

Three-day historic Mela Patt commences in Bhaderwah

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DODA: The annual three-day Mela Patt, dedicated to Lord Vasuki Nag, the presiding deity of Bhaderwah Valley, commenced today here at the ancient Khakhal Mohalla. The festival, rooted in the Nag culture, marks the historic meeting between Mughal Emperor Akbar and King Nag Pal of Bhaderwah. The festival is being celebrated since the 16th century. This year, the festival continues its tradition of drawing hundreds of people from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir, regardless of caste or religion, to pay tribute to the bravery and spiritual power of Raja Nag Pal.

First celebrated by King Nag Pal when Bhaderwah



was known as Bhadarkashi, Mela Patt holds a special place in the cultural and religious fabric of the region. It is observed every year

on Nag Panchami, seven days after the conclusion of the Kailash Yatra, and is renowned for its inclusive nature. The unique 'Dikko

Dance,' a traditional folk performance where men and women of all religions and backgrounds participate, serves as a symbol of peace, pride, and communal harmony. What makes Mela Patt particularly remarkable is its 600-year history, which has been free of any untoward incidents, highlighting the deep respect for Raja Nag Pal and the communal unity of the area. The festival not only honors religious traditions but also showcases the proud historical legacy of Bhaderwah. The main organizers are Committee members of Mohalla Khakhal emphasized that this long-standing event is a living testament to mutual brotherhood and cultural heritage.

Comm Secy reviews availability, distribution of vital commodities

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JAMMU: Commissioner Secretary of Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Saurabh Bhagat chaired a meeting on at Directorate of FCS&CA Jammu to review the availability and distribution of food grains and petroleum products in all districts of Jammu region, particularly focusing on remote and far-flung areas. The meeting was attended by Director FCS&CA Jammu, Rifat Kohli along with senior officers of the Directorate and all Assistant Directors of Jammu Division. The meeting focused on availability of stock posi-

tion of essential commodities along with ensuring the timely and uninterrupted supply of petroleum products to remote regions of Jammu Division. He emphasized on the need to maintain 10-15 days stock of Petrol, HSD and LPG in each district and 5 months food grains at FCI level. During the meeting, the Commissioner Secretary stressed on strengthening fuel distribution networks, including the possibility of establishing additional supply points in regions with high demand for petroleum products as a long-term solution in order to avert such type of crisis in future. He further directed

all Assistant Directors to work in close coordination with respective Deputy Commissioners to ensure sufficient availability of essential commodities. While reviewing digitization of Jammu and Kashmiri Migrant ration cards under NFSA, he directed the concerned officers to complete the exercise within one month. Later, the Commissioner Secretary also visited Food Store FCS&CA Chatha and FCI Godown Chatha in order to have first hand appraisal of availability and quality of food grains stock. He directed the officers to upgrade Food stores of FCS&CA department on the patterns of FCI.

ACR inspects power restoration at Suigwari

KISHTWAR: Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Idrees Lone on Friday inspected the ongoing power restoration work at Suigwari in Doda. The 132 KV Udhampur-Kishtwar Dulhasti Power Station (DPS) line suffered damage two days ago after a tree, weakened by inclement weather and continuous rainfall fell on the tower line between Tower No. 199 and 200 near Gadsu-Suigwari causing one tower to collapse. During the inspection, the ACR appreciated the efforts of the NHPC and TLMD team and directed them to expedite the work to ensure early restoration of electricity.

Efforts underway in Paddar to restore road connectivity

KISHTWAR: The district administration has launched a comprehensive relief operation in the Paddar sub-division following incessant rains that caused widespread damage. The Paddar-Kishtwar road, which was blocked due to a cloudburst at Kadhail Nallah, is currently being restored by the General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF). According to SDM Paddar Dr. Amit Kumar, the road is expected to be cleared by tomorrow evening or Sunday afternoon.

Director Health reviews healthcare services scenario post heavy rains

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JAMMU: A meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Director Health Services Jammu, Dr. Abdul Hamid Zarger to review health services scenario post torrential rains. The meeting was attended by all Chief Medical Officers, Medical Superintendents, State Malariologist and State Surveillance Officer Jammu. The Director reviewed the post-flood situation in

the division. Dr. Harjeet Rai State Surveillance Officer Jammu gave detailed instructions regarding rapid health assessment, strengthening of disease surveillance, restoration of damaged health facilities, deployment of mobile medical teams, ensuring availability of essential medicines and vaccines, co-ordination with Jal Shakti Department for safe drinking water, intensification of vector control measures, and provision of sanitation

and medical care in relief camps. Emphasis was also laid on community awareness, mental health support, and timely shifting of pregnant women near expected date of delivery to the nearest health facilities. It was reiterated that helpline numbers 104 (health-related issues), 102/108 (ambulance services), and 14416 (TeleMANAS helpline for mental health support) must be widely publicized for the benefit of the public.

Availability of essential services reviewed

POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma chaired a meeting with the concerned officers on Friday to review the availability and functioning of essential services in the district. During the meeting, the DC directed the concerned departments to ensure adequate stock of essential commodities including food items, LPG, and fuel to meet public requirements without disruption. The status of telecom services in the district was

also reviewed. DC instructed representatives of all three major telecom operators to expedite restoration by undertaking necessary repair works at the earliest to ensure seamless connectivity. Reviewing the preparedness of the Medical Department, the DC directed the health authorities to remain fully geared up to tackle any eventuality. He stressed ensuring sufficient availability of medicines, ambulances, bedding and other critical health infrastructure for the public.

Dr Mahotra raises concern over old building of Gandhi Nagar Hospital

JAMMU: Expressing serious concern over the reports that the 65-year-old Government Hospital building in Gandhi Nagar has been declared unsafe by a recent safety audit, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge BJP J&K, has urged the Union Territory administration and the Health Department to act swiftly and decisively in the interest of public safety. Dr Mahotra said that the hospital caters to the

health needs of thousands of people every day, including patients, attendants, doctors, paramedics, and administrative staff. In such institutions, where human lives depend on timely treatment, infrastructure safety and quality health-care facilities cannot be compromised under any circumstance. Citing recent instances where heavy rains and flash floods have already caused loss of human lives, livestock, and prop-

DC Pankaj Sharma conducts district-level NCORD meet

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KISHTWAR: District-Level NCORD (Narco Coordination) Committee meeting was convened on Friday under the chairmanship of DC Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma to review measures being taken to curb drug abuse and to strengthen the de-addiction framework in the district. DC took a detailed review of the current situation and sought inputs from all members regarding vulnerable areas, affected age groups, and identified hotspots. He also assessed the progress of preventive initiatives and enforcement actions undertaken by the con-

cerned departments. Emphasizing a collective approach, the DC called for close coordination among all stakeholders to effectively combat the drug menace. He urged active participation in the ongoing UT-wide IEC campaign under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, highlighting the involvement of nine resource persons from the notified line departments. DC directed the CMO along with the Drug Inspector (Drugs and Food Control Kishtwar) to conduct an audit and inspection of all Schedule H drug supplies entering the district. He further instructed the CMO and the Drug Inspector, to carry out special inspections in the far-flung

areas of Marwah and Warwan. Principal GDC Kishtwar was asked to organise a mega seminar on drug abuse with active involvement of all line departments. DC also directed all heads of the line departments to ensure maximum participation in the IEC campaign, cautioning that absenteeism would be dealt with strictly. The meeting was attended by SSP Naresh Singh, DSWO Zubair Ahmed, CEO Municipal Council Mirza Mumtaz Iqbal, CMO Dr. Rajinder Kumar, CEO Sanjay Dogra, Nodal Officer ATF Dr. Harris, Drugs Inspector Drugs and Food Control Munish Gupta besides other senior officers and concerned officials.

DC Ashok Kumar inspects traffic movement on Mughal Road

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POONCH: Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma on Friday conducted a detailed inspection of the Mughal Road, which at present serves as the sole functional link between Jammu and Kashmir Divisions owing to the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. DC was accompanied by officers and officials of PWD, BRO and representatives of other concerned departments. During the tour, the DC reviewed the overall condition of the road and directed the concerned agencies to immediately undertake necessary measures for its further improvement. He



emphasized the need for effective strategies to prevent traffic congestion and to ensure smooth flow of vehicles, given the increased traffic load on the route. DC also inspected mining sites along the road and is-

sued strict directions for the seizure of illegally extracted sand and bajri, stressing rigorous enforcement of mining laws and regulations. While addressing officers on the spot, he instructed for close monitoring of all issues in the Sub-Division, including road management, traffic regulation, and illegal mining. He further underscored the importance of coordination among PWD, BRO, Traffic Police, and Civil Administration to guarantee hassle-free movement and the safety of commuters. The visit reaffirmed the administration's resolve to maintain Mughal Road as a dependable alternative connectivity route while simultaneously curbing unlawful activities in the region.

DC Harvinder visits rain hit areas in sub-divisions

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DODA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda Harvinder Singh conducted an extensive visit to the rain and flash flood-affected areas of Sub-Divisions Thathri and Gandoh on Friday to assess the damage, interact with affected residents and oversee the ongoing relief and restoration operations. At NH-244 Doda-Kishtwar near Jangalwar Nallah and several flood-impacted localities in Thathri town, the DC inspected the damaged infrastructure, including washed-out road segments and affected residential properties.

During the visit, he engaged with numerous local residents, listening to their concerns regarding loss of property and disruption of essential services like electricity and water supply. He assured them of the administration's firm commitment to provide all necessary support. DC also reviewed the condition of the damaged roads leading from Malik Pura to Manoo, Chilly Pain and Gali Bhatoli and assured that restoration is progressing swiftly. DC further visited the Gandoh-Jai road and several other rain-affected sites in Kahara and Gandoh areas. He issued clear directives to all concerned departments to mobilize resources on a war footing to restore road connectivity, power, water supply and other essential services.

In Sub-Division Gandoh, the Deputy Commissioner visited Malik Pura to inspect a damaged residential structure and took stock of the situation. He emphasized that timely support is being extended to the affected families. He also reviewed the condition of the damaged roads leading from Malik Pura to Manoo, Chilly Pain and Gali Bhatoli and assured that restoration is progressing swiftly. DC further visited the Gandoh-Jai road and several other rain-affected sites in Kahara and Gandoh areas. He issued clear directives to all concerned departments to mobilize resources on a war footing to restore road connectivity, power, water supply and other essential services.

ADC assesses damages in flood affected areas

BHADERWAH: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), along with Tehsildar, Executive Engineer R&B (PWD), Naib Tehsildar and other senior officers carried out an extensive inspection of areas affected by the recent adverse weather conditions in Bhaderwah. The team assessed the damages caused to public infrastructure, roads, and private property. Officials interacted with local residents to understand their immediate concerns and requirements. ADC directed the concerned departments to prepare a detailed report on losses and ensure timely restoration of essential services.

NOTICE

I, Chuskit Angmo D/o Konchok Dunpa R/o Martselang, Leh-Ladakh UT do hereby inform that my name has been wrongly/incorrectly recorded in my Scheduled Tribe (ST) Certificate as Choskit Angmo instead of Chuskit Angmo. That my actual and correct name is Chuskit Angmo. Now, I am applying for correction of my name in my Scheduled Tribe Certificate. Objection, if any, conveyed to concerned authorities within seven days of this publication.

NOTICE

We Ashish Singh, Amit Kumar and Abhishek Baru, do hereby inform the general public through the medium of this publication that we have resigned from the post of President, Vice President and Treasurer respectively of Veteran Cricket Association J&K. Henceforth, we will not be responsible in any manner if anyone deals with the Veteran Cricket Association J&K. Whosoever, deals with the Association shall do so at his/her own risk.

LOP Sunil Sharma visits cloudburst-affected sites

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KISHTWAR: Leader of Opposition and MLA Paddar-Nagseni, Sunil Sharma on Friday visited the cloudburst hit site at Noos Nallah, Wagan Garh, Padyarna, where the flash flood washed away a major stretch of the Kishtwar-Paddar Road. He was accompanied by ACR Idrees Lone; Tehsildar Nagseni Mohammad Rafie Naik, OC GREF and other senior officers. During the visit, the MLA inspected the affected stretch and took stock of the damage caused to the surrounding agricultural and horticultural land of the local inhabitants. The LOP/MLA informed that by this evening, the road would be made motorable for light motor vehicles, ensuring temporary relief to stranded commuters. He further emphasized that a permanent and long-term solution lies in the construction of a bridge at the site. He directed the ACR to imme-



diately prepare a detailed proposal for the same so that a sustainable solution can be worked out at the earliest. Appealing to the people stranded at various locations, the MLA appealed them to maintain patience

till evening as efforts are underway to restore road connectivity. The LOP/MLA also appreciated the District Administration Kishtwar and all field officers for their swift action in launching restoration works and ensuring timely response

to the crisis. Meanwhile, Sunil Sharma and MLA, Shagun Parihar, today reviewed the status of water supply in Kishtwar, Nagseni and Paddar areas. It was informed that the water supply in Kishtwar town has remained disrupted for the last two days due to damage to the Naigad Gravity line. The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti apprised the LoP and MLA about the ongoing restoration efforts. The Legislators directed the Jal Shakti officials to ensure early restoration of the damaged supply line. They also instructed the department to mobilize water tankers in the affected areas to provide immediate relief to the public until full restoration is achieved. The meeting was attended by ACR Idrees Lone, ExEn Jal Shakti Kishtwar Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, AEE Jal Shakti Kishtwar besides other senior officers.



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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

E-NIT NOMDJ/Tech/e-NIT/2025-26/65 Dated:28/08/2025 Due on: 18/09/202

On behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Government of Jammu & Kashmir Bids are invited by Executive Engineer Machinery Division Jammu by e- Tendering mode from reputed firms for undertaking the work as per SBD/BOQ.

S.No.	e-NIT No.	Description of work	Cost of tender (Rs.)	Time of Completion	Tender opening authority
1.	MDJ/Tech/e-NIT/2025-26/65	Construction of Borewell under improvement up gradation of Children Park at Rajinder Park, Canal Head, Jammu	1000.00	30 days	Executive Engineer Machinery Division Jammu

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, terms & conditions, bill of quantities can be seen / downloaded from J&K Govt. website www.jktenders.gov.in. All other information regarding the e-NIT can be had from the office of the undersigned on any working day during the working hours before due date.

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