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(FCI) should arrange for additional rations, and a decision on offline ration delivery could be made after assessing connectivity in 10 days.

Amit Shah said that, advanced survey teams from the Ministry of Home Affairs would assess the damage, and further assistance would be provided.

He announced that a meeting of relevant departments from the Central Government and the Union Territory administration, along with the Union Home Secretary, would be held within 1-2 days.

The Union Home Minister directed that teams from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Union Territory government should prioritize damage assessment. He emphasized that the Health and Water Departments must proactively focus on water supply and health services. He stressed that medical units from the Army, Central Armed Police Forces, and Air Force should also provide support.

Amit Shah said that since Jammu & Kashmir is prone to natural calamities, therefore, an amount of Rs. 209 crores for State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) are allocated to the UT as Centre share, due to which relief work has started.

He said that timely warnings by the Central Government and Union Territory Disaster Management Authority (UTDMA) helped in minimizing the loss of lives. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Army, Union Territory Disaster Response Force (UTDRF), Other Response Teams, all were on alert and helicopters were also standby. He said that we had also informed everyone about the mobilization of the Army and the NDRF.

Amit Shah said that private property of people has been damaged and assistance under SDRF for damaged houses is being assessed and will be disbursed in shortest possible time. He added that multiple roads have been damaged and repair and restoration work has started. Traffic movement has started on most of the roads and relief has also started arriving, wherever needed. More than 80 percent electricity supply has been restored in affected areas, people have started receiving pure drinking water and health facilities are running smoothly. Infrastructure of critical sectors has been affected and its temporary restoration is underway at war footing. The damages are being assessed by the UT government and all possible assistance will be provided.

The Union Home Minister appreciated the efforts of all the agencies and said that the UT Government carried out the successful rescue operation very quickly and efficiently.

More than 5000 people have been evacuated to safer places as a precaution. 17 teams of the NDRF and 23 Army columns, helicopters from Indian Air Force, UTDRF, J&K Police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel are still engaged in the entire operation and helping people. Health facilities and food arrangements have been made in relief camps by the UT government and the situation will return to normal very soon.

Then Union Home Minister assured the people of Jammu and Kashmir that in this hour of crisis, the Government of India is standing by their side.

He reiterated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government stands firmly with the people of Jammu & Kashmir, providing prompt relief, financial assistance, and technical support to facilitate recovery and reconstruction, while ensuring the safety and well-being of affected communities.

## J&K BJP announces...

District Kathua. Rekha Mahajan has been nominated as Prabhari and Mannohan Singh as Seh-Prabhari for District Samba. Rajinder Chib has been nominated as Prabhari and Arti Jasrotia as Seh-Prabhari for District Jammu Border. Praduman Singh has been nominated as Prabhari and Reema Padha as Seh-Prabhari for District Jammu South. Brijeshwar Singh Rana has been nominated as Prabhari and Arun Sharma as Seh-Prabhari for District Jammu. Ayodhya Gupta has been nominated as Prabhari and Sunil Shastri as Seh-Prabhari for District Jammu North. Vinay Gupta has been nominated as Prabhari and Vaishno Devi as Seh-Prabhari for District Akhnoor. Daljeet Singh Chib has been nominated as Prabhari and Oni Khajuria as Seh-Prabhari for District Nowshera. Munish Sharma has been nominated as Prabhari and Suraj Singh as Seh-Prabhari for District Rajouri. Dinesh Sharma has been nominated as Prabhari and Rajesh Raina as Seh-Prabhari for District Poonch. Narayan Singh has been nominated as Prabhari and Puran Chand as Seh-Prabhari for District Reasi. Parmodh Kapali has been nominated as Prabhari and Narayan Dutt Tripathi as Seh-Prabhari for District Udhampur. Rajeev Charak has been nominated as Prabhari and Bipna Manhas as Seh-Prabhari for District Ramban. Pawan Sharma has been nominated as Prabhari and Pardeep Singh as Seh-Prabhari for District Doda. Gajay Singh has been nominated as Prabhari and Manjeet Razdan as Seh-Prabhari for District Kishtwar. Chand Ji Bhat has been nominated as Prabhari and Hira Lal Bhat as Seh-Prabhari for District KDD. In Kashmir Division, Rafiq Wani has been nominated as Prabhari for District Bandipora. Muddasir Wani has been nominated as Prabhari for District Kupwara. Bilal Parray has been nominated as Prabhari for District Baramulla. Dr Shehnaz Ganai has been nominated as Prabhari for District Srinagar. Sheikh Bashir has been nominated as Prabhari for District Budgam. Arif Raja has been nominated as Prabhari for District Ganderbal. Ashok Bhat has been nominated as Prabhari for District Anantnag. Adv. Wajahat Hussian has been nominated as Prabhari for District Kulgam. Javeed Quadri has been nominated as Prabhari for District Pulwama. Sofi Yousuf has been nominated as Prabhari for District Shopian.

Rakesh Mahajan has been nominated as Prabhari and Aseem Gupta as Seh-Prabhari of Yuva Morecha. Veenu Khanna has been nominated as Prabhari and Shailja Gupta as Seh-Prabhari of Mahila Morecha. Bharat Bhushan has been nominated as Prabhari and Jagdish Bhagat as Seh-Prabhari of SC Morecha. Rashpal Verma has been nominated as Prabhari and Sunil Prajapati as Seh-Prabhari of OBC Morecha. Ch. Zulfikar Ali has been nominated as Prabhari and Rajinder Gupta as Seh-Prabhari of ST Morecha. Karan Singh has been nominated as Prabhari and Romi Khajuria as Seh-Prabhari of Kissan Morecha. H.S. Pummy has been nominated as Prabhari and Er. Aziz Ahmed Balhani as Seh-Prabhari of Minority Morecha.

Akash Chopra has been nominated as Convenor, and Rafiq Mangryal, Sushpaul Singh, and Ram Saroop as Co-convenors of Border Cell. Ankush Mahajan has been nominated as Convenor, and Nisar Ahmed Bhat, Ashok Singh Sambyal, and Karunesh Gupta as Co-convenors of Co-operative Cell. P.C. Sharma (Basholi) has been nominated as Convenor, and Malik Majeed, Abhey Kumar Mahajan, and Pooja Malhotra as Co-convenors of Employees Cell. Kasturi Lal Sharma has been nominated as Convenor, and Nazir Ahmed Mir, Asif Hussain (Rajouri), and Chhattar Singh as Co-convenors of Ex-Serviceman Cell. Puneet Mahajan has been nominated as Convenor, and Khurshed Naquadi, Dr. Varinder Sharma, Pooja Grover, and Mohd. Javeed (Surankot) as Co-convenors of Health Cell. Adv. Rajesh Thapa has been nominated as Convenor, and Mir Bsharat, Adv. Arvind Khajuria, Adv. Sarfraz Hamid Rather (Rajouri), and Adv. Shashi Pal Vaid as Co-convenors of Human Rights Cell. Adv. Deepak Gupta has been nominated as Convenor, and Tahir Maqsood Wani, Rachit Khosla, and Kulwant Singh Bhati as Co-convenors of Industries Cell. Sham Lal Langer has been nominated as Convenor, and Fayaz Bhat, Raju Sharma, Parshotam Sharma, and Kuldeep Abrol as Co-convenors of Trade Cell. Adv. Amit Manhas has been nominated as Convenor, and Adv. Karan Sharma, Adv. Noman, Adv. Vikas Pankaj Sharma, and Adv. Dewakar Sharma as Co-convenors of Legal Cell. Deepak Kapali has been nominated as Convenor, and Javeed Kakroo, Amit Gupta, Dr. Varinder Singh Sambyal, and Adv. Kuldeep Singh as Co-convenors of Professional Cell. Jatinder Sharma has been nominated as Convenor, and Farooq Ganderbali and Gurdeep Singh as Co-convenors of Panchayat Raj Cell. Balvinder Singh has been nominated as Convenor, and Subash Sharma, Inderjeet Sharma, and Pramodh Singh Chib as Co-convenors of Refugee Cell. Narinder Singh has been nominated as Convenor, and Farooq Ahmed Reshi, Ajeet Yogi, and Vijay Palahwan as Co-convenors of Art & Culture Cell. J.D. Singh has been nominated as Convenor, and Mushtaq Ahmed Jaan, Dinesh Kumar Maini, and Jagdish Sharma as Co-convenors of Senior Citizen Cell. Kuldeep Gupta has been nominated as Convenor, and Rajinder Koul, Amir Ramzan Sofi, Vikas Jandyal, and Ranjeet Singh as Co-convenors of Sports Cell. Bharat Bhushan has been nominated as Convenor, and Asif Khan, Parvesh Bali, and Sanjeev Gupta as Co-convenors of Tourism Cell. Ashu Mahajan has been nominated as Convenor, and Mohd. Shafi, Roshan Sharma, and Kamal Preet Singh as Co-convenors of Transport Cell. Pawan Singh has been nominated as Convenor, and Zahid Jaan, Dinesh Gupta, and Ajay Gupta as Co-convenors of Urban Local Bodies Cell. Basant Raj has been nominated as Convenor, and Ramesh Katoch and Harinder Singh as Co-convenors of VDG Cell. Syed Muzafar Safvi has been nominated as Convenor, and Veena Bakshi as Co-convenor of Weaver Cell.

## Mata Vaishnodevi Yatra...

cancellation requests with details to refund@maavaishnodevi.net .

"Earlier self-cancellations will receive pending refunds within 15 days," the Board announced on X.

Reasi district is one of the worst-hit areas in the Union Territory due to the current spell of heavy rains. A landslide triggered by a cloudburst struck the route to the shrine at Adhkuwari in the Trikuta hills of the Katra belt last Tuesday, killing 34 pilgrims and injuring 20 others.

## Chugh slams Rahul...

Pakistan and Bangladesh much against the national interests, which has simply exposed the anti-national credentials of the Congress, but to promote a pro-Bangladesh narrative in Bihar and Bengal.

## Schools in Jammu...

and moderate to heavy rainfall over Doda, Samba, Rajouri, Poonch, Ramban, and Kishtwar in Jammu region and Anantnag and Kulgam in south Kashmir mainly towards late night of September 2 or early morning of September 3 till late afternoon," a spokesperson of the Met office said.

## HM reiterates Govt's...

Manoj Sinha, Union Home Secretary, Director IB, Chief Secretary and DGP of Jammu and Kashmir, heads of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and other senior officers, an official spokesman said.

While taking stock of the security situation, Shah appreciated the efforts of the UT administration and security agencies for the smooth conduct of the annual Shri Amarnath Yatra. More than 4,00,000 pilgrims offered prayers at the shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas this year.

Shah also appreciated the role played by the security forces in relief and rescue work following the recent flash floods in the UT and assured full support of the CAPFs in managing natural calamities, the spokesman said.

## CICE Jammu files...

Conspiracy). The investigation was carried out thoroughly, covering all legal aspects, and based on the evidence and statements collected during the course of the investigation, the offences under the aforementioned sections were fully established against the accused individuals.

The investigation has been concluded by Inspector Jaleel kitchloo under the supervision of SHO CICE Sachit Mahajan and a Challan (charge sheet) has been formally produced before the competent court of law for judicial proceedings, official said.

The CICE Jammu reiterates its commitment to acting swiftly and effectively against financial frauds and appeals to the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious or fraudulent investment schemes to law enforcement agencies.

## Fighting terrorism duty...

by-pass sovereignty lose both trust and meaning. India has been critical of BRI as part of it passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

However, the central theme of the prime minister's address was his call for concerted global efforts to combat terrorism.

"We must state it clearly and in one voice: double standards on terrorism are unacceptable. Together, we must oppose terrorism in every form and manifestation. This is our responsibility towards humanity," he said.

The prime minister said no country, society or citizen can consider themselves "completely safe" from terrorism.

In response to the Pahalgam terror attack, India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, targeting terrorist infrastructure in territories controlled by Pakistan. The strikes triggered four days of intense clashes that ended with an understanding on stopping the military actions on May 10.

In his remarks, the prime minister said India has been bearing the "grave scars of ruthless terrorism" for the last four decades.

"Countless mothers have lost their children, and innumerable children have been left orphaned. Recently, we witnessed the most heinous face of terrorism in Pahalgam," he said.

"This attack was not only an assault on the conscience of India, but also an open challenge to every nation, and every individual who believes in humanity," he said.

Modi expressed his "deep gratitude" to all the friendly nations that stood by India during this moment of grief.

The prime minister, elaborating on India's vision and policy towards the grouping, floated an acronym for SCO. "S for Security, C for Connectivity and O for Opportunity," he explained.

"I would like to emphasise that security, peace, and stability form the foundation of any nation's development. However, terrorism, separatism, and extremism remain major challenges along this path."

Modi said terrorism is not only a threat to the security of individual nations, but a "shared challenge to all of humanity".

"No country, no society, no citizen can consider themselves completely safe from it. That is why India has consistently stressed the importance of unity in the fight against terrorism," he said.

The prime minister also underlined the importance of connectivity for regional growth and development.

"We believe that every effort towards connectivity must uphold the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity. This is also enshrined in the core principles of the SCO Charter," he said.

"Connectivity, that by-passes sovereignty, ultimately loses both trust and meaning," he added.

The prime minister also proposed the creation of a Civilizational Dialogue Forum under the SCO.

"Such a platform will allow us to share the richness of our ancient civilisations, art, literature, and traditions on a global stage," he said.

The prime minister also emphasised on ensuring the development of the Global South.

Keeping aspirations of the Global South confined to outdated frameworks is a grave injustice to future generations, he said.

Highlighting India's development journey, Modi said it is moving ahead with the mantra of "reform, perform and transform".

"We are consistently pursuing wide-ranging reforms, which are creating new opportunities for both national development and international cooperation. I warmly invite you all to be a part of India's development journey," he said.

Be it Covid or global economic instability, we have tried to convert every challenge into an opportunity, he said.

## "India-Russia ties...

waited for about 10 minutes for PM Modi to join him before boarding the car. Modi and Putin spent another 45 minutes in the car even after reaching the venue, people familiar with the matter said.

In his remarks at the meeting, Modi also said that India welcomes all the recent efforts towards establishing peace in Ukraine, adding it is humanity's call to find a way to end the hostilities as soon as possible.

"We've been having regular discussions on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. We welcome all the recent efforts towards establishing peace," Modi said.

"We hope that all parties shall proceed ahead constructively. A way must be found to end this conflict and establish lasting peace. This is the aspiration of the entire humanity," he added.

It is understood that the Indian side briefed Putin about Modi's phone conversation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Saturday.

After dialling Modi, Zelenskyy said India is ready to make the necessary efforts and to deliver the appropriate signal to Russia.

In his comments, Putin said Russia and India have maintained "special friendly and trust-based" relations for decades and it is the foundation for the future development of the ties.

"These relations are entirely above party politics and enjoy the support of the overwhelming majority of our peoples," he said, according to the Kremlin.

An Indian readout said PM Modi reiterated his support for the recent initiatives that have been taken to address the conflict in Ukraine, and emphasised the need to expedite a cessation of the conflict, and find a "durable peace" settlement.

The Modi-Putin talks came over two weeks after US President Donald Trump held a summit with the Russian leader as part of efforts to end the war.

Bolstering bilateral cooperation in critical areas such as energy, fertiliser and trade also figured prominently in the talks between the prime minister and the Russia president.

Though there is no official word on the implications of the US tariff on India, it is believed that the two leaders discussed it during their informal conversation in the vehicle.

## 500 houses suffer...

monitoring and assessing the situation at the grassroots level. Normal life is being brought back on track," he said.

On the restoration of surface communication, he said that fully damaged roads have been temporarily restored. "The highway, Bhaderwah road, and PMGSY (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) roads have been restored."

Asserting that the damage is huge and widespread, the DC said that it will take time to cover these losses. "The funds we receive from time to time, or any package given to us, will be used for permanent restoration," he said.

Pointing towards a fresh advisory about rains on Tuesday in the district, he said, "We request everyone to remain cautious, as heavy rains are predicted for tomorrow. We must be prepared, and nobody should go near water bodies."

## Teenage boy's body retrieved from river in Reasi

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The body of a 15-year-old boy was retrieved from a river in Reasi district on Monday, officials said.

A 45-year-old Zulfan Bano and her son, Basharat Ahmed, were washed away in flash floods after they slipped into the Sadole nallah in the Mahore area on Sunday night. The woman's body was recovered last night, officials said. The boy's body was handed over to his family, they added.

## Railways start Jammu-Katra shuttle service to ferry stranded passengers, locals

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Northern Railways on Monday started a shuttle service between Jammu and Katra, the base camp of the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine, to facilitate the movement of locals and stranded passengers.

Four trains have been inducted in the Jammu-Katra section for the shuttle service that will operate from September 1 to 15.

"The shuttle service has been started between Jammu and Katra to facilitate the movement of daily passengers and stranded persons besides labourers engaged in restoration work," a Railway official said. These included government employees and students.

Rail traffic has remained suspended in the Jammu railway division for the past one week due to misalignment and breaches at multiple locations in the Pathankot-Jammu section following heavy rains and flash floods on August 26.

Over 50 trains were cancelled on Monday. However, Railways has been running special trains to ferry stranded passengers to their destinations from Jammu over the past four days. A total of 5,784 stranded passengers have been ferried in seven trains from Jammu for their onward journey.

Scores of people, especially pilgrims, were stranded as heavy rains lashed the Jammu region since August 26, severely disrupting rail and road traffic.

## Sanjay Singhal takes charge as SSB DG

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: IPS officer Sanjay Singhal on Monday took charge as the new director general (DG) of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), India's federal border guarding force along Nepal and Bhutan.

Singhal, 57, took charge at the headquarters of the about 80,000 personnel strong force in the R K Puram area of Delhi after he was accorded a ceremonial guard of honour by the troops, a force spokesperson said.

The vacancy at the top SSB post arose following the retirement of former DG A M Prasad on August 31. The Union government had issued an order on July 29 appointing Singhal as the new SSB chief.

The SSB, which functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), is primarily tasked to guard unfenced international Indian borders with Nepal (1,751 km) and Bhutan (699 km), apart from rendering a variety of duties in the internal security domain of the country.

The 1993-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from the Uttar Pradesh cadre has served in various capacities in his home state, apart from serving in the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and the Border Security Force (BSF) at the Centre. He was last posted as a Special DG with the BSF at its headquarters here.

Singhal, a BE in mechanical engineering, was awarded a police gallantry medal in 2009 and is scheduled to retire from service in December 2028.

## Two gunmen held for opening fire at man

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Two gunmen have been arrested for allegedly opening fire at a man, who narrowly escaped unhurt, in Samba district, police said on Monday.

The accused have been identified as Rohit Dogra and his associate, Satish Kumar, they said.

A written complaint was lodged at Samba Police Station by Amit Padha of Diani village, stating that Rohit Dogra, along with another person, opened fire on him on Saturday night, they said.

Acting on the complaint, a case was registered. Police arrested the main accused, Rohit, and on his disclosure, one pistol was recovered on Monday, they said.

His associate, Satish Kumar, was also arrested in the case, they added. Police further recovered one live round from the scene of the crime.

Further investigation is underway.

## 5 drug peddlers held in Baramulla, Kulgam districts

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Five drug peddlers have been arrested in Baramulla and Kulgam districts and contraband recovered from their possession, police said on Monday.

In the Baramulla district of north Kashmir, a police party established a checkpoint at Drung crossing and intercepted three suspicious individuals.

They were identified as Altaf Ahmad Hajam, Suhail Ahmad Lone and Mudasir Ahmad Lone, all residents of Waniloo Hajibal.

During the search, 20 grams of brown sugar-like substance were recovered from their possession, a police spokesperson said.

In Kulgam, acting on inputs, a police party intercepted two suspicious persons at a checkpoint established at Sesman Damjan area of the south Kashmir district, the spokesperson said.

Police recovered over 3 kg of poppy straw-like contraband from their possession.

The spokesperson identified the two as Nisar Ahmad Dar, a resident of Sesman Bonigam, and Anayat Bashir, a resident of Nassu Badragund.

The police said that all five have been booked under relevant sections of law, and investigations have been initiated.

## 19 families evacuated amid land sinking in Rajouri, Samba after heavy rains

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/RAJOURI: Nineteen families were evacuated when a portion of land in Rajouri and Samba districts in Jammu and Kashmir started sinking due to incessant rains on Monday, officials said.

Eleven houses were vacated in Rajouri and eight in Samba, they said.

A vast portion of land started sinking due to incessant rains in Rajouri's Badhaal village, which has been declared a "risk zone", Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kotranka, Dil Mir said.

"We fear that these houses could suffer damages if the sinking continues. The families have been provided alternate arrangements by the administration," he said.

The sinking of a large chunk of land triggered by heavy rain has pushed houses to the brink of collapse in a hamlet in Samba district, prompting authorities to evacuate families to safer places.

"Due to the floods triggered by heavy rain over the past few days in Samba, cracks have appeared in roads and houses near Jamoda village. The village is located on the Samba-Mansar-Udhampur road. Land subsidence has pushed eight houses to the verge of collapse," an official said on Monday.

In view of the situation, a team of the administration rushed to the village and took immediate action by evacuating people from all the houses and shifting them to safer places, officials said.

The affected families have been provided with relief material and accommodation in a school and some government buildings, they mentioned further.

## Team Prayaas distributes relief material to flood-affected families

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Team Prayaas, youth wing of Jai Durgaamba Charitable Trust, visited the flood-affected areas of Ward No. 55, Deep Nagar, and Shankar Nagar. The team distributed dry ration and clothes to more than 50 families, bringing much-needed relief to those hit hardest by the calamity.



On this occasion, Sushpaul Singh (BJP Senior Leader), Gurdwara President Kulwant Singh, Satpal Nagyal, Gurcharan Kour, Sdr Mahinder Singh and Charanjeet Singh were also present, extending their support to the initiative. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sumeet Gupta, Chairman of Jai Durgaamba Charitable Trust, assured: "As long as we are here, underprivileged families will continue to receive free ration, free medical check-ups, and free medicines. Wherever floods strike, our team will ensure that relief material reaches the affected families." Ch. Sushpaul Singh extended his heartfelt gratitude and assured that he will join hands with Team Prayaas to organize more such camps in the future for the upliftment of underprivileged families.