

JKHCBAJ holds Blood Donation Camp to ensure no one has to suffer because of blood shortage



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JAMMU, MAY 09: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu successfully organized a blood donation camp today at the District Court Complex, Jammu. This noble initiative was undertaken in response to the urgent need for blood donations amid the ongoing Indo-Pak war situation.

The camp witnessed overwhelming participation from members of the legal fraternity, including Hon'ble Judges of High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Judges of District Judiciary, and members of the Bar.

Their selfless contribution of blood exemplifies the spirit of solidarity

and humanitarian commitment during these challenging times. The Blood Donation Camp was started with heartfelt participation from esteemed dignitaries including Hon'ble Judges, Justice Sindhua Sharma, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Rajesh Sekhri, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Yousuf Wani and Justice Shahzad Azeem, who generously donated blood to support this noble cause. Principal District and Sessions Judge YP Bourney, along with 1st Additional District and Sessions Judge, Jammu, Ranbir Singh Jasrotia, also honored the event with their presence and contributed by donating blood.

The event witnessed enthusiastic involvement from the office bearers of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association Jammu (JKHCBAJ), including Pardeep Majotra (General Secretary), Anshu Mahajan (Joint Secretary), Rahul Aggarwal (Treasurer), Designated Senior Advocates Sh. Sunil Sethi and Sh. Pranav Kohli, as well as numerous senior advocates, female advocates, and young lawyers, all of whom selflessly participated and donated blood.

This remarkable show of solidarity and compassion exemplifies the spirit of service and humanity that binds the legal fraternity and community together. Their collective effort not only aids those in urgent need but also inspires others to contribute to the welfare of society.

Such acts of generosity and civic responsibility deserve our highest appreciation and respect, reflecting the true essence of leadership and empathy.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all the donors and organizers for their unwavering commitment to this life-saving initiative. Your exemplary dedication is a beacon of hope and a testament to the power of community in making a meaningful difference. Thank you for your invaluable contribution to this noble cause.

The Association reaffirms its dedication to social responsibility and encourages continued community participation in such life-saving initiatives. JKHCBAJ appreciate the valour of our security forces and firmly stand with them, and hopes the peace prevails in the entire region.

J&K BJP holds crucial meeting following escalation of tensions with Pakistan

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JAMMU, MAY 09: In the wake of the recent escalation of tension due to drone and missile attacks launched from across the border by Pakistan, J&K BJP held a crucial meeting at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The meeting was chaired by Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP and was attended by several senior party leaders to assess the prevailing situation and coordinate the party's response.

Sunil Sharma, Leader of Opposition, Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), Dr. Nirmal Singh and Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Ministers, Adv. Vibodh Gupta, General Secretary, J&K BJP, Adv. RS Pathania, Spokesperson & MLA, Baldev Singh Billawaria, former Dy Mayor, Sanjita Dogra, Rakesh Mahajan, Rajeev Chakraborty, Dr. Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Dr. Hari Dutt Shishu and others were present in the meeting.

The attack, which occurred late Thursday evening, was effectively neutralized by India's robust defense systems, preventing any damage and reasserting India's superior strategic preparedness. The BJP leadership commended the Indian Defense Forces for



their swift and decisive action, which not only averted a major crisis but also sent a strong message to adversaries across the border.

Addressing the meeting, Sat Sharma condemned the attack and said that while the act of aggression by Pakistan was deplorable, the entire nation stands united and proud of the Indian defense forces for their swift and effective response that followed the hostile attempt. He emphasized that the BJP takes serious note of the tension created due to this attack and is committed to supporting efforts to maintain public morale and ensure safety.

Sharma informed that senior party leaders have been tasked with overseeing prominent and sensitive areas across the region to keep a close watch on developments and coordinate party activities in response to any situation

that may arise. He urged BJP leaders and activists to take a leading role in building public confidence, dispelling rumors, and reinforcing trust in the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the preparedness of India's armed forces.

Highlighting the need for preparedness, Sat Sharma also appealed to healthy adult citizens to come forward and register for emergency blood donation. He mentioned that the BJP, in coordination with civil society and allied organizations, would be organizing blood donation camps across various locations, which could prove vital in case of any eventuality.

Sunil Sharma stressed the importance of maintaining close coordination with the civil administration. He instructed senior leaders to mobilize party workers at the grassroots level to extend full cooperation with government

agencies, especially in relief and emergency preparedness efforts.

Sunil Sharma appealed to the masses to stand firmly with the nation and support all efforts aimed at ensuring peace, preparedness, and public safety in the current volatile scenario.

Ashok Koul urged party cadre to engage in awareness campaigns, help people stay informed and alert, and assist in reviewing and strengthening emergency protocols. He advised that such efforts must be carried out responsibly to avoid creating panic among the public. Koul also emphasized the need for party members to provide assistance to people displaced due to ongoing shelling along the border. He called for special attention to ensuring uninterrupted supplies of food, medicine, and other essential commodities to the affected families living in temporary relief camps.

Sahib Bandgi opens community kitchen for people affected from border shelling

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JAMMU, MAY 09: Sahib Bandagi Ashram has provided all the comforts and facilities to those people who were forced to leave their homes on the border during the Indo-Pak war. Whenever any calamity has struck Jammu or India, the Sahib Bandagi sect has sometimes opened its community kitchens and sometimes its ashrams to serve the suffering common people.

Whether it was the Corona period of 2020 or the matter of opening bhandars for the common people during the Amarnath movement for many months or any other disaster, Sahib Bandagi Panth has never backed down from serving the people in times of disaster. Sahib ji says that we serve from the heart and even if we have to feed thousands of people in bhandars for 1 year in a disaster, we will not step back.

Today, the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Mr. Omar Abdullah Sahib, visited the homeless people living in Sahib Bandagi Ashram and promised them that soon they will be provided all the facilities they have lost without any hindrance.

Although those people are getting all the comforts and facilities in Sahib Bandagi Ashram, the Chief Minister also promised them help from the government and said that he is with them in this hour of trouble.

Alumni Interaction held at School of Mechanical Engineering



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JAMMU, MAY 09: The School of Mechanical Engineering (SoME) hosted an alumni interaction session with two distinguished alumni, Anketa Jandyal (2018 Batch) from Cognizant Technology Solutions and Sonal Bhatia (2018 Batch) from Jindal Stainless Steel Limited. The event was aimed to bridge the gap between academia and industry by providing students with valuable insights into career paths, industry trends, and the skill sets needed to succeed in today's competitive job market.

Ms. Anketa Jandyal, who is working as a Programmer Analyst at Cognizant, shared her journey from the

classroom to the corporate world. She discussed the technical and soft skills essential for thriving in the IT industry, stressing the importance of continuous learning, adaptability, and effective communication.

Anketa's session was a powerful reminder of how perseverance and dedication can lead to success in the fast-paced technology sector.

Ms. Sonal Bhatia, an Executive in Supply Chain at Jindal Stainless Steel Limited, also discussed her experiences in the manufacturing and logistics sector. Sonal emphasized the critical role of supply chain management in industrial operations and highlighted the importance of problem-

solving, leadership, and organizational skills. Her talk resonated with students interested in pursuing careers in supply chain and operations management, providing a real-world perspective on the industry's demands.

The alumni also spoke about the challenges and opportunities that exist outside of academia, offering advice on how students can prepare for the realities of the professional world. They discussed the evolving industrial scenario, the significance of internships, and the value of networking in securing jobs.

Dr. Yatheshth Anand, Head of SoME, Dr. Mir Irfan UIHaq, Associate Dean, International and Alumni Affairs thanked the esteemed alumni for sharing the experiences. Prof. Shalaj Khajuria, Dean International and Alumni Affairs expressed their gratitude towards the alumni for their valuable contributions. Vice Chancellor Prof. Pragati Kumar extended his best wishes to the alumni and students, emphasizing the importance of such interactions in helping students understand the industry landscape beyond their academic curriculum.

Arvind visits GMC Jammu to assess readiness amid rising security concerns

Emphasize Preparedness and Public Awareness in wake of border tensions

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JAMMU, MAY 09: In light of the emerging war-like situation and growing regional security concerns, senior BJP leader and MLA Jammu West, Arvind Gupta today visited Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu along with senior BJP leaders. The purpose of the visit was to assess the preparedness of the medical infrastructure and raise public awareness regarding safety measures in the current volatile climate.

The MLA was joined by Ex-State President Sh. Ravinder Raina, MLA Jammu East Sh. Yudhvir Sethi, former Deputy Mayor Smt. Purnima Sharma, Mandal President Kushant Prajapati, and other prominent BJP figures including Atul Bakshi, ex-corporators Surinder Singh Choudhary and Anu Bali, Chaman Lal Bhagat, Karan Sharma, Mohit Vaid, Rekha Sharma, Sonu Manhas, Sudesh Ji, and Rohit Gupta.

Arvind Gupta interacted with the hospital administration, doctors, and support staff to understand the readiness of the institution to handle any potential emergency situations that may arise due to cross-border tensions. He reviewed available medical facilities,



emergency protocols, and stockpiles of essential medicines and supplies.

Speaking to media after the visit, Arvind Gupta said, "The safety and well-being of our citizens is our top priority.

We are closely monitoring the situation and ensuring that our institutions are fully prepared to respond to any eventuality. GMC Jammu plays a crucial role in our emergency response system, and I am satisfied with the efforts being made by the medical staff and administration."

The BJP delegation also emphasized the importance of staying alert, avoiding rumors, and following government

advisories. They reassured the people of Jammu and Kashmir that both the state and central governments are fully committed to safeguarding their lives and property.

The visit is part of a broader initiative by the BJP leadership to review on-ground preparedness and keep the public informed amidst the evolving situation along the border.

Arvind Gupta also expressed gratitude to the healthcare workers for their dedication and service, particularly during challenging times, and assured them of full support from the administration and the party leadership.

Dr. Rameshwar urges Govt to relocate Border Families to Bani for safety



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BANI, MAY 09: In a strong gesture of solidarity and humanitarian concern, Dr. Rameshwar Singh, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Bani, has appealed to both the Central and State Governments to make arrangements for the safe stay of border residents in Bani until peace prevails and the situation at the border normalizes.

While addressing media persons, Dr. Rameshwar Singh stated that during times of border tension and cross-border firing,

the lives of residents living in these areas are severely affected. "It is our duty to ensure their safety and dignity. We have prepared Bani to extend all possible help and shelter to our brothers and sisters from the border areas," he said.

Dr. Singh assured that the people of Bani are wholeheartedly ready to support and accommodate the affected families and will stand by them in this time of crisis. He highlighted the recurring threat posed by terrorism and the targeting of civilians in the border areas,

pointing out that such situations make it impossible for people to lead normal lives in their own villages.

Taking a firm stance, Dr. Singh called upon the Central Government to take decisive action against terror activities and secure the lives of Indian citizens living near the border. "We must not allow our people to live in fear.

We urge the authorities to eliminate the terrorist infrastructure across the border and restore peace," he emphasized.

Dr. Rameshwar also acknowledged the sacrifice and courage of security forces and demanded a strong and comprehensive strategy to ensure national security.

He said that until there is a permanent solution to this problem, the displaced families must be given safe accommodation, food, and medical support.

Issuance of Pahari ST Certificate to Residents of Non-Pahari Speaking Areas

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JAMMU, MAY 09: In a significant development, J & K High Court bench of Justice Mohd. Yousuf Wani has stayed the order of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, wherein the ADC Jammu, vide his office order dated 19/10/2024, had rejected the appeal of the petitioner Garvit Raina, a student of 27 years and upheld the order of the Tehsildar RS Pura, Jammu, who had already rejected the application of the petitioner for the issuance of a Scheduled Tribe Certificate claiming to be a member of the Pahari Speaking Clan.

Aggrieved over the rejection of his application dated 08/08/2024 for issuance of ST certificate by the Tehsildar RS Pura, Jammu, the applicant, seeking indulgence of the office of DC Jammu, submitted a first appeal before the first Appellate Authority, i.e. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, and requested for

issuance of an ST Certificate.

The petitioner had claimed to be a member of the Pahari Ethnic Clan and originally hailing from Tehsil Plandari, Poonch (POJK). The petitioner in his appeal had also submitted that his mother tongue would be Pahari. However, the office of the ADC Jammu rejected the appeal of the petitioner.

On behalf of Garvit Raina, the petitioner, Advocate Chetan Prabhakar and Karan Prasher filed a writ petition before the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and prayed for quashing the order of the ADC Jammu and for issuing directions to other respondents to issue an ST Certificate to the petitioner.

In the petition before the court, the petitioner had stated that the intent of the legislature regarding the reservation for Pahari Ethnic Clan is not area-specific but linguistic and ethnic-specific.

Tony visits Devigarh Last Village on fence amid border tensions, facilitates evacuation

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JAMMU, MAY 09: In response to the rising tensions along the International Border, senior Congress leader and DDC Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony, visited the vulnerable border villages of Sae Devigarh, Megowal, Sae Sadari, Sae Khurd, and Sae Tandali to personally oversee the situation and ensure the safety of residents.

Recognizing the gravity of the circumstances, Tony actively facilitated the evacuation of residents from these frontline villages to safer camps, emphasizing the need for swift action to safeguard lives. Interacting with the affected villagers, he cautioned them to stay alert and avoid unnecessary movement near the border areas, while assuring them of every possible assistance.

Tony urged the people to have full faith in the Indian armed forces, who, he said, are giving a befit-



ting reply to the provocations by Pakistan. "Our brave jawans are standing strong to protect the nation and its people. We must trust their capability and commitment," he stated. The senior Congress leader also commended the timely response of the local police and civil administration in managing the situation and aiding the evacuation efforts. He specifically appreciated their role in maintaining law and order and providing logistical support during the crisis.

Further, Tony appealed to social and religious organizations to come forward and organize Langars (community

kitchens) at the relief camp sites, ensuring no one suffers due to lack of food or basic needs.

He made a strong appeal to the Deputy Commissioner and Civil Administration to ensure adequate civil amenities at the camps, including the installation of mobile toilets and washrooms, provision of drinking water, and stocking of essential medicines to prevent any health crisis.

Taranjit Singh Tony reiterated his commitment to stand by the people of Suchetgarh in these testing times and assured that every effort will be made to ensure their dignity and safety.