

PM Shri HS Poyen marks National Sports Day 2025

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KARGIL: PM SHRI Government High School Poyen observed National Sports Day 2025 paying tribute to Major Dhyen Chand an iconic figure in Indian hockey.

This national celebration was aimed to promote the importance of incorporating sports and physical activities into daily life of students for overall fitness. Ashraf Ali Sagar, Headmaster PM SHRI Hugh School Poyen graced the occasion as chief guest. The event included sports activities like basketball ball, volleyball, spoon race and tug of war.

Headmaster Ashraf Ali Sagar and Physical Education Teacher Shamim Ahmad emphasized the



significance of physical fitness and nutrition for maintaining overall wellness. The event commenced with a welcome address

by Mumtaz hyder followed by speech from students Fatima Zahra, Hakima Banoo and Amina Banoo. The event concluded

with distribution of mementos to participants and vote of thanks by Master Mohd Mussa who moderated the event.

DLIC approves 290 new cases under Mission YUVA

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KATHUA: The District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) met on Friday under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Sharma and approved 290 new cases under the Mission YUVA initiative.

With these approvals, the cumulative number of sanctioned cases in the district has reached 522.

While reviewing the progress of the scheme, the DC directed the Deputy Development and Business Unit (SBDU) to expedite the verification of pending cases and ensure timely



handholding to the beneficiaries for effective implementation of the mission.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Surinder Mohan, General Manager, Mushtaq Chaudhary, Chief Agriculture Officer, Jatinder Kumar, As-

sistant Director Employment Kathua, Piysuha Khajuria, DDM NABARD, Cluster Head J&K Bank, Lead Bank Manager and other stakeholders.

Mission YUVA, a flagship initiative, is aimed at promoting entrepreneurship

and self-reliance among youth by extending financial assistance and mentorship support. The approval of the new cases is expected to provide a substantial boost to the entrepreneurial ecosystem and economic growth of the district.

IIM hosts Ahmedabad Roundtable Conference

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JAMMU: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu hosted the Ahmedabad Roundtable Conference on Friday at Vivanta, Ahmedabad, bringing together eminent policymakers, industry leaders, and academicians.

The Roundtable Conference was designed to strengthen academia-industry collaboration, enhance workforce preparedness, and integrate practical insights into management education. The Roundtable Conference was graced by Prof B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, along with other dignitaries from the industry. The event com-



menced with participant registration, followed by a lamp lighting ceremony, and an introductory video, setting the stage for insight-

ful discussions. Prof B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, highlighted the Institute's remarkable trajectory of growth and its

unwavering commitment to bridging academic learning with real-world application through robust industry partnerships.

He emphasized that such collaborations are essential in shaping a dynamic and future-ready education system, capable of producing graduates who are both intellectually grounded and industry-ready.

He mentioned India's journey toward becoming a developed nation by 2047, as envisioned by PM Narendra Modi, and highlighted the importance of initiatives like Project YUVA, launched in collaboration with the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, in fostering employment through entrepreneurship.

He called upon all stakeholders to align their personal and institutional goals

with a broader vision of national development.

He reiterated IIM Jammu's exceptional achievement of securing two prestigious international accreditations, BGA Institutional Accreditation and EFMD Programme Accreditation for its MBA programme within a single year.

This remarkable accomplishment places IIM Jammu among the top five IIMs in the country and makes it the only second and third-generation IIM to attain both, signifying a major milestone in the Institute's emergence as a globally recognized hub of excellence in management education.

'Hospital on Wheels' provides quality healthcare at Seripoora

RAMBAN: In continuation to its proactive efforts to take healthcare to the remotest corners of the district, the District Administration Ramban, on Friday organised a Mobile Medical Camp at Village Seripoora in Tehsil Gool under its initiative - "Hospital on Wheels".

The initiative aims at bridging critical healthcare gaps in hard-to-reach areas by providing on-the-spot medical consultations, essential diagnostics, free medicines and vital health awareness to the rural population.

A dedicated team of doctors and paramedical staff attended to over 130 patients, including 115 General OPD cases and 15 Dental consultations. The camp also conducted essential tests such as blood sugar, anemia and malaria. Screenings for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Tuberculosis (under NTEP) were undertaken, ensuring early detection and timely intervention.

Furthering the vision of digital health, 25 ABHA IDs were generated under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). The medical team also sensitized villagers about flagship schemes like JK SEHAT, PM-JAY, E-Sanjeevani, NTEP and ABDM, while stressing the importance of preventive healthcare and healthy lifestyle practices.

With the proactive approach of District Administration Ramban, the "Hospital on Wheels" program continues to bridge the healthcare gap in most remote areas of the district. The outreach in Seripoora marks another milestone in a series of interventions aimed at ensuring quality, accessible healthcare for all residents of the district.

Sadhotra demands judicial probe into Mata Vaishno Devi landslide tragedy

JAMMU: National Conference Additional General Secretary and former minister, Ajay Kumar Sadhotra, on Friday strongly pitched for a judicial enquiry into the avoidable tragic deaths of over 30 pilgrims following a landslide on the revered Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine route, saying the catastrophe could have been avoided with timely precautionary measures.

Expressing deep shock and anguish over the loss of precious lives, Sadhotra said, "The tragedy is not merely an act of nature but a grim reminder of the administration's and Shri Mata Vashino Devi Shrine board's failure to act with foresight. The Yatra should have been suspended immediately in view of heavy rains and inclement weather warnings. Unfortunately, despite the glaring risks, the flow of pilgrims was not halted. This lapse has cost over 30 lives, leaving families devastated forever."

Sadhotra also said that responsibility must be fixed and accountability enforced at every level.

"There is need for a thorough, transparent, and credible judicial probe that establishes the truth, identifies the guilty, and ensures such negligence is never repeated again," he said.

He also emphasized the need for a time bound fast-track investigation so that guilty officials or agencies, whether due to negligence, mismanagement, or dereliction of duty, are brought to justice without delay.

"Justice delayed will only deepen the wounds of the bereaved families. The guilty must be punished in a time-bound manner to restore people's faith in pilgrimage management," Mr. Sadhotra added.

Sawhney distributes relief material in flood-hit Katal Badal

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JAMMU: Former Minister and Ex-MLA Jammu East, Yogesh Sawhney, along with the team of Youth Congress leaders, reached to the flood-affected area of Katal Badal (Baba Bhaid Devta) in Jammu East and distributed food and essential relief material among the people hit by the recent heavy rains and flash floods.

They provided basic ration kits to the locals as heavy rainfall and floods have se-

verely impacted people's daily lives, and damaged infrastructure. He urged the administration to also provide immediate relief and rehabilitation measures, and requested the urgent restoration of the pull in the area which has been broken down by the heavy rains.

Maan Singh Rathore IYC Secretary Incharge J&K, Varinder Manhas Sr. Congress Leader, Vijay Sharma, JKPYC Secretary Anmol Kohli, Happy Randhawa Secretary JKPYC, President

Jammu East Mehul Abrol, Youth Congress leaders Showkat Malik, Amir Hussain Malik, Harris Ali, Mohd. Faizan and others accompanied Yogesh Sawhney during the visit.

Speaking on the issue, ex-MLA Jammu East Sawhney said that the devastating floods have caused severe damage to lives, property, and livelihoods, leaving many families helpless and in urgent need of support. He stated that it is the moral responsibility of concerned

citizens to stand in solidarity with the victims during these testing times.

Sawhney also urged the authorities to expedite the relief and compensation process for all those affected and ensure proper rehabilitation measures are put in place without delay.

He was accompanied by Youth Congress leaders and members, and he stated that the organization is committed to extending all possible help to the people of flood-affected areas.

BJP SC Morcha holds meeting

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JAMMU: In a meeting of BJP SC Morcha held at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, Dharminder Kumar, President of Jammu Kashmir Scheduled Caste Morcha and DDC Bishnah, convened a meeting of senior SC leaders of the party.

The workers shared their insights and ideas on strengthening the

party's presence and outreach in the region. The discussions were centered around the party's vision and mission, with a focus on empowering the marginalized communities and promoting inclusive development.

Balbir Ram Rattan, G.R. Bhagat, Hans Raj Loria, K.K. Dagra, Umesh Kumar and Jagdish Bhagat were among those who attended the meeting.

Medical patrol conducted at Kallar Mohara

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POONCH: Indian Army conducted a medical patrol in villages of Kallar Mohra at Poonch district on Friday.

The initiative aims to provide basic medicines to the underprivileged communities, fostering health and well-being. An Area Domination Patrol (ADP) move from Army Camp Gajna to the villages of Kallar Mohra undertakes the primary role of carrying out the area domination.

ADP provided the local populace of both these village basic health check-ups

and distribution of essential medicines. The Indian Army is committed in ensuring that residents in these remote areas have access to quality healthcare, promoting a healthier and stronger community.

The initiative aligns with the Indian Army's ongoing commitment to serve the nation beyond defence, exemplifying their dedication to the well-being of citizens.

The free medical supply highlights the Army's ethos of solidarity and support, showcasing the positive impact that collaborative efforts can have on the health.

PDP leaders felicitate SP Rather, others for exceptional service

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JAMMU: Senior JKPPD leaders Narinder Sharma and Karan Singh on Friday felicitated Superintendent of Police (SP) Headquarters Jammu, Irshad Rather, for his professional role in rescuing victims of recent floods and landslides in Jammu district. The leaders praised Rather's leadership and commitment to duty, which ensured the safety and well-being of affected citizens.

The JKPPD leaders also applauded the dedi-



cated and inspiring work done by other police officials, including SDPO RS Pura, Gurmeet Singh, for his exceptional service during the recent floods, SHO RS Pura, Ravi Singh Parihar, for his tireless ef-

forts in rescuing victims and providing relief and SHO Miran Sahib, Azad Ahmad Manhas, for his outstanding work in responding to the flood situation.

The felicitation cer-

emony was a gesture of appreciation for the police officials' hard work and dedication to duty. The JKPPD leaders recognized the critical role played by the police in responding to emergencies and ensuring public safety. Narinder Sharma and Karan Singh praised the police officials for their professionalism and commitment to serving the people of Jammu. They emphasized the importance of recognizing and rewarding exceptional service, particularly during times of crisis.

Unchecked mining intensified flood destruction: Vikramaditya

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JAMMU: Unchecked and illegal mining in riverbeds has significantly aggravated the impact of recent floods in Jammu region, weakening natural safeguards and contributing to large-scale destruction of residential areas.

This was observed by former MLC and senior political leader Vikramaditya Singh in a handout issued on Friday.

The senior leader said the unprecedented natural calamity has caused massive damage not only to human lives but also to public infrastructure. He expressed concern over the closure of vital highways and inter-district link roads due to landslides, particularly pointing to the damage caused to the Lakhampur barrage and the main bridge over the Ravi River. Such damage, he said, has paralyzed essential con-



nectivity and severely affected supply chains, making life miserable for common people while causing heavy losses to traders and transporters.

Vikramaditya emphasized that besides natural causes, man-made factors like rampant illegal mining in rivers have dangerously in-

creased the vulnerability of several areas. He urged strict enforcement of environmental safeguards to prevent such practices from compounding the effects of natural disasters in future.

He further called upon the Government to provide immediate relief to victims, restore essential services on a war footing, and take comprehensive measures to strengthen disaster preparedness so that such losses can be minimized in the times ahead.

Expressing profound grief over the tragic loss of 41 lives caused by record rains and landslides across the Union Territory, including the devastating incident on the Vaishno Devi pilgrimage route, Vikramaditya Singh extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for peace to the departed souls. He also wished for the speedy recovery of the injured.

BJP deputation visits flood-hit areas in Akhnoor, Chhamb

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir President Sat Sharma, accompanied by General Secretary Sanjita Dogra, MLA Mohan Lal, Ex-MLAs Rajeev Sharma and Dr. Krishan Lal, District President Kuldeep Sharma, Kissan Morcha President Rakesh Pant, DDC Vice Chairman Suraj Singh, DDC Suresh Sharma, Bhushan Bral, Sharda Bhau, Secretary Reema Padha, Prabhari Brijeshwar Rana, Ayodhya Gupta, Vinay Aghda, and other senior leaders of the party, toured the flood-affected areas of Akhnoor and Chhamb constituencies to assess the scale of destruction and listen to the grievances of the people.

The leaders visited



Chak Sikandar, Sitaryala, and Indripattan in Akhnoor constituency, as well as Panjgrain, Gigril, and adjoining areas in Chhamb constituency, which have been severely hit by incessant rains and flash floods. Villages remain waterlogged, standing crops have been destroyed, homes have suffered structural damages, and many families have been displaced. The local

population narrated their hardships, citing shortage of essential supplies, lack of shelter, and urgent need for restoration of roads and electricity.

Speaking to the media after the visit, Sat said that the travesty faced by our brothers and sisters in these flood-hit villages is deeply painful.

He said that the people have lost their shelter, livelihood, and in some cases,

all that they owned. He said that the BJP stands firmly with every affected family in this hour of crisis. He called for immediate relief distribution, medical assistance, and restoration of connectivity. The government must prioritize long-term measures such as strengthening embankments, improving drainage, and disaster preparedness to avoid recurrence of such tragedies, he said.

Sharma said, "Our teams will remain in constant touch with the people till every affected family receives due relief and rehabilitation."

Sanjita Dogra stressed the need for quick rehabilitation, stressing that the women and children are the worst affected in these calamities.