

## Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch Kashmir unit met with Dr. Indresh Kumar at Pahalgam



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**JAMMU, AUG. 17 :** A team of Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM), led by Abdul Majeed Sheikh, State Secretary in charge of Kashmir Division, met with Dr. Indresh Kumar at Pahalgam. The team included Mushtaq Ahmad Khanday (in charge of South Kashmir), Rameez Raja (District President of Anantnag), Shabir Ahmad Malik (District President of Srinagar), and other activists of BTSM Kashmir. In his speech to the meeting, Dr. Indresh Kumar ji praised the BTSM team for their excellent work on the ground. Dr. Indresh Kumar assured the team of every possible support.

Dr. Vivek Sharma, President J&K, Ladakh BTSM stated that the Kashmir division team is actively working to fulfil the organisation's mission. He noted that in the year 2025, various activities were organised in Kashmir, including the Tiranga Yatra on Independence Day and the foundation day of BTSM, among others.

He further mentioned that the Bharat Tibbat Sahyog Manch operates under the guidance of Honourable Dr. Indresh Kumar and is dedicated to the liberation of Tibet and Kailash Mansarovar.

## Central Zone JKNC extends condolences to Khan and Abdullah Family members

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**JAMMU, AUG. 17 :** The Central Zone Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) expresses profound grief and heartfelt condolences over the passing of the wife of Late Muhammad Aslam Khan, former Chief Engineer, PDD. The deceased was the mother-in-law of Safiya Abdullah Khan, daughter of NC President Dr. Farooq Abdullah.

The Central Zone stands in solidarity with Asim Khan, son-in-law of Dr. Farooq Abdullah and brother-in-law of NC Vice President and Hon'ble Chief Minister Omar Abdullah during this time of personal loss.

A condolence meeting was held at the Zonal office, Jammu, which was chaired by Zonal President and Former Minister Babu Rampaul. It was attended by Provincial Joint Secretary Ankush Abrol, Zonal leaders including Dr Vikas Sharma, Sham Lal Mehra, Adv Rajinder Chanyal, Bharat Bhushan, B.D Dalotra, Surjit Singh Sassan, Dr Gaurav Bharat, S.P Bhardwaj (Rtd.DC), Rahul Mahajan, Arvind Jamwal, Navid Raja, Sat Paul, Ashok Tyagi, Manohar Lal Bhagat, Hemraj, Rajinder kumar and others.

During the condolence meeting, prayers were offered to the Almighty for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

## Kaith Biradari holds Religious Function at Domana



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**JAMMU, AUG. 17 :** A large gathering of Kaith Biradari members, accompanied by their families, converged at Domana today to pay obeisance to their ancestral spirit, Sankri Devta. The atmosphere was filled with devotion as members chanted and waited in long queues for hours to seek darshan. Sankri Devta is revered as the protector of the Kaith Biradari, believed to fulfill the wishes of those who visit, said the devotees.

The Biradari warmly welcomed dignitaries, and R.L. Kaith emphasized the importance of education in modern times. "Education is a fundamental necessity for a good life," he said. "It enables us to utilize technological systems and services, and well-educated individuals can secure better job opportunities and achieve success. Without quality education, one risks missing out on the chance to earn a good living."

Kaith appealed to the attendees to be vigilant and keep their children away from bad company and the dangers of drug addiction. He stressed the importance of parental guidance in shielding youngsters from negative influences and encouraging them to lead a healthy and productive life.

Earlier, the Kaith Biradari felicitated Priest Kuldeep Raj Sonu for his good deeds.

Notable figures who graced the occasion included Subedar Major Gunni Ram (Retd), Subedar Hans Raj (Retd), Havildar Bhupinder Singh (Retd), Master Rattan Lal, Ram Saran, Ambu Ram, Bishan Dass, Mohinder Lal, Ashwani Kumar, Parkash Chand, Chaman Lal, Bishan Lal, Bodh Raj Ram Kumar, Jeet Raj, Rahul Kumar and Sahil Kumar.

## Gulam Ali Hoists Tricolour Across Jammu; Slams NC, Congress for Creating Double Mindset in J&K

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**JAMMU, AUG. 17 :** Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Er. Gulam Ali Khatana hoisted the National Flag at a series of venues across Bathindi, Jammu, and Udhampur during the 79th Independence Day celebrations. At each ceremony, he paid rich tributes to India's freedom fighters, recalling their valor in resisting British rule and urging that their sacrifices must never be forgotten. He said the stories of bravery and heroism must continue to inspire future generations to dedicate themselves to the progress of the nation.

During all ceremonies, a two-minute silence was observed to mourn the victims of the Kishtwar tragedy that struck on the eve of Independence Day.

The MP pointed out the rising enthusiasm among the people in participating in Independence Day celebrations, contrasting it with earlier times when such occasions saw public detachment. "This growing pride is a testimony to the changing spirit of Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370," he remarked.

Coming down heavily on the National Conference (NC) and the Congress, Gulam Ali said both parties were responsible for creating a double mindset among Kashmiris. "For decades, they exploited people's emotions, fueled anti-India sentiments, and sowed hatred and this all to keep themselves in power," he charged.

Highlighting the tangible shift in the Valley's mood, the MP said Kashmiris are today beaming with hope and eager to be part of the growth story of the nation, contributing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat.

## MLA Jasrotia expresses shock and sorrow over devastating cloudburst in Kathua District

**Visits cloudburst-hit areas, announces Rs 1 lakh for fully damaged houses, Rs 50,000 for severely damaged houses, Rs 25,000 for partially damaged houses from his CDF**

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**JASROTA, AUG. 17 :**

MLA Jasrotia, Rajiv Jasrotia, has expressed deep shock and sorrow over the devastating cloudburst that hit Jodh Ghati village in Kathua district, resulting in the loss of at least seven lives and injuring several others. Addressing media person over this unfortunate natural calamity after visiting the cloudburst-hit areas, witnessing firsthand the extent of the destruction and assessing the needs of the affected families, Jasrotia informed that the incident, which occurred late Saturday night, triggered landslides, flash floods, and large-scale disruption, causing widespread destruction and chaos. The cloudburst snapped access to Jodh Ghati village, where floodwaters swept through homes and agricultural fields, leaving families stranded. Several connecting roads were washed away, and a bridge collapsed, worsening the situation, added Jasrotia.

Jasrotia announced a compensation package from his Constituency Development Fund (CDF)



for the affected families, including Rs 1 lakh for fully damaged houses, Rs 50,000, for severely damaged houses and Rs 25,000 for partially damaged houses. Jasrotia informed that helicopter evacuations have been launched, and multiple agencies, including the Army, NDRF, SDRF, and police, are working tirelessly to restore connectivity and assist victims.

Jasrotia urged the government to implement long-term flood protection measures, including improved embankments, real-time weather alerts, and a review of building norms in vulnerable areas. He said authorities are working to restore essential services, including power, water, and road links, to the affected

areas. Jasrotia appealed to the authorities to ensure that the rescue and relief operations are carried out with utmost speed and efficiency. He also emphasized the need for long-term measures to mitigate the impact of such disasters in the future.

While the state government has sought central assistance, Jasrotia urged long-term flood protection measures. This includes improved embankments, real-time weather alerts, and a review of building norms in vulnerable areas. Connectivity and services slowly being restored Authorities are now focused on restoring essential services, including power, water and road links, added Jasrotia.

## Bali Bhagat slams Kashmiri rulers for unrest in J & K, credits PM Modi for restoring normalcy

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**JAMMU, AUG. 17 :**

Senior BJP leader and former Minister Bali Bhagat launched a scathing attack on the past Kashmiri leadership, accusing them of playing a "double role" and failing to restore normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir during their rule.

Bali Bhagat said that the demand for restoration of statehood is being raised by the same Kashmiri leaders of Congress, NC and PDP who are themselves responsible for its loss, as their failure to control law and order, their double standards, and soft approach towards separatists and terrorists pushed Jammu and Kashmir into turmoil.

Bali Bhagat said that when Jammu and Kashmir was a state, shutdowns were a routine feature from the 1990s till 2018 under the rule of leaders like Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed and Mehbooba Mufti, as these leaders failed to control the situation due to their soft

corner towards separatists and terrorists.

"However, after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A and the reorganisation of J&K into a Union Territory, shutdowns, stone pelting declined rapidly and normalcy was restored under the decisive leadership of the Narendra Modi-led Central Government," Bali Bhagat asserted.

Recalling the violent phase from June to September 2010 under the Omar Abdullah-led government, Bhagat said that protesters, mostly youth, defied curfews, raised pro-independence slogans, torched police vehicles, and attacked government buildings. "The unrest escalated to such an extent that as many as 117 people lost their lives in police action during Omar Abdullah's regime," he said.

Targeting PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, the BJP leader said that during her tenure as Chief Minister (2016-2018), civilian killings again shook the

Valley, especially after the encounter of terrorist Burhan Wani. "Over 100 deaths occurred including civilians and security personnel, and near about 100 youths lost their eyesight due to pellet gun injuries," he stated. Bhagat also reminded that the PDP-BJP coalition government collapsed in June 2018 due to the worsening security situation, forcing Mehbooba Mufti to resign.

He said that all Kashmiri rulers-whether NC, PDP, and Congress failed to control the law-and-order situation and were responsible for the downgrading of Jammu and Kashmir to a Union Territory. "They played a double role and never worked honestly for peace. Even today, leaders like Farooq Abdullah repeat the old rhetoric of holding talks with Pakistan to end terrorism," Bhagat remarked.

The former minister further hit out at Congress leaders Saifuddin Soz and Tariq Hameed Karra for their controversial remarks

## Natrang presented hindi comedy play 'Purvabhyaas' in Sunday Theatre

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**JAMMU, AUG. 17 :**

In its endeavours to come up with a theatre production every Sunday, Natrang presented a new hindi comedy play 'Purvabhyaas' written by Om Prakash and directed by Neeraj Kant in its weekly theatre Sunday Theatre.

"Purvabhyaas" is a satirical stage comedy that unfolds in a small town where two self-proclaimed healers, an overconfident Hakim and a flamboyant hypnosis professor are fierce rivals.

The Hakim swears by his miraculous "Amar Bhaskar" powder, prescribing it to everyone from a nervous middle-aged woman to a farmer whose cow refuses to eat grass and give milk.

Meanwhile, the professor uses dramatic mind-control sessions, urging patients to imagine wild forests, lions and elephants, only to leave them more terrified than before.

Their competitive worlds collide when both are summoned to treat a young boy who has mysteriously fainted at home.

Instead of curing him, they plunge into a ridiculous battle of words, each trying to prove their own



superiority.

The parents watch in dismay as their "doctors" descend into a physical scuffle. Suddenly, the boy springs up and reveals the truth, he's perfectly healthy and was merely rehearsing for a play with the "Natrang" theatre group, where he must lie still on stage for two hours.

The truth makes both the Hakim and the Professor look foolish, showing how blind faith and big egos can mislead people. With lively dialogues, funny situations and light-hearted humour, Purvabhyaas becomes an entertaining yet meaningful play on

quackery, human weakness and how easily we can be made to laugh at ourselves.

Today's play was decorated with the participation of Pawan Verma (Recipient of J&K State Award and National Fellowship from Ministry of Culture) who performed brilliantly. Others who have significant performances included Aryan Sharma, Nisha Suri, Kushal Bhat, Kartik Kumar, Krishay Bhatia and Mehak Sharma. The lights of the play were executed by Neeraj Kant and the show was coordinated by Mohd. Yaseen

## Tiranga Triumphs in Pahalgam: ABVP Kashmir's 'Shuraya-e-Tiranga' Rally Honors Martyrs, Inspires Students for National Unity



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**JAMMU, AUG. 17 :** With the spirit of sacrifice in their hearts and the Tiranga held high, the students of Kashmir today scripted a new chapter of patriotism as Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Kashmir organized the historic 'Shuraya-e-Tiranga' Rally at Pahalgam.

Carrying forward the theme "Shaheedoun ke Samaan Mein, Vidyarthi Parishad Maidan Mein", the rally honored the bravery of security forces in Operation Sandoor, paid heartfelt tribute to the innocent lives lost in the Pahalgam killing, and remembered the martyrs of the tragic cloudburst in Kishtwar, Jammu. The march began from Pahalgam Club and culminated at the Pahalgam Main Market, where a 150ft-long Tiranga became a symbol of resilience, courage, and national pride. Hundreds of students participated with unmatched zeal, their chants echoing the message that Kashmir's youth stand firmly with Bharat's unity and integrity. Addressing the gathering, Akeel Ahmad Tantray (National Executive Council Member, ABVP) said: "Every fold of the Tiranga carries the story of sacrifice. From the valiant heroes of Operation Sandoor to the innocent souls of Pahalgam and Kishtwar, we salute their courage. This rally is our pledge that their sacrifices will never be forgotten, and the youth of Kashmir will remain the vanguard of a united and stronger Bharat."

He further added that ABVP will continue to guide students towards nation-building, ensuring that sacrifices are remembered and patriotism is kept alive in every institution of Kashmir. The rally concluded with a solemn tribute to the martyrs and a powerful pledge to uphold the dignity of the Tiranga in every corner of Kashmir Valley. With

## IYC Relief Team Visits Cloudburst-Hit Areas in Kathua

"Youth Congress Stands with Cloudburst-Hit Families, Will Ensure Their Voice Reaches Authorities": Sawhney

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**JAMMU, AUG. 17 :**

On the directions of IYC President Uday Bhanu Chib and IYC Secretary Incharge J&K Maan Singh Rathore, the Indian Youth Congress Relief Team from Jammu visited the cloudburst-affected areas near Jasrota in Kathua district to assess the damage and extend support to the affected families, and distributed relief material.

The team from Jammu was led by JKPYC General Secretary Anirudh Sawhney, and joined by PYC Vice President Romi Sharma when the team reached Kathua. The relief team from Jammu also included PYC Secretary Muttai Mughal, PYC Assembly President Mehul Abrol, Adv. Bilal Ahmed, Th. Lal Singh, and other Youth Congress leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, Anirudh Sawhney expressed deep grief over the losses suffered by the people of Kathua and assured them that the Youth Congress stands firmly with them in this difficult time.

He said the visit was not only to express solidarity but also to ensure that the grievances and demands of the residents are high-



lighted at the right platforms. He added that the Pradesh Youth Congress will continue to push for proper relief, rehabilitation, and long-term measures to prevent such calamities from recurring.

PYC Vice President Romi Sharma, while interacting with the affected families, said that the devastation caused by the cloudburst has left many families in distress, and it is the responsibility of the government to provide adequate compensation and immediate assistance.

He stressed that disaster management and preventive planning must be prioritized in vulnerable areas in Kathua district.

Sharma assured the locals that the Youth Congress will continue to

stand shoulder to shoulder with them and raise their voice strongly.

The Youth Congress leaders further said that natural calamities like cloudbursts highlight the urgent need for the administration to devise a sustainable and robust disaster management policy for hilly and flood-prone regions.

They emphasized that immediate relief is necessary, but long-term planning is equally crucial to safeguard communities from future tragedies.

The youth members reiterated the commitment to continue working on ground for the welfare of the people and to ensure that no affected family feels abandoned in their time of need.