

# DC inspects condition of Purmandal to Samba stretch of NH; assesses flood damage, restoration measures

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: In a proactive response to the recent heavy rainfall and flooding, Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Purmandal to Samba stretch of National Highway today. The inspection, undertaken in collaboration with senior officers from the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and functionaries of other stakeholder departments, focused on assessing flood damage and ensuring swift rehabilitation measures for affected people.



DC Samba Ayushi Sudan inspecting restoration work.

been adversely affected by the recent spell of heavy rainfall, demonstrating the administration's commitment to ground-level interaction and responsive governance. She issued categorical directions to all concerned officers to prioritize the proper maintenance and enhancement of the drainage infrastructure to ensure unimpeded water flow and prevent future damage to public and private property. The DC's

inspection also covered the severely affected areas of Sarore and Jakh, where she conducted detailed interactions with local populations to assess their immediate needs and concerns.

Emphasizing the government's commitment to supporting disaster-affected citizens, Deputy Commissioner Sudan provided firm assurances that all individuals who have suffered property losses due to heavy rainfall or natural calamities will receive appropriate compensation under existing government relief schemes, following due verification of documentation and completion of requisite administrative formalities. She specifically instructed NHAI officials to treat road-related infrastructure issues as priority matters requiring immediate attention and resolution. Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner directed all departmental officials to extend comprehensive support to affected families by ensuring timely delivery of assistance and expeditious processing of compensation claims.

The inspection reflects the district administration's commitment to proactive disaster management and citizen welfare, with Deputy Commissioner Sudan's hands-on approach ensuring that post-flood recovery efforts are coordinated effectively across all relevant departments and agencies.

# Hindu family shelters Muslim neighbours after floods in Kathua

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BANI: Amid the devastation caused by recent heavy rains in Jammu and Kashmir, a heartwarming example of communal harmony has emerged from Bani in Kathua district, where a Hindu family opened the doors of their home to shelter their Muslim neighbours who lost their house in the disaster.

Profusely praising the humanitarian approach of their hosts, Ahmed said they have given them ration and other household items. He appealed to the government to provide relief and compensation for the loss of his house.

Local MLA Rameshwar Singh, who visited the families, said the gesture carried a powerful message. "Ahmed lost his house in the rains and for the past week, his family has been living with Subashji. They have told them they can stay as long as they wish."

# Mega Health Camp organized at Jamia Masjid Kalakote on Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KALAKOTE: On the auspicious occasion of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (SAW), a Mega Health Camp was organized at Jamia Masjid Kalakote under the overall supervision of Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Director Health Services Jammu. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from the local community, where free medical consultations, diagnostic services, and essential medicines were provided to the people. A dedicated team of doctors, paramedical staff, and health workers actively rendered their services, ensuring maximum benefit to patients.

# Narayana Hospital brings Smartnav technology to upper north India

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KATRA: For hundreds of children in Jammu & Kashmir, the gift of hearing has been made possible through the Cochlear Implant Program at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Narayana Superspecialty Hospital (SMVDNSH). Many of these life-changing surgeries are funded by the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB), ensuring that even underprivileged families get access to advanced care.



Taking this commitment a step further, SMVDNSH has now become the first hospital in the entire Upper North region to introduce SMARTNAV Technology - an innovation by Cochlear Limited, Australia that is transforming cochlear implant surgeries across the world. SMARTNAV provides real-time surgical insights, reduces anesthesia time, minimizes the need for X-Ray imaging, and ensures precise placement of the implant inside the cochlea. The result: safer surgeries, better outcomes, and renewed confidence for both surgeons and families.

Dr. Rohan Gupta, ENT & Cochlear Implant Surgeon at SMVDNSH, said: "Every minute matters when a child is under anesthesia. With SMARTNAV, we can operate faster, safer, and give parents the reassurance that their child's implant has been placed with the highest precision." Audiologists Ishfaq Ahmad (Anantnag) and added that the technology also helps them explain surgical success to parents in simple, visual ways - something that builds trust and hope for the future.

# MLA Bishnah organises Janata Darbar at Arnia to address flood woes

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
ARNIA: In a proactive move to address the devastating aftermath of recent flash floods, Dr. Rajeev Bhagat, the MLA of Bishnah, today convened a "Mega Janata Darbar" (public court) in the premises of Municipal Committee Office, Arnia. The event was specifically organized to listen to the grievances of the public and to assess the extent of the damage caused by the floods in the border belt of the Bishnah constituency. The MLA's initiative has been widely appreciated by the locals, who have been struggling with the aftermath of the natural calamity.



MLA Bishnah Dr. Rajeev Bhagat listening to public issues.

The event saw a massive turnout, with hundreds of citizens from the affected areas gathering to voice their concerns. Accompanying Dr. Bhagat were key officials from various allied government departments, demonstrating a coordinated effort to provide immediate relief and long-term solutions. Officials present included the Tehsildar of Arnia, Block Development Officer, Arnia, AEE PWD (R&B) Sub Division Bishnah, AEE Irrigation Bishnah, AEE PHE Sub Division Bishnah, and AEE PDD Sub Division Bishnah. Their presence ensured that the public's issues could be addressed on the spot, with departmental representatives directly noting down the problems and formulating action plans.

Prominent figures and senior citizens from the area were also in attendance, including Gidhar Gopal Mandal Parshan, Sunil Shastri Parbhari Jammu North, Romesh Saini Ex Chairman Municipality Arnia, Balbir Kour Ex Sarpanch, Raghubir Singh Ex Sarpanch, Capt Both Raj, and Master Som Raj Choudhary. Their participation underscored the collective resolve of the community and its leaders to work together in overcoming the challenges posed by the floods.

The Darbar was focused on crucial issues such as the restoration of damaged infrastructure, provision of clean drinking water, and the repair of irrigation and power supply networks. Residents shared harrowing accounts of property damage, loss of livestock, and destruction of agricultural land. One villager recounted how the flash floods had swept away their only source of livelihood, while another spoke of the struggle to get clean water after the floods contaminated local sources. MLA Bhagat assured the public that the government is fully committed to providing all necessary assistance and that a comprehensive relief and rehabilitation plan is being formulated. He emphasized the importance of a swift and efficient response to ensure that life returns to normal for the affected families as soon as possible.

The Darbar concluded with a strong message of solidarity and hope. Dr. Bhagat's direct engagement with the public and the presence of departmental heads have instilled confidence among the locals that their concerns are being taken seriously. This "Janata Darbar" serves as a model for responsive governance, highlighting the importance of grassroots-level interaction in times of crisis. The coordinated efforts of the MLA and the allied departments are expected to accelerate the recovery process and help the community rebuild a more resilient future.

# DC inspects pace of restoration work on Kishtwar-Thathri stretch of NH-244



DC Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma inspecting restoration work.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
KISHTWAR: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma conducted an extensive inspection of Kishtwar to Thathri stretch of NH-244 to review its condition, the pace of the ongoing maintenance works and traffic management arrangements. The DC was accompanied by SSP, Naresh Singh along with other senior officers. During the visit, the DC

inspected vulnerable spots and directed the concerned departments to ensure timely repairs, removal of debris and smooth flow of traffic. He stressed strict adherence to safety measures, especially at landslide-prone and accident-prone locations and instructed to minimize risks. The DC also issued necessary directions to the NHIDCL authorities for proper upkeep and regular maintenance of the

The Head of Project (HOP) Rattle HEP Drabshalla apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the current status of the reconstruction work on the bridge at Project Site that was washed away in the recent flood. The Deputy Commissioner directed the HOP to expedite the construction of the bridge and mobilize all necessary resources to ensure its completion in a time-bound manner.

# MLA Ramgarh visits flood-hit areas and government institutions



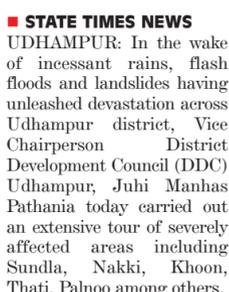
MLA Ramgarh Dr. Devinder Manyal interacting with locals.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAMGARH: Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, MLA Ramgarh and former Minister for Health and Medical Education, J&K, conducted an extensive tour of several villages and government institutions in the Ramgarh constituency today. His itinerary included visits to CHC Ramgarh, PHC Sanoora, Government Schools, and villages such as Rajpura, Swankha, Ramgarh, Bainglar, Kamore, and adjoining areas.

During his visit, Dr. Manyal assessed the damage caused by the recent floods in Basanter Nallah and Devika River, which have deposited large amounts of sand in agricultural fields in Bainglar, Kamore, and surrounding villages. Local farmers expressed grave concern over repeated damage to their crops and cultivable land, highlighting the recurring nature of the flood problem in the region.

Addressing the public, Dr. Manyal reiterated his commitment to resolving both immediate grievances and long-pending infrastructural and agricultural issues in Ramgarh. He stressed that sustainable development, effective flood control mechanisms, and farmer support programs are crucial for the long-term welfare of the constituency. The MLA assured residents that he would continue monitoring the situation closely and work toward ensuring relief and preventive measures are implemented effectively.

# Juhi reviews relief, Rehabilitation efforts at landslide hit Sundla village, otr parts of Majalta



**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
UDHAMPUR: In the wake of incessant rains, flash floods and landslides having unleashed devastation across Udhampur district, Vice Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Udhampur, Juhi Manhas Pathania today carried out an extensive tour of severely affected areas including Sundla, Nakki, Khoon, Thati, Palnoo among others.

To take stock of the situation that arose after a devastating landslide reportedly affected residential houses in Sundla village- Majalta Tehsil, the Vice Chairperson visited the area and conducted a thorough review of the relief and rehabilitation efforts. During her visit, Pathania observed that 20 houses have been reduced to rubble, while 50 others were vacated by the administration and local residents as a precautionary measure. Despite the challenges, the relief efforts were found to be satisfactory. A community kitchen, catering to the needs of around 200 people at a time, was running smoothly. Tents had been set up to provide temporary shelter, and fresh water facilities and bio-toilets were available. Medical care and sanitation facilities were also being provided, with the administration and local community working together to distribute essential items, including beds and sanitation kits. Mrs. Pathania emphasized the need for a comprehensive geological survey of the affected area and surrounding regions to assess the extent of the landslide's impact and potential future risks. This survey would help identify areas prone to landslides and facilitate the development of strategies to mitigate such disasters in the future.

The Vice Chairperson stressed the importance of restoring essential services, including electricity, drinking water, road connectivity, and healthcare facilities, to restore normalcy in the affected area. She directed the concerned departments to work towards ensuring equitable and transparent distribution of relief materials among all affected families. Mrs. Pathania assured the local residents that the administration is committed to adopting long-term mitigation and disaster-preparedness strategies including strengthening of infrastructure, slope stabilization, flood control works, and early warning mechanisms to minimize the impact of future disasters. These measures include strengthening infrastructure, slope stabilization, flood control works, and early warning mechanisms to minimize the impact of such calamities in the future.

The visit aimed at taking stock of the ground situation, assessing damages, and reviewing the pace of ongoing relief measures. The Vice Chairperson directed all line departments to remain fully geared up for relief and rehabilitation efforts, ensuring that damage assessments are carried out on priority, vulnerable and risk-prone areas are mapped, and precautionary steps are taken in areas where landslides and flash floods continue to pose recurring threats. She stressed upon adopting long-term mitigation and disaster-preparedness strategies including strengthening of infrastructure, slope stabilization, flood control works, and early warning mechanisms to minimize the impact of such calamities in the future.

**Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) observed with religious fervor in Kishtwar**  
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KISHTWAR: The people of Kishtwar celebrated the auspicious occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) with great religious fervor, devotion, and enthusiasm. The day was marked by religious gatherings and a grand procession, with thousands of devotees participating from Jamia Masjid Kishtwar to the Holy Shrine of Shah Farid-Ud-Din Sahib (RA). The procession was taken out in a spiritual and peaceful manner under the leadership of Imam Sahib, Jamia Masjid Kishtwar, Head of the Majlis-e-Shoura Committee Kishtwar, along with religious scholars and community elders. The event highlighted the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and spread the message of peace, love, and brotherhood. To ensure the smooth observance of the festival, the district and police administrations made comprehensive arrangements, including security and logistical measures. Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma and Senior Superintendent of Police, Naresh Singh were present on the occasion and personally oversaw the arrangements. ADC Pawan Kotwal, ASP Pardeep Singh, ACR Idrees Lone, besides other senior officers from the civil and police administrations were also present to facilitate the celebrations. On this occasion, the DC and SSP extended warm Eid greetings to the Muslim community and joined the religious procession. They urged the people to uphold the noble teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and appealed for lasting peace, unity, communal harmony, and brotherhood across the district and the Union Territory.

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