K. Ranvijay Singh, on Wednesday visited the historic Sui Simbli Temple at Akhnoor to assess the damages caused by the recent incessant rains.

During the visit, the Trust's Secretary, Ashok Sharma (IPS Retd.), briefed the Trustees about the extent of destruction to the surrounding infrastructure of the temple premises. He apprised them of the urgent restoration requirements and the measures being taken to safeguard the temple

Ajatshatru underlined the importance of protecting the rich heritage associated with the temple and stressed that timely restoration is essential for the convenience of devotees and for future generations.

He particularly emphasized the need to preserve the heritage art on the temple walls, describing it as a priceless

treasure that reflects the cultural and spiritual legacy of the region. He directed the officials concerned to prepare a detailed report on conservation measures and to ensure that traditional craftsmanship is engaged in the restoration process. On the occasion, Ranvijay Singh assured that the restoration work would begin at the earliest under the supervision of the Dharmarth Trust and would be completed in a time-bound manner, keeping in view the sentiments of

devotees. He reaffirmed the J&Kcommitment ofDharmarth Trust to safeguard the rich spiritual and cultural

heritage, assuring devotees that every effort will be made to complete the restoration at

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