

Sakeena Itoo visits GMC Anantnag, reviews emergency preparedness, healthcare facilities

ANANTNAG, AUGUST 27 : Minister for Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo today visited Government Medical College (GMC) Anantnag and held comprehensive review of the emergency preparedness and healthcare facilities in light of the incessant rains in South Kashmir.

During the visit, the Minister conducted detailed round of key wards including the Emergency, OTs, and Intensive Care Units, and personally inspected flood preparedness measures such as water drainage, power backup systems, and availability of emergency supplies.

She directed the hospital authorities to create dedicated emergency counters for flood-related patients, enhance sanitation drives to prevent the outbreak of waterborne diseases and ensure proper shelter facilities for attendants accompanying patients. The Minister also instructed that special focus be given to maternal and child healthcare during emergencies, noting that vulnerable groups require additional

support.

During her visit, the Minister interacted with doctors, and paramedical staff. She also reviewed the

deployment of mobile medical teams to flood-affected zones.

"Our priority is to ensure that every patient receives

been working tirelessly under difficult conditions and assured them of every possible support from the government. She also urged



availability of essential medicines, blood supplies, ambulances, and critical care infrastructure to ensure the hospital remains fully equipped to handle any surge in emergency cases.

The Minister emphasized on the importance of robust emergency response system, including round-the-clock duty rosters, coordination with district administration, and rapid

timely treatment. Adequate medicines, power backup, safe drinking water and efficient referral linkages are non-negotiable in such situations. Our government is committed to strengthen healthcare institutions

across J&K so that people receive quality healthcare services", she stated.

The Health Minister appreciated the efforts of the medical staff who have

citizens to remain vigilant and cooperate with health advisories being issued from time to time.

Director Health Services Kashmir, Director Coordination New GMCs, Medical Superintendent District Hospital Anantnag, HoDs of various specialties, doctors and other concerned officers also accompanied the Minister during the visit.

Satish Sharma reviews post-flood situation, directs officers to ensure adequate relief measures

JAMMU, AUGUST 27 : Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Transport, Satish Sharma, today undertook a comprehensive review meeting to assess post-flood situation across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting, attended by senior officers from various departments, focused on assessing the relief efforts undertaken so far and planning for future eventualities.

During the meeting, the Minister directed the officers to take proactive meas-

ures to mitigate the suffering of the flood affected people.

While asking the officers to work in synergetic manner, the Minister called for maintaining close coordination between the departments to ensure fool proof mechanism is put in place for proper distribution of relief and rehabilitation of the affected people. He said that the government is committed to ensure relief measures percolate to the people and no one is left behind.

The Minister also took

stock of the vehicles used in the evacuation of passengers during the recent floods and stressed the importance of mobilizing resources effectively to respond to such situations.

Directing the officers to remain alert on the ground, the Minister emphasized that the administration's prompt response is crucial in minimizing the impact of such disasters on the people. He instructed the officers to work tirelessly to ensure that the affected populations receive the necessary support and relief.

The Minister, during the meeting, was informed that Transport Department has provided all the required number of vehicles to the rescuing agencies and District Administrations to safely evacuate the flood affected people. He directed the department to meet future requirement of vehicles as and when required.

Satish Sharma further directed the Oil Companies to ensure adequate supply of petroleum products including LPG is made available in every corner of Jammu and Kashmir.

DC Srinagar & Commissioner SMC conduct tour of City areas to assess preparedness measures put in place in view of prevailing weather conditions

SRINAGAR AUGUST 27 : In order to assess the preparedness measures put in place in view of the prevailing weather conditions, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, along with Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Faz Lul Haseeb Wednesday evening conducted a comprehensive tour of various City areas.

During the tour, the DC and Commissioner SMC inspected key locations prone to waterlogging, vul-

nerable areas & key installations including Flood Control Room at Ram Munshi Bagh, dewatering pump station at Lal Mandi, Kursu Rajbagh locality, Padshahi Bagh, Panthachowk, Khonmoh and other vulnerable areas.

The DC and SMC Commissioner took first hand appraisal of the ongoing mitigation efforts and readiness of preventive and protective measures at vulnerable spots to prevent any flood like situation.

Instructions were passed on to departments to main-

tain full operational preparedness & close coordination to put ensure effective & multi sectoral systems of response. Emphasizing the importance of preventive action, directions were given to all concerned departments to stay updated & on alert to tackle any situation.

Stress was laid on ensuring that the necessary mitigation strategies including both Human Resources & machinery are effectively & optimally mobilised and kept in ready mode.

They also interacted

with the local residents and urged the public to stay informed through official updates and report any important information to the designated helpline numbers.

The Deputy Commissioner also informed the public that all the administrative wings are on alert and are closely monitoring the situation and there is no need or cause for any panic.

Senior Officers of all line Departments accompanied the DC & Comm SMC during the visit.

DC Kathua reviews flood situation in River Ravi, Lakhanpur and Bhagthali Industrial Estate

KATHUA, AUGUST 27 : Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today conducted an extensive tour of Lakhanpur and Bhagthali Industrial Estate areas to take stock of the situation arising from the increased water levels in River Ravi following the release of water from the Ranjit Sagar Dam.

During the visit to Lakhanpur, the Deputy Commissioner informed that inter-state connectivity has been impacted due to damage to one of the bridges connecting Punjab. However, traffic movement on the second bridge has been temporarily restored

to facilitate essential and emergency services.

In a swift response, the



District Administration evacuated livestock from the Animal Husbandry Check Post at the Lakhanpur entry point,

which has now been relocated to the State Tax building to ensure uninterrupted

work being carried out by the Flood Control authorities and directed them to take all preventive and safety measures to safeguard lives and property in vulnerable areas.

He further informed that the protection work on the Sahard Khad Bridge is progressing and it will be opened for vehicular traffic at the earliest.

The Deputy Commissioner appealed to the public to exercise utmost caution and avoid venturing near the river, nallahs, and rivulets, as the water levels remain high and pose a significant risk to safety.



DC Doda, SSP take stock of road damages, direct immediate restoration measures

DODA, AUGUST 27 : Deputy Commissioner Doda Harvinder Singh, along with Senior Superintendent of Police Sandeep Kumar today conducted inspection of the Doda-Bhaderwah road and National Highway-244 at Jangalwar (Thatthri) and Khalleni Nallah to assess the damages caused due to torrential rains.

During the visit, the DC and SSP took stock of damage to roads and reviewed the ground situation. They took note of the hardships being faced by commuters and the general public due to road blockages and dis-

ruptions in connectivity. The DC directed the NHIDCL and Executive Engineer R&B Department to immediately initiate landslide clearance and restoration works to ensure smooth traffic movement. He emphasized to take effective measures to restore connectivity and provide relief to the public without delay.

The District Administration Doda has assured the public that all possible measures are being taken to restore normal traffic movement at the earliest and to ensure safety of the commuters.

3-day workshop on "Youth Empowerment Skills" concludes at Shri SKC Degree College Poonch

POONCH, AUGUST 27 : Shri SKC Degree College Poonch organized a three-day intercollegiate workshop on Youth Empowerment Skills under the aegis of "Art of Living."

Deputy Commissioner Ashok Kumar Sharma was the chief guest at the valedictory function.

The Deputy Commissioner delivered a thought-provoking presidential address, highlighting the importance of such workshops for youth. He commended students for their participation and encouraged them to implement the learnings.

Earlier, the workshop was inaugurated by Principal, Dr. Jasbir Singh, in the presence of dignitaries and participants from GDC Poonch, GDC Mendhar, and GDC Surankote. Dr. Tabassum

Naz, Coordinator of the workshop, presented an overview of the objectives and highlighted the importance of such programs in

techniques for achieving a stress-free mind. They emphasized the importance of cultivating inner peace and self-awareness to build



fostering holistic development among students.

The first technical session was conducted by senior resource persons Amitesh Marwah and Tanushree Gupta, who engaged participants in interactive activities and shared valuable insights on

a violence-free society through self-developmental practices.

The second day focused on self-development and its role in creating a peaceful mindset, with Dr. Ram providing students with tools to assess their emotional states and recognize signs

of stress. The students were introduced to self-help strategies such as positive self-talk, journaling, and setting achievable goals.

The third day focused on creating a violence-free society through emotional balance and self-awareness, with students participating in role-playing exercises on conflict resolution, empathetic listening, and effective communication.

The valedictory session featured Dr. Shamim Ahmed Bandey conducting the proceedings and presenting a formal welcome address. Dr. Tabassum Naz presented a detailed report of the sessions.

Dr. Jasbir Singh emphasized the need for such workshops, urging students to spread the outcomes among their family, friends, and society to eradicate social evils.

Shiv Sainiks pray to Ganapati to calm the fierce form of nature and protect us from chaos

Jammu : Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit today, on the occasion of the Ganesh festival, seated Ganapati in the party's State Central Office and prayed to calm the fierce form of nature and protect it.

On this occasion, State Chief Manish Sahni, extended his best wishes for Ganpati festival and expressed deep condolences on the destruction caused by heavy rains in entire Jammu-Kashmir, including the death of 31 devotees due to landslide on Vaishno Yatra route in Katra last Tuesday and 4 people due to cloudburst in Doda district. Sahni said that despite the warnings issued by weather experts

and scientists for the last few days about climate change, heavy rainfall, cloudburst and other catastrophic destruction, the

Currently, the water level of Tarna River, Ujh River, Maggar Khad, Sahar Khad and their tributaries in Kathua, Basantar in Samba,



administration and the concerned departments ignored it. The public is bearing the brunt of this with loss of life and property.

Tawi, Jhelum and Chenab in Jammu has crossed the danger mark. Sahni said that the reckless development going on without the opin-

ion of experts, haphazard mountain demolition, deforestation and illegal mining etc. have completely disturbed the environmental balance, the result of which is in front of everyone in the form of premature deaths. The ruling party also does not take long to wash its hands off this disaster by calling it a natural disaster. Sahni and all the Shiv Sainiks today prayed at the feet of Ganpati Bappa for freedom and protection from natural disasters in the future.

On this occasion, many leaders and workers including General Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Executive President Sanjeev Kohli were present.

Keshav Chopra Honours Outstanding Individuals at "Duggar De Rattan" Awards

Jammu : Chairman of the Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra hosted the "Duggar De Rattan" Awards 2025 at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) to felicitate individuals who have made significant contributions across various fields. The awards recognized outstanding Dogri artists,

Singers, Choreographers, Dancers Sportspersons, Social activists, members of Jagran Committees, Influencers, Bloggers, Satsang Mandli's, all of whom were honoured for their exceptional work. Senior Superintendent of Police Traffic Police Jammu Farooq Qaiser JKPS and Joint Director Information Deepak Dubey JKAS Distributed Awards among the awardees. The awards ceremony was organized with the primary motive of boosting the morale of these individuals,

inspiring them to continue their hard work, and encouraging the next generation to actively participate in preserving the rich culture of Jammu and Kashmir. SSP Traffic ?Farooq Qaiser commended the Samvedna Society for its initiative. He highlighted the importance of such events in promoting

positive change and building a stronger community. "It's heartening to see such a vibrant celebration of talent and dedication," said Qaiser.

"Recognizing the efforts of these individuals not only motivates them but

Driving and use of Mobile phones while driving and also avoid modification of Vehicles ssp said? Deepak Dubey, Joint Director of Information also praised the awardees and the organizers. "This felicitation program is a wonderful plat-



also sends a powerful message to the entire society about the value of hard work and cultural pride. This is a commendable step towards creating a better society." He also appealed to the Citizens to Strictly follow Traffic rules for their own safety and the smooth movement of vehicles. Avoid Overspeeding, Rash

form to acknowledge the selfless service and talent within our community," Dubey noted.

"The Samvedna Society's efforts in honouring these individuals will undoubtedly inspire many others to contribute to the social and cultural development of Jammu and Kashmir. It's an excellent

DC Poonch convenes introductory meeting with civil society members

POONCH, AUGUST 27: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma, today chaired an introductory meeting with civil society members in the conference hall of the DC Office to deliberate upon pressing developmental issues and to promote communal harmony in the district. The meeting was attended by ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik; ACR Mohammad Sayeed, Executive Engineers, and other district officers, who were present to address local concerns.

The Civil society members projected a wide range of developmental demands, seeking the widening and blacktopping of the Poonch-Mandi road, strengthening of hospital infrastructure by filling posts of doctors and staff, Betar Nallah crate works, repair of Drungali Nala Bridge near Nangali Sahib,

crate works from SK Bridge to Police Line for public safety during harsh

blacktopping were also raised. The Deputy

The civil society members expressed gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner



weather, and extension of the Jogger Park.

Other issues such as the establishment of a university campus in Poonch, commissioning of the Mini Secretariat functional to house all departments under one roof, improvement of medical facilities, and upgradation of roads and

Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the concerns and issued on-the-spot directions to the concerned officers for resolving genuine public issues. He assured the participants that all highlighted demands would be prioritised and addressed in a time-bound manner.

for convening the introductory meeting and providing a platform for open dialogue.

In response, the DC reaffirmed the administration's commitment to work in close coordination with the community, assuring, "The administration stands with you at every step.