# LoP Sunil Sharma visits cloudburst-hit Rajgarh, announces Rs 10 lakh relief under CDF

RAMBAN: Leader of Opposition in Jammu and Kashmir, Sunil Sharma, accompanied by BJP District President and former MLA Neelam Langeh and BJP team, visited Tehsil Rajgarh in Ramban to meet the families affected by the recent devastating cloud-

The leaders expressed solidarity with the victims and assured them that all possible assistance would be extended at both the immediate and long-term levels.

During the visit, Sharma announced an initial relief of Rs 10 lakh under CDF for the affected families. He said that the Central Government



LoO Sunil Sharma, accompanied by BJP District President Neelam Langeh interacting with locals at Tehsil Rajgarh.

has already deputed interministerial teams to assess the damages caused by cloudbursts and flash floods in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We stand shoulder to shoulder with the people in this hour of grief. The Prime

Minister and Union Home Minister are closely monitoring the situation. Inter-ministerial teams are already working in the affected areas to assess the loss and ensure quick rehabilitation. Our priority is to provide immediate ensuring permanent measures are taken to prevent such tragedies in future," said Sharma. He further assured that no family will be left unattended and that compensation will reach

every deserving household. BJP District President and former MLA Neelam Langeh also addressed the gathering and emphasized the party's commitment to public wel-

"The cloudburst has caused immense damage to lives and property in Rajgarh. The BJP will make sure that adequate relief and rehabilitation measures are implemented without delay. We appeal to the administration basic facilities like roads, electricity, and drinking water so that normalcy returns at the earliest,

He added that the district unit of the BJP will continue to remain in close touch with the victims and ensure their concerns are promptly conveved to higher authorities.

Local residents expressed

### DC Doda reviews essential services road connectivity in Doda-Thathri

DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda. Harvinder Singh today conducted a visit to Doda market to take stock of availability of essential supplies after giving relaxation of 2 hours for people to come out and get their supplies, etc. He interacted with Market Association and general public and assured them that all their issues and requirements shall addressed on priority.

He also visited Kandhote in Thathri Subdivision to take stock of damages caused to NH-244 and power infrastructure due to massive landslides

Col (Retd) Ajay Thakur, GM NHIDCL briefed him about the ongoing restoration works and assured that the stretch



DC Doda, Harvinder Singh taking stock of road restoration work.

shall be made roadworthy for ensuring that essential supplies be allowed.

The Deputy Commissioner further reviewed the supply chain mechanism and uninterrupted transit of essential commodities and supplies to the Kishtwar District and subdivisions of Thathri and Gandoh. The visit was aimed at restoring connectivity and power and maintaining uninterrupted supply of daily necessities and ensuring the smooth movement of people during the prevailing situation. The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda, Anil Thakur and Sub-Divisional Magistrate Thathri, Sheetal

# Senior Citizen's Club Ramnagar provides financial aid for flood victims



Club members presenting handing over cheque to SDM Ramnagar Swati.

**STATE TIMES NEWS** RAMNAGAR: A delegating of Senior Citizen's Club Ramnagar presented a relief cheque amounting to RS 51000 (Fifty one Thousand) to SDM Ramnagar Swati, for relief and rehabilitation of victims effected with recent devastation.

While speaking, Shiv Dev Singh President of the club appreciated the efforts of tehsil administration who are included among, Thakur Kulwant Singh, and Others.

reaching out at every nook and corner for distribution of Ration, Tarpal and other relief material along with club members. In this time of crises, he appealed all the people, whose houses have collapsed and have lost everything to help and support them voluntarily, because serving suffering humanity is

Other Dedicated team

Dass Simithial (Retd ZEO ) Som Raj Laira (Retd H.M.) Dr . Zakir Hussian ( Retd BMO) Koushal Kr (Retd Captain ) Shiv Ram Sharma Retd Subedar) Vagish Shastri (Retd H.M.) Narian Dim ( Retd Lect) Milap Chand (Retd H.M.) Jiwan Kr (Retd ZED ) Harnam Singh , Vishwa Nath, Babu Ram , Karan Singh (Ex Serviceman ) Keerat Singh,

Langeh said.

gratitude for the visit, stating that the presence of senior leaders gave them hope in a time of despair. The leaders also assured that a long-term rehabilitation package will be pursued with the central government to rebuild infrastructure and restore livelihoods in Rajgarh.

# DC Ramban reviews preparations for Seva Parv, Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar & Poshan Maah campaign

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Ramban Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan today chaired a meeting of District Officers to finalize arrangements for Seva Swasth Nari Parv, Sashakt Parivar and Poshan Maah 2025 celebrations in the district.

Seva Parv, a nationwide citizen-centric initiative, will be observed from 17 September to 2 October, Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar will run concurrently, and Poshan Maah will be celebrated from 17 September to 16 October 2025 as a Jan Andolan to mobilize communities for improved health and nutrition.

The meeting was attended by ACR Shokat Hayat Mattoo, Chief Planning Officer Dr. Shakeeb Ahmed Rather, CMO, DYSSO, AD FCS&CA,



Handicrafts Handloom, SDMs, DFOs, BDOs (virtually) and other senior officers. It focused on integrated planning for health, nutrition, sanitation, service delivery and financial inclusion across all blocks and panchayats.

Deputy The Commissioner directed all departments to work in close coordination for the successful conduct of these programmes, which aim to bring governance closer to the people, ensure inclusive development and promote culturally rooted nutrition practices in Ramban district.

While reviewing arrangements for Seva

Parv, the DC instructed BDOs and the CEO Municipality to launch Swachhata drives in all panchayats and urban wards, and to simultaneously conduct community plantation drives and awareness campaigns on citizen services. He also asked DFOs to start community tree plantation drives under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, Ek Ped Shaheed Ke Naam" to honour the Degree Colleges and Higher Secondary Schools, and other educational institutions were directed to actively participate by organizing donation drives for books and

stationery, undertaking

school and campus beautification and arranging voluntary extra classes for students.

The DC said Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar will promote women's health and well-being through outreach programmes, health check-ups, nutrition counselling and awareness on anaemia prevention, maternal health, menstrual hygiene and the active participation of self-help groups.

Poshan Maah 2025, themed "Suposhit Bharat," will focus on addressing obesity, Early Childhood CareEducation, Infant Young Child Feeding and men-streaming with activities such as BMI screenings, IYCF counselling, complementary feeding demonstrations, Poshan Chaupals and fitness challenges. Emphasizing social outreach, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Social Welfare Department to engage with vulnerable sections by visiting oldage homes and orphanages, interacting with eldassistive devices such as wheelchairs and hearing aids and organizing community meals for the needy. To strengthen health

services, the Health Department was asked to organize health check-up camps, blood donation drives, and nutrition and awareness sessions under the Poshan Abhivan across all blocks. Other departments were also directed to hold awareness and financial literacy flagship camps on schemes like PM-Kisan, Ayushman Bharat -PMJAY, PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), PM Atal Pension Yojana (PMAPY), PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and other financial inclusion initiatives to empower citizens.

It was informed that a district-level programme will be held at the Conference Hall, District Administrative Complex Ramban, in sync with the launch of the national programme by Hon'ble Prime Minister on September 17, 2025, ensuring maximum erly persons, donating community participation.

Dedicated help desks and

liaison teams are actively

working to simplify the

process of accessing pen-

sions, ECHS healthcare

and financial support

ensuring that the needs of

veterans and their families

are met with efficiency

## All major roads & essential services restored in Ramnagar Constituency: MLA

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMNAGAR: Under the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the guidance of MoS PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh and the tireless efforts of Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, MLA Ramnagar-supported by the District Administration and field teams-major roads and essential services including electricity, internet, and water have been successfully restored in Ramnagar town and the majority of villages

The recent spell of incessant rains had triggered landslides, land sinking, and rosion damaging thousands of houses roads, electricity lines, water pipelines, internet connectivity, crops, and fields across the constituency. From the very first day, Dr. Bhardwaj, along with BJP teams of Ramnagar and Basantgarh, personally led rescue, relief, and restoration operations with the active support of district, sub-division, and tehsil administration.

Within just 15 days, strenuous efforts resulted in the restoration of connectivity and essential services, bringing



much-needed relief to the public. Dr. Bhardwaj personally inspected damaged houses and critical sites across Ramnagar and continues to hold regular review meetings with SDMs, Tehsildars, police, and district officials, while remaining in constant touch with UT authorities for continued support.

He expressed gratitude to the Indian Army and Indian Air Force for their vital role, including food supply sorties to Basantgarh and Dudu and the evacuation of critically ill patients to GMC Udhampur, GMC Jammu, and SMGS Hospital Jammu. Meanwhile, district and tehsil teams are conducting doorto-door surveys, distributing tents and tarpaulins, and assessing damages for financial relief.

Dr. Bhardwaj assured that no household will be left behind. Every affected family will receive government aid and ompensation to rebuild homes and livelihoods. Damaged government buildings, schools, bridges, and retaining structures are also being surveyed for early reconstruction.

Appealing to the public, business community, NGOs, and government agencies for collective support, Dr. Bhardwaj reaffirmed his 24×7 availability and directed departments to ensure uninterrupted services, minimize hardships, and expedite financial

# Army organises ex-servicemen meet at Chhatral

#### **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: Indian Army organized a dedicated Ex-Servicemen (ESM) interaction at Chhatral. The event was attended by 26 ESMs, reinforcing the enduring bond between the serving troops and their retired comrades The initiative was taken in an attempt to listen to the Grievances of the veterans and address them. The program also aimed at enhancing the welfare and

integration with ESMs. By focusing on carrier opportunities, welfare schemes and community engagement, the Army



ans continue to receive help and support they have earned. Employment and resettlement support remain a cornerstone of the initiative.

Veterans were guided on

avenues to utilize their vast experience and skills in various sectors, helping them secure meaningful post-retirement Equally emphasized was the facilitation of pension and welfare benefits.

and care. In addition to these services, the meet also served as a community-building platform.

Through informal discussions, welfare updates and feedback sessions, the event fostered a sense of camaraderie and reaffirmed the commitment to stand beside its veterans.

# Army, NCCHWO provide healing touch to victims of floods

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: The recent rains caused unprecedented floods in J&K and many states of India, leading to great loss to life and property. In the past also, NCCH-WO Members have been helping fellow countrymen in distress like COVID

Accordingly, a liaison was carried with the Crossed Sword Division, to ascertain the worst flood affected population adjoining River Chenab, so that the needy could be extended help and efforts of the Government could be supplemented.

On the request of Brig Harcharan Singh (Retired), the Indian Army identified

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Bedding etc. A simple gathering was organized by the army at Akhnoor, where the neces-

handed over to the Victims of flood, in the presence of senior Army officials. It was assured by the Army that all the donated

sary items of daily use were

items would be delivered to Villagers at their doorstep. In addition to providing material help to affected families, occasion was also used to interact and provide healing touch to those, who faced the fury of Mother Nature, unleashed during recent floods. The affected villagers require both material help and psychological support of the society, during this difficult phase.

Brig Harcharan Singh mentioned about the support given by the Army in the whole of J&K and other places affected by natural calamities. With their timely humanitarian aid and dedicated efforts, the Army has won the appreciation of peo-

He also appreciated the role of other NGOs, eg, Rotary Club Jammu Elite, Kyari Sainik Colony, Team

Mela, Urban Aggarwal Sabha Jammu, Jainco Automobile, Dentist Association, IWC Jammu Tawi, who came forward to supplement the efforts of NCCHWO, by mobilizing funds and providing material help. Citizens of Jammu are always there to supplement relief efforts run by Govt and the Army.

As it happened to be the auspicious Day when NCCHWO was raised, the members of NCCHWO renewed their resolve to continue efforts to support

the needy. GOC $\operatorname{Cross}$ Division appreciated the efforts of citizens of Jammu, who always volunteer to help those who are in urgent need of rehabilita-

He said, that in border area, anyone requiring help can contact any Army unit in vicinity, even on telephone. The citizens/ NGOs who took initiative to help the needy family were felicitated by the GOC, followed by appreciation to Paramjit Kaur, National President of Women Cell, NCCHWO.

The rock solid support of the Army/ NGOs for the citizens in distress has proven that family is not about blood, it is who is willing to hold your hand when you need it the most

### Chairperson DDC Ramban visits Mahakund, assesses damages due to heavy rainfall

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Ramban Dr. Shamshad Shan today conducted an extensive visit of Mahakund area of Sub-Division Gool to take firsthand stock of the damages caused by the recent spell of heavy rainfall.

Dr. Shan was accompanied by prominent civil society members. A large number of residents apprised her of the hardships faced by the community in the aftermath of the rainfall.

Dr. Shan inspected the extent of damage to private and public infrastructure including link roads, residential houses, agricultural fields, and other utilities. She expressed concern over the loss suffered by the people and emphasized the need for immediate relief and rehabilitation measures to mitigate their difficulties.

Interacting with the locals, the Chairperson patiently listened to their grievances who demanded restoration of rain hit link roads, compensation for damage of crops and restoration of



assured them that every possible support would be extended by the government to ensure that affected families receive timely relief and necessary assistance.

She further directed the concerned departments. especially the Public Works Department and Rural Development Department to speed up the restoration of road connectivity so that people are not forced to face isolation in the coming days. She also asked officials to prepare detailed assessment reports of the damages to facilitate adequate compensation and relief.

Highlighting the government's commitment to public welfare, Dr. Shan said that all line departments have been put on alert to tion and to work in close coordination Panchayati Raj Institutions for ensuring smooth delivery

of services at the grassroots

She also appreciated the resilience and cooperation of the local community in facing such natural adversities, while reiterating her commitment to continue regular field visits to monitor the pace of restoration works

and ensure that relief reach-

es every affected household. The visit of the DDC Chairperson was widely wel-

comed by the people of Mahakund who expressed gratitude for her timely intervention and personal concern for the issues faced by the rural population in difficult times.