

Satish Sharma, Mian Altaf visit GMC Anantnag; meets injured of Pahalgam attack

ANANTNAG, APRIL 24 : Minister for Transport, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Satish Sharma, Member of Parliament, Mian Altaf Ahmad along with MLA Anantnag West, Abdul Majeed Bhat today visited the Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag to meet the injured of the tragic Pahalgam terror attack.

The visit was aimed to assess the medical condition of the injured, inspect the healthcare facilities and take stock of the treatment being offered to the attack

victims there. The Minister and the MP were briefed extensively on the immediate emergency response carried out after the incident, the current health status of the injured and the logistical and clinical support being extended to the victims and their families.

They interacted with the injured and their families, assuring them of complete support from the administration. They expressed deep concern over the traumatic episode and conveyed heartfelt wishes for the victims' speedy recovery.



They praised the medical teams for their rapid and effective response,

expressing hope that they will continue their yeoman service with the same zeal and spirit.

Div Com establishes dedicated helpline for assistance / facilitation of tourists in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, APRIL 24 : In order to facilitate tourist movement/ stay in Kashmir valley, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir has established a dedicated helpline at Divisional Level at Srinagar to provide assistance and support to the tourists presently in Kashmir valley or intending to visit in coming days.

An order from Divisional Commissioner's office reads that in case of

any help/assistance, the tourists can reach 24 x 7 Helpline Numbers +911942-740003, 8899931010 and 8899941010. It further reads that the following region-wise contact numbers are put in public domain for providing tourist related assistance/ facilitation:

1. Mr. Rahul Raina - Tourist Reception Centre - Srinagar, Directorate of

Tourism - 9596311771

2. Ms. Mehna Khan - Srinagar, Directorate of Tourism - 9622484772

3. Mr. Irfan Bini - 9419013335

4. Mr. Sandeep Pandita - International Airport - Srinagar - 6005892772

5. Mr. Rafiq Ahmad - 7006154329

6. Mr. Gohar Rafiee - Shopian Mughal Road Status - 7006580763

7. Mr. Shafaqat Itoo - District Budgam, Doodpathri - 7006823575.

8. South Kashmir: Anantnag, Kulgam, Shopian & Pulwama - 9906663868.

9. Central Kashmir: Srinagar, Budgam & Ganderbal - 9906906115

The communicate further reads that the helpdesk shall function under overall supervision of Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob Farooq.

DC Rajouri inspects Eklavya Model School, Panchayat Ghara, Ayushman Arogya Mandir in Gurdhan Bala

RAJOURI, APRIL 24 : Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Abhishek Sharma today conducted an extensive tour of the Gurdhan Bala area to assess the functioning of public institutions and review the facilities being provided to the local population.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the Eklavya Model Residential School and took stock of the academic and infrastructural facilities. He interacted with the students, inquired about their academic progress, and encouraged them to remain focused on their goals. He also reviewed the availability of teaching staff, hostel facilities, extracurricular activities,

and other essential services being provided to the students.



Later, the Deputy Commissioner visited the Panchayat Ghar Gurdhan Bala and reviewed its functioning. He directed the concerned officials to

ensure the Panchayat Ghar is effectively utilized for governance and communi-

ty-related activities, while maintaining transparency and accountability at the grassroots level. The Deputy Commissioner also inspected the Ayushman Arogya Mandir at Gurdhan Bala and reviewed the healthcare services being extended to the local population. He stressed upon the need for efficient service delivery and asked the health officials to ensure the availability of medicines, regular OPDs, and prompt attention to patients. Senior officers from district administration and concerned departments accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during the visit.

The visit reflects the commitment of the district administration towards strengthening educational infrastructure, grassroots governance and healthcare delivery in the far-flung areas of the district.

JKBRSETI Rajouri empowers youth through vocational training

RAJOURI, APRIL 24 : JKBRSETI Rajouri concluded a 31-day Vocational Training Programme in Tailoring - Women's Garments, marking a significant achievement for the 34 candidates who completed the training.

The course was designed to equip the trainees with practical skills in tailoring and garment making to enhance their employability and entrepreneurial prospects.

On the last day of the course, Lead District Manager Sanjeev Bhasin emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship and encouraged the trainees to leverage government

schemes such as Differential Rate of Interest (DRI), Micro Units Development and

Employment Generation Programme) and PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation

resources to help you to establish and grow their own tailoring ventures" he added.



Refinance Agency (MUDRA), TEJWANI The Radiant, JKREGP (Jammu and Kashmir Rural

Programme) to set up their own units. "These schemes can provide financial support, mentorship, and

The Director of JKBRSETI Suniel Sharma congratulated the trainees on their achievement and wished them all the best for their future endeavours. The Director reaffirmed JKBRSETI Rajouri's commitment to providing top quality vocational training and skill development opportunities, empowering youth for better livelihoods.

The successful completion of this course demonstrates JKBRSETI Rajouri's dedication to skill development and youth empowerment in the region.

DC Ramban visits flood-affected areas Reviews relief, restoration measures

RAMBAN, APRIL 24 : Deputy Commissioner Baser-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today undertook a comprehensive tour of all affected wards in Ramban town to assess the situation on ground.

Accompanied by officers of line departments, the DC visited the homes of affected families, evaluated the extent of damages and took realistic feedback to ensure immediate and effective relief and rehabilitation.

Today's visit also focused on future planning to mitigate such damages and losses, aiming to strengthen the district's preparedness and resilience against such disasters. His proactive engagement reflects the district administration's unwavering commitment to compassionate and efficient disaster response, said DC.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by the ADC Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACR Shoket Hyat Mattoo, CMO Dr. Kamal Je Zadu, CMO Bikram Singh, Assistant Director Food Civil Supplies and Public Distribution, Executive

Engineer PWD Abhishek Mahajan, CEO MC Ramban and various other officers.

While inspecting the restoration of essential services and the ongoing debris clearance operations, the DC issued necessary

the stipulated timeline. Efforts to restore water supply, power, street lighting, and link road connectivity are being undertaken on a war footing to bring normalcy to daily life.

To support the labour force actively engaged in

experience.

The Health Department has intensified spraying activities across affected areas to curb the spread of communicable diseases, while the Animal Husbandry Department is providing medical care to



directives to concerned officers for expediting the work. He assured the affected families that the administration stands firmly with them and will provide every possible support to help them rebuild their lives.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the status of damage assessment at a review meeting and instructed the Assessment Teams to complete the evaluation within

restoration work, the District Administration has established a Langar at Ramban and is also distributing ration to affected families to address immediate needs.

Further, a dedicated help desk has been set up at Sangaldan Railway Station to assist incoming tourists by providing information, guidance, and medical assistance, thereby ensuring a safe and smooth travel

livestock and ensuring a continuous fodder supply in affected zones like Kelamorph, safeguarding both animal and human lives.

The District Administration Ramban remains committed to ensuring round-the-clock response, dignified rehabilitation, and rapid restoration of all essential services in the flood-affected areas.

Implementation of E-Office System up to Block Level discussed at Poonch

POONCH APRIL 24 :

Deputy Commissioner of Vikas Kundal chaired a critical meeting today in the Meeting Hall of the DC Office complex to review the implementation, extension, and operationalization of the E-Office system across all government offices in the district. The initiative is part of a broader effort to streamline government operations by digitizing processes and significantly reducing paper

usage.

The meeting was attended by line department officers, including those from subdivisions, tehsils, blocks and the sectoral departments within Poonch. Key topics discussed included, infrastructure requirements to support the E-Office system; Identification of existing challenges in the implementation process; Network Infrastructure Connectivity etc. A detailed discussion was held on con-

nectivity issues related to NICNET, SWAN, and BharatNet, as well as the overall IT infrastructure requirements necessary for effective implementation.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasised the importance of timely action, instructing all district officers to compile a comprehensive list of all government offices operating in the district. Officers were asked to submit this information within two

days to facilitate a smoother implementation process.

Additionally, all officers were directed to coordinate closely with the District Informatics Officer (DIO) of the National Informatics Centre to ensure a hassle-free rollout of the E-Office system.

The initiative is expected to enhance operational efficiency and contribute to the broader goal of digital governance within the region.

All Facilities to be Provided in Grain Markets for the Convenience of Farmers and Commission Agents:- Harjot Bains

Sri Anandpur Sahib, 24 APR. (Ajay Puri) Punjab Education and Information & Public Relations Minister, Mr. Harjot Singh Bains, stated that all necessary facilities are being provided in grain markets for the convenience of farmers and commission agents.

Today, a shed constructed at a cost of Rs. 70 lakhs was inaugurated at the Agampur grain market in Sri Anandpur Sahib, and soon a larger shed will be built in the Kiratpur Sahib grain market at a cost of Rs. 3.5 crore.

Addressing farmers, commission agents, and laborers at the Agampur grain market, Mr. Harjot

Singh Bains said that more shops will be auctioned soon in the Agampur grain market and well-equipped

one will soon be established in the Agampur grain market. He added that in the year 2022-23, a grant of Rs.



offices for commission agents will be constructed. He noted the high demand for a timber market in the region and announced that

2 crore was announced for the renovation of the shed and Kisan Haveli in Agampur, and now both projects have been completed.

Speaking on tourism prospects, Mr. Bains shared that a wildlife sanctuary is being developed in Sri Anandpur Sahib, which will be the first of its kind in Punjab. He mentioned that after a recent meeting with a central minister, BBMB is also exploring tourism opportunities in this region. He emphasized that the area is naturally beautiful, and with an increase in tourist footfall, local trade and business will flourish. Mr. Bains also informed that preparations are underway to celebrate the centenary event in Kiratpur Sahib. A sewage treatment plant worth Rs. 400 crore will be completed there.

National Panchayati Raj Day observed at Surankote

POONCH, APRIL 24 :

The National Panchayati Raj Day was celebrated today at Block Surankote, marking a significant occasion in promoting grassroots governance and community engagement. The event was organized by the District Administration in collaboration with the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

The program was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, accompanied by SDM Surankote, Assistant Commissioner Panchayats, BDO and other key officials. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the local community, with a notable presence of

women, reflecting a strong commitment to inclusive governance.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal stated, "Today's celebration underscores our commitment to empowering local governance and ensuring that every citizen is aware of their rights and the resources available to them. Together, we can build a healthier and more prosperous community."

The celebration commenced with a pledge ceremony focused on "Nasha Mukh Bharat." Participants, including district officers, officials, staff, and residents, collectively committed to making India drug-free.

The initiative aimed to

raise awareness about the severe consequences of drug abuse and promote a healthier community.

During the event, attendees were educated about various government schemes related to the Rural Development Department (RDD). Special emphasis was placed on the importance of Panchayati Raj institutions in effectively implementing these schemes at the grassroots level, ensuring that benefits reach the most vulnerable populations. Moreover, the program highlighted the Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) initiative under the Jal Jeevan Mission. Participants were informed about the critical role of WASH in sustain-

able development, focusing on access to safe drinking water, proper sanitation facilities, and good hygiene practices.

Community members were reminded that access to WASH is fundamental for preventing waterborne diseases, promoting public health, and enhancing the overall quality of life.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal also recognized and encouraged the best-performing staff of the RDD department. The event concluded with an open forum, allowing community members to voice their concerns, suggestions, and feedback on local governance issues, further enhancing the participatory spirit of the day.

National Panchayati Raj Day Observed at Kewal Lower: Participants Condemn Pahalgam Terror Attack

WAZIR AHMED KHAN MAHORE, April 24 :

The National Panchayati Raj Day was observed with solemnity and patriotic spirit at Gram Panchayat Kewal Lower, where participants unanimously condemned the recent terror attack on innocent civilians in Pahalgam. The event served both as a tribute to grassroots democracy and a platform for awareness on various government initiatives. Former Sarpanch Mohammad Farooq Inqlabi was the chief guest on the occasion. Also present were Mrs. Soni Jamwal, Gram Rozgar Sevika (GRS) of the Panchayat, and Farooq

Baba, a noted social activist. In his address, Farooq Inqlabi strongly denounced the Pahalgam attack, terming it a coward-

ly act against peace-loving citizens. He urged the community to stay united against forces that aim to



disrupt harmony. Highlighting the importance of National Panchayati Raj Day, he called upon people, espe-

cially the youth, to participate actively in local governance and development. The event

also included awareness sessions on National Local Self Government Day, the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, and other flagship schemes aimed at rural upliftment. Mrs. Soni Jamwal spoke about the critical role of community cooperation in the success of these schemes, while Farooq Baba emphasized the need for a collective societal response to drug abuse and extremism.

The program concluded with a unity pledge by participants to uphold democratic values, foster peace, and work towards a progressive, self-reliant, and drug-free society.

Modi Govt's CCS Decisions a Stern Warning to Pakistan-Sponsored Terrorism : Kavinder

Says India will no longer tolerate cross-border terrorism in any form

Jammu, April 24 : Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, on Wednesday said that the recent decisions taken by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in response to the terror attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, serve as a clear and stern warning to Pakistan and its terror proxies — India will no longer tolerate cross-border terrorism in any form. Addressing a meeting at the BJP Headquarters in Jammu, Kavinder Gupta emphasized that the Modi Government has once again reaffirmed its uncompromising stance against terrorism and its steadfast commitment to safeguarding national security. He stated that while Pakistan continues to act as a breeding ground for terrorism, the Modi Government has responded with decisive action, strategic planning, and unwavering political

will. "Pakistan must realize that the era of soft responses is over. Today's India, under Prime Minister Modi, speaks the language of strength and sovereignty," he asserted. Kavinder high-

lighted that the CCS decisions reflect the Modi government's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. He pointed to key measures such as the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan, closure of

the Wagah-Attari border, revocation of the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme for Pakistani nationals, and the expulsion of Pakistani military advisers from India, along with the withdrawal



of Indian military advisers from Pakistan, as part of a comprehensive strategy to hold Pakistan accountable for its continued support to terrorism. Appealing to the people, especially those living in border areas and

Minister Modi's leadership, India is determined to crush terrorism at its roots and make it unequivocally clear to Pakistan that this nation will never bow before violence and intimidation," he concluded.

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