

## VC, IUST, Director, CSIR-NEIST call on LG

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Vice-Chancellor (VC), Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, along with Director, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-North East Institute of Science & Technology (CSIR-NEIST), Dr. Virendra M. Tiwari, called on Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan.

On the occasion, the two institutions formally exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening research collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange.

The MoU marks a significant partnership between IUST and CSIR-NEIST to collaborate in the fields of mountain hydrology and disaster vulnerability in the



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Himalayas, priority areas that have gained urgency in light of recent climate-related events and disasters in the Himalaya.

The Lieutenant Governor congratulated the IUST and CSIR-NEIST for the timely initiative aimed at enhancing scientific research and also providing practical solutions

to the pressing challenges faced by the Himalayan region.

He emphasized that the partnership will play a pivotal role in developing innovative strategies to mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change and natural disasters through advancements in science, technology,

and innovation.

The signing of the MoU represents a forward-looking step in building synergies between premier institutions, reinforcing their shared commitment to addressing regional and national challenges through research, technology, and innovation.

## LoP Sunil Sharma directs for immediate restoration of damaged National Highway in Udhampur

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, Sunil Sharma, has issued urgent directives for the immediate restoration of the National Highway between Bali Nalla and Thard in Udhampur, which has collapsed due to a major landslide on September 2. The disaster has led to a complete halt in vehicular movement, severely impacting the supply of essential commodities and emergency services to the districts of Udhampur, Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban & Kashmir. Sunil Sharma reached the damaged site to assess the situation on the ground. He was accompanied by local MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia, senior officials from civil, police administration,



LoP Sunil Sharma interacting with officials.

besides those from National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). The LoP held extensive discussions with concerned authorities after closely reviewing the extent of the damage caused by the landslide. The disruption of this vital road link has pushed the people of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban and Kashmir into a state of distress,

Sharma said. This is an emergency, and we cannot afford delays.

He emphasized the need for a "war-footing" approach to restore the road connectivity at the earliest. He directed the National Highway authorities and the district administration to deploy all available resources to expedite the repair work. He

also urged them to make temporary arrangements to facilitate the movement of emergency vehicles and essential supplies until full connectivity is restored. Sunil also interacted with people there and expressed concern towards the people of Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban districts, who are going through extreme hardships. It is the responsibility of the administration to ensure that relief reaches them immediately. Restoration of the road is not just about connectivity; it is about saving lives, Sharma added.

The LoP assured the public that he will continue to monitor the situation and push for swift action at all administrative and political levels to alleviate the suffering of the affected people.

## NSF Chairman condemns Doda MLA's unparliamentary conduct; appeals for legislative dignity

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Varinderjeet Singh, Chairman National Sikh Front, has issued a strong condemnation of the recent conduct exhibited by MLA Mehraj Malik of the Doda constituency.

The MLA's actions, which include lodging an FIR against Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh and making disparaging remarks against the administration, have raised serious concerns regarding the decorum expected from elected representatives.

In a statement released Sunday, Varinderjeet Singh emphasized the importance of upholding the sanctity of legislative institutions and the need for elected officials to engage in constructive dialogue rather than resorting to social media outbursts and unsubstantiated allegations.

"It is disheartening to witness an elected representative, entrusted with the responsibility of serving the public, resorting to social media to air grievances without following due process," said Varinderjeet



Singh. "Such actions not only undermine the dignity of the legislative body but also set a poor precedent for governance."

The Chairman further appealed to MLA Mehraj Malik to consider the various legal and legislative avenues available to address any concerns or grievances.

"As an elected member, you have the privilege and responsibility to approach the Speaker, the Chief Minister, or the concerned Minister with documented evidence and facts," he stated. "There are established channels within our democratic framework to address issues constructively."

Varinderjeet Singh also expressed concern over the

MLA's use of harsh language and personal attacks, which he believes are unbecoming of a public servant.

"While criticism is an essential component of democracy, it must be rooted in facts and delivered with respect. Resorting to personal attacks and inflammatory language only serves to distract from the real issues at hand," he remarked.

The National Sikh Front has called for a return to civility and respect in political discourse, urging all elected officials to prioritize the welfare of the public over personal vendettas.

"Our focus should be on serving the people and addressing their concerns through appropriate channels, not engaging in theatrics that only serve to create divisions," concluded Varinderjeet Singh.

The Chairman's statement serves as a reminder of the standards of conduct expected from those in positions of power and the importance of maintaining the integrity of democratic institutions.

## HSS demands special package for border areas

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Hindustan Shiv Sena members, led by Jammu and Kashmir President Pt Rajesh Kesri, held a meeting and subsequently appealed to the goddess Bhagwati for the well-being and prosperity of people living in border areas, including Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Rajouri, and Poonch districts.

Kesri demanded that the government launch a special package for people living in border areas, who have suffered significant losses due to recent floods. He emphasized that the package should be designed to support poor farmers who rely solely on agriculture for their livelihood. The border areas of Arnia, RS Pura, Samba, Kathua, Nowshera, and Sunderbani have been severely affected, with crops and homes damaged or destroyed. Kesari urged the government to provide immediate relief to these areas.

Kesri highlighted that the people in these areas are heavily dependent on agriculture and will struggle to



The meeting was attended by several prominent members of the Hindustan Shiv Sena, including Arnia President Balwant Saini, Vishwanath, Rajkumar Baba, Suresh Kumar, Captain Om Prakash, Captain Gara Ram, Border President Sanjeev Sharma, Rajesh Kumar, Lal Chand, Veeram Singh, Dhiraj Kumar, Neeru Devi, Darshana Devi, and Rajni Devi, among others.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jammu and Kashmir, Balbir Ram Rattan, has once again been appointed as the State Spokesperson. Following his appointment, he has been receiving continuous congratulations and best wishes. His appointment is being welcomed, considering the role he has played and the dedication he has shown within the party and society.

Prominent among those who congratulated him was Vijay Anand Gill, National General Secretary of the All India Valmiki Mahasabha. He extended his best wishes to Balbir Ram Rattan for his new responsibility and wished him a bright future.

Vijay Anand Gill stated that this appointment is not only a positive sign for the party but also for the entire society. He remarked that Balbir Ram Rattan has been a voice for the empowerment of the poor, backward, and underprivileged sections of society. He has always worked at the grassroots level and made efforts to connect with all segments of society. He has played a key role in taking the BJP's policies and principles to the ground level. Gill added that this appointment marks another important chapter in Balbir Ram Rattan's political journey.

Praising his conduct, leadership abilities, and organizational skills, Gill said that leaders like Balbir are a source of inspiration for society.

Gill also mentioned that Balbir Ram Rattan inspires youth to participate in politics and social service, and that future gen-



All India Valmiki Mahasabha member congratulating Balbir Ram Rattan.

erations benefit from his experience. He expressed hope that Balbir would continue to strengthen the spirit of harmony, brotherhood, and development in society.

Reacting to his appointment, Balbir Ram Rattan expressed gratitude to the top leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party for once again placing their trust in him. He stated that this is not just a matter of pride for him personally, but for every individual who has been working with dedication for the party and society for years.

Balbir sincerely thanked all his well-wishers and assured them that he would continue to work with complete honesty for the ideology of the party and the interests of the people. He also mentioned that he would use his experience to establish better communication between the party and society.

## Ramban police bids adieu to SPO Sanatar Singh who sacrificed his life in line of duty



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■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN : Special Police Officer (SPO) Sanatar Singh of Police Post Luroo, under the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramsoo, tragically lost his life while on duty. He came under landslides and shooting stones at Luroo, resulting in his on-the-spot demise.

On September 7, 2025, the last rites of the brave SPO were performed with full honors, acknowledging his supreme sacrifice in the line of duty. A Guard of Honour was presented by the District Police Ramban.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Ramban, Shri Arun Gupta (JKPS), along with Commanding Officer 12 RR Shri Vijay Singh Punia, DySP Operations Shri Majid Hussain, and SHO Ramsoo INSP. Fareed Ahmed, attended the funeral along with local villagers.

SSP Ramban and the district police team consoled the son and grieving family of the late SPO and assured them of full support and assistance from the Police Department.

## Hockey J&K elects new Executive Board, office bearers; Manik Batra elected as President



Newly elected Executive Board and office bearers of Hockey J&K posing for a photograph.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: The much-anticipated elections of Hockey

Jammu & Kashmir were successfully held on Sunday in Srinagar to elect the new Executive Board and Office Bearers for the 2025-2029 term. The electoral process was conducted strictly in accordance with the National Sports Code.

The elections were overseen by Mohammad Ashraf Malik, Retd Principal District & Sessions Judge of J&K, who served as the Returning Officer, with Rajesh Dutta representing the J&K Olympic Association as the official observer. Representatives

from all districts of Jammu & Kashmir actively participated in the process.

Manik Batra was elected as President, Adv. Mannohit Singh as General Secretary, Gurpreet Singh as Treasurer, Nisar Ahmad Nayak and Adv. Barkat Kour Rattan as Vice Presidents, Makhani Singh and Jasleen Kour as Joint Secretaries, Surinder Pal Singh and Parvinder Kour as Resident Secretaries of Hockey J&K.

Executive Members include Supinder Deep

Singh Bakshi, Sayed Anis Ahmed, and Rajesh Sharma.

The meeting was also attended by Asima Ali, Member of Hockey J&K and Vice President of Hockey India, who congratulated the newly elected team.

Following the election, the newly elected President, Manik Batra, expressed his gratitude to all members for their support and pledged to introduce new initiatives aimed at promoting and strengthening the game of hockey across Jammu & Kashmir.

Jammu to Srinagar		
IndiGo	10:05 AM - 10:45 AM	
SpiceJet	11:10 AM - 12:00 PM	
Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM	
Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM	
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM	
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM	
Srinagar to Jammu		
IndiGo	11:45 AM - 12:35 PM	
Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM	
SpiceJet	12:35 PM - 1:30 PM	
Air India Express	2:20 PM - 3:35 PM	
IndiGo	3:15 PM - 4:05 PM	
IndiGo	5:20 PM - 6:10 PM	

FIND TRAIN SCHEDULE		
<b>11078 Jhelum Express</b>		
Departure	: 23:35 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 11:15 at New Delhi	
<b>12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express</b>		
Departure	: 21:25 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi	
<b>12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express</b>		
Departure	: 21:50 from Jammu Tawi	
Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi	
<b>Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)</b>		
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra	
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar	
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 715		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		
<b>Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service)</b>		
Departure	: 2:00 PM from Katra	
Arrival	: 05:00 PM at Srinagar	
Fare:		
Chair Car (CC): 660		
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270		
Booking: Available on IRCTC		

FIND CINEMA		
<b>PARAM SUNDARI (HINDI)</b>		
WAVE ONE MOVIES JAMMU	10:35 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	09:20 PM	
<b>BAAAGHI 4 (HINDI)</b>		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	10:00 AM / 12:45 PM / 1:15 PM / 4:00 PM / 4:30 PM / 7:45 / 11:00 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	9:55/AM / 12:15/PM / 04:05/PM / 7:35/PM / 10:15 PM	
<b>THE BENGAL FILES (HINDI)</b>		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	04:05 PM / 10:15 PM	
PVR KC JAMMU	3:30 PM	
<b>MEHAR (PUNJABI)</b>		
WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU	7:50 PM	

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<b>TELEPHONES</b>		
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Trunk Assistance		181
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Gandhi Nagar Exchange	2451953, 2430953	
<b>HOSPITALS</b>		
Government Medical College	2584290, 2484291	
Psychiatry and Disease Hospital		2577444
Ambulance Rajouri	2571147, 257084, 257357	
Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital	2547639, 2547637	
Emergency		2549669
Blood Bank	2547637, 2547638	
Chest Disease Hospital	2577064, 2548012	
Dental Hospital		2544670
Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar		2430041
Emergency		2431740
Child Hospital		2577023
Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital		262270
<b>AMBULANCES</b>		
Indian Red Cross Society		2549413
Jammu University	2453165, 2543525, 2435248	
<b>FIRE STATIONS</b>		
Gandhi Nagar	101, 2435283, 2457705	
Canal		2544263
Canal		2554064
Roop Nagar		2597522
Gangyal		2480026
Bari Brahmana		220020
Akhnoor		252481
Kathua		234313
Samba		243280
Katra		232451
Udhampur		270897
Police Control Room	100, 2542001, 2545481-82	
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<b>TOURISM</b>		
Tourist Officer, Airport		2431917
Tourist Officer, Railway Station		2430078
Tourist Reception Centre		2579554
<b>BUS SERVICES</b>		
JKSRTC General Manager		2435262
JKSRTC Bus Stand		2577475
JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service		2576562
Punjab Roadways		2542782
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>		
Company Bagh		2542582
Parade		2544979
Bakshi Nagar		2543557
Panjthirni		2547501
Narwal		2430031
<b>ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINTS</b>		
Canal	2554147, 2554199	
Parade	2542289, 2543398	
Nanak Nagar		2430776
Gandhi Nagar		2430180
Shastri Nagar		2430781
Janipur	2543828, 2579258	
Satwari		2452816
<b>FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)</b>		
		101
<b>CIVIC SERVICES</b>		
Municipality	2547846, 2542192	
Health Officer		2547440
Garbage / Carcass Removal		2547440