

First ever regional PMGS, defence works seminar conducted at Northern Command

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UDHAMPUR: First ever Regional Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti (PMGS) and Defence Works Seminar for Armed Forces was organised at HQ Northern Command, Udhampur on Wednesday.

The main focus of seminar was to bring together domain experts from military, government and industry who brainstormed innovative approaches for improving connectivity, reducing logistics costs and boosting overall operational efficiency of the armed forces in difficult terrain and remote areas of Northern Command.

The event also high-



lighted the role of modern infrastructure in addressing the strategic needs of the Armed Forces under the Gati Shakti initiative. Vice Chancellor of Gati Shakti University and luminaries from MoR, MoRTH, DPIIT, BISAG-N, ULIP, NLDL joined the seminar and shared the po-

tential Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti platform presents for the armed forces.

The two days seminar gave deep insight to officers of Northern Command about the scope of infrastructure development in Jammu & Kashmir and how to dovetail military requirements in

civil infrastructure projects. The dual end use infrastructure projects would bring in development to the region while enhancing security and defence preparedness.

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Northern Command, Lt Gen Pratik Sharma SYSM, PVSM, AVSM,

SM, in his key note address emphasised the importance of Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti projects in Northern Theatre towards development of civil-military end use infrastructure helping both the local population and the Armed Forces.

He highlighted that certain important PMGS projects are already at advance stage of approval and there are many projects which Northern Command would like to get included in the overall scheme. The seminar also saw discussions on projects being undertaken through Defence Works along Western and Northern borders and their integration with the overall infrastructure development.

DC reviews flood situation in river Ravi, Lakhampur

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KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma on Wednesday conducted an extensive tour of Lakhampur and Bhagthali Industrial Estate areas to take stock of the situation arising from the increased water levels in River Ravi following the release of water from the Ranjit Sagar Dam.

During the visit to Lakhampur, the DC informed that inter-state connectivity has been impacted due to damage to one of the bridges connecting Punjab. However, traffic movement on the second bridge has been temporarily restored to facilitate essential and emergency services.

In a swift response, the District Administration evacuated livestock from the Animal Husbandry Check Post at the Lakhampur entry point, which has now been relocated to the State Tax building to ensure uninterrupted



operations.

At Bhagthali Industrial Estate, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the ongoing protection work being carried out by the Flood Control authorities and directed them to take all preventive and safety measures to safeguard lives and property in vulnerable areas. He further informed that

the protection work on the Sahard Khad Bridge is progressing and it will be opened for vehicular traffic at the earliest.

DC appealed to the public to exercise utmost caution and avoid venturing near the river, nallahs, and rivulets, as the water levels remain high and pose a significant risk to safety.

Sat, Sham visit flood-affected areas, assure full support

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JAMMU: J&K Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Sat Sharma, accompanied by senior party leader and MLA Jammu North Assembly Constituency Sham Lal Sharma, visited the flash flood-affected areas of Jammu North to take stock of the situation and meet the affected families.

The leaders toured Sarika Vihar, Shivalik Puram, Roop Nagar, and the camp sites established for the flash flood victims at Kailash Resort housing about 250 flood affected families from ward-67, Kullain New Basti and another camp inside Aap Shambhu Mandir at Upper Roop Nagar housing about 150 flood-affected families. They interacted with the displaced families, enquired



about their well-being, and assured them of every possible support.

Pankaj Padha, Sahil Mahajan, Ravish Mengi, Suresh Khajuria, Rekha Manhas, Sunita Gupta,

and several other BJP leaders were also present.

Expressing deep concern over the damage caused by the floods, Sat Sharma said that the calamity has brought immense suffering

to several families who have lost their homes and belongings. He stated that the BJP stands firmly with the victims in this hour of distress and will leave no stone unturned in ensuring maximum relief through the government and administration. He stressed upon the concerned departments to initiate relief and rehabilitation measures on a war-footing, covering proper shelter, food, health facilities, and restoration of damaged infrastructure. He assured that BJP will continuously monitor the situation and press upon the authorities to act swiftly, so that no affected family feels neglected.

Sat Sharma reassured the people that the BJP, under the vision of PM Modi, is committed to their welfare and will make sure that relief and rehabilitation reach ev-

ery affected person without delay. They further assured them that the party and the administration will stand by them until normalcy is fully restored.

Sham Lal emphasized the importance of preparedness in the wake of recurring natural calamities. He said that both the administration and the people must remain alert and ready to deal with any further natural fury. Highlighting the urgent need for long-term planning, he called for improved drainage systems, disaster management mechanisms, and public awareness campaigns to minimize the impact of such disasters in the future. He assured that BJP legislators will act as a bridge between the people and the government to ensure grievances are addressed on priority.

DC, SSP take stock of road damages, direct speedy restoration measures

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, along with Senior Superintendent of Police Sandeep Kumar on Wednesday conducted inspection of the Doda-Bhaderwah road and National Highway-244 at Jangalwar (Thathri) and Khalleni Nallah to assess the damages caused due to torrential rains.

During the visit, the DC and SSP took stock of damage to roads and reviewed the ground situation. They took note of the hardships being faced by commuters



and the general public due to road blockages and disruptions in connectivity.

DC directed the NHID-CL and Executive Engineer R&B Department to immediately initiate landslide clearance and restoration works to ensure smooth traffic movement. He emphasized to take effective

measures to restore connectivity and provide relief to the public without delay.

The District Administration Doda has assured the public that all possible measures are being taken to restore normal traffic movement at the earliest and to ensure safety of the commuters.

DC Samba undertakes extensive tour of rain-affected areas, ensures swift relief

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SAMBA: Deputy Commissioner Samba Ayushi Sudan on Wednesday undertook a comprehensive inspection of rain-ravaged areas across the district to assess damages, oversee relief operations, and reassure the affected populace of the administration's unwavering support.

At the Community Hall, Samba, where families displaced by the incessant rains have been sheltered, the DC reviewed the facilities and directed officials to guarantee adequate arrangements for food, shelter, sanitation, and other critical amenities.

Subsequently, she visited

Samba town, Sangwali Mandi, and Purmandal, where several residential houses and private properties had sustained damage. She interacted empathetically with affected residents, heard their grievances, and assured them of timely relief and rehabilitation. The DC instructed all concerned departments to initiate immediate, result-oriented measures to mitigate hardships.

At AIIMS Vijaypur, Sudan conducted an on-site inspection of the damaged bridge and reviewed precautionary measures for public safety. Later, during her visit to Smailpur and Bari Brahmana, she examined rising water levels in local ponds

and directed the concerned officers to implement urgent remedial steps to safeguard habitations. DC also inspected the PHC Purmandal, ensuring that adequate medical staff, medicines and emergency response facilities are in place to meet the public health exigencies arising out of the situation. While addressing the people, Sudan reaffirmed that the district administration stands resolutely committed to the safety, dignity, and well-being of every citizen. She assured that all possible steps are being undertaken to provide prompt relief, restore normalcy, and strengthen resilience against such natural adversities.

PDP leader takes initiative to mitigate flood impact

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JAMMU: Renowned social activist and senior PDP leader Narinder Sharma has taken a proactive approach to mitigate the impact of flooding in Panchayat Kotli Shah Doula, RS Pura constituency. Sharma managed a JCB machine to ensure the smooth flow of flooded water, which had entered residential houses, damaging roads, infrastructure, household items, and eatables.

Sharma's timely intervention helped to reduce waterlogging in the area, prevent further damage to property and infrastructure and facilitate relief efforts for affected residents. Sharma also reviewed the losses incurred due to the torrential rains and urged authorities to conduct a sincere survey to assess the damage. He emphasized the need for suitable compensation to flood victims to help them recover from the devastating impact of the floods.

Rajesh Kesri demands relief for farmers

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JAMMU: Shiv Sena Hindustan, led by Jammu and Kashmir President Pandit Rajesh Kesri, held a press conference to demand relief for farmers affected by the recent floods in Jammu district. The press conference was attended by prominent leaders, including Sanjeev Sharma, Balbir Kumar, Balwant Saini, Raj Kumar, Baba Suresh Kumar, and Satpal.

The press conference highlighted the plight of farmers in border areas, including Nowshera, Arnia, Bishnah, Miran Sahib, Ramgarh, and others, where the majority of the population depends on agriculture.

Addressing media persons, Kesri expressed concern over the plight of farmers, particularly those living in border areas, whose crops have been damaged due to the floods. Kesri demanded that

the government provide compensation to farmers who have lost their crops, especially rice, which is a crucial crop for their livelihood.

He urged the government to send SDM, Tehsildar, and agriculture department officials to assess the damage and provide relief to affected farmers. He also demanded that the government provide relief to families who have lost their homes or have been affected by the floods.

Kesri called upon the government to take immediate action to provide relief to flood-affected farmers and families in Jammu district. The recent floods in Jammu district have caused significant damage to crops and homes, affecting the livelihood of many farmers.

Shiv Sena Hindustan's demand for relief and compensation is a timely reminder of the need for government support to affected families.

Shiv Sena advices to stop reckless development

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir unit of Shiv Sena (UBT) on Wednesday celebrated Ganesh festival by seating Ganpati Ji in the party's State Central Office and prayed to calm the fierce form of nature and protect it.

On the occasion, State Chief Manish Sahni, extended his best wishes for Ganpati festival and expressed deep condolences on the destruction caused by heavy rains in entire Jammu-Kashmir, including the death of devotees due to landslide on Shri Mata Vaishno Yatra route in Katra and people due to cloudburst in Doda district. Sahni said that despite the warnings issued by weather experts and scientists for the last few days about climate change, heavy rainfall, cloudburst and other catastrophic destruction, the administration and the concerned departments ignored it. The public is bear-



ing the brunt of this with loss of life and property.

Currently, the water level of Tarana river, Ujh river, Maggar Khad, Sahar Khad and their tributaries in Kathua, Basantar in Samba, Tawi, Jhelum and Chenab in Jammu has crossed the danger mark.

Sahni said that the reckless development going on without the


opinion of experts, haphazard mountain demolition, deforestation and illegal mining etc. have completely disturbed the environmental balance, the result of which is in front of everyone in the form of premature deaths. The ruling party also does not take long to wash its hands off this disaster by calling it a natural disaster.

Rana grieves loss of lives due to landslide


JAMMU: Minister for Jal Shakti, Forest, Ecology, Environment and Tribal Affairs, Javed Ahmed Rana has expressed deep sorrow over the tragic loss of lives due to a landslide triggered by heavy rains near the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine.

He extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families in this hour of profound grief and prayed for the swift recovery of all those injured.

"The tragic incident of the death of several devotees in a landslide near the Mata Vaishno Devi Temple route is extremely painful.



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Cancellation Corrigendum

Name of Work:- Establishment (Installation, Testing, & Commissioning) of Hameodylysis unit at CHC Parole District Kathua under PM National Dialysis Programme.

Tender ID: 2025_PWDJK_282060_1

Ref: -e-NIT No: MHDK/TECH/e-NIT/ 2025-26/21, dated 22.07.2025

Due to all bids rejected in technical evaluation, **e-NIT No: MHDK/TECH/e-NIT/ 2025-26/21, dated 22.07.2025** issued for the work "Establishment (Installation, Testing, & Commissioning) of Hameodylysis unit at CHC Parole District Kathua under PM National Dialysis Programme." is hereby cancelled.

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