

## DC, SSP Ramban inspect NH-44; Review traffic regulation, progress of work on Bailey Bridge at Bhatti

**RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 12 :** Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mohammad Alyas Khan, along with Senior Superintendent of Police Arun Gupta, today conducted an extensive review of traffic regulation and condition of Jammu-Srinagar National Highway (NH-44) in the district. DySP Traffic, Sajjad Khan also accompanied the team during the inspection.

The Deputy Commissioner visited Nashri to take stock of vehicular movement and assess the prevailing situation. The visit focused on identifying bottlenecks, ensuring smooth vehicular flow and enhancing road safety and commuter convenience on this vital lifeline.

During the review, the DC held discussions with concerned officers and



agencies to formulate strategies for strengthening traffic management, minimizing congestion and improving interdepartmental coordination.

The DC stressed the importance of prompt

measures to facilitate hassle-free travel for commuters, especially on NH-

44, which plays a crucial role in maintaining connectivity between Jammu and Kashmir. Later, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the progress on construction of the Bailey Bridge on

the Karol-Maitra-Gool road at Bhatti being executed by the Army. He interacted

with Army engineers on site and reviewed the progress of the work. The DC pointed out various bottlenecks on National Highway and directed the NHAI to clear that bottleneck at the earliest.

## Satish Sharma participates in virtual meeting with Union Minister for Youth Affairs on youth engagement, sports development

**JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 12 :** Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services and Sports (YSS), Satish Sharma today participated in virtual meeting chaired by Union Minister for Youth Affairs to discuss issues related to youth engagement, sports development, and holistic empowerment.

The virtual meeting was also attended by Sports Ministers of other states and UTs.

Commissioner Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Yasha Mudgal; DG Youth Services and Sports, Anuradha Gupta and other senior officers YSS also attended the meeting.

During the interaction, Satish Sharma highlighted the significant transformation taking place in J&K, adding that sports has become a bridge from conflict to aspiration. He also briefed the Union Minister about the impact of the J&K Sports Policy (2022), which has laid emphasis on talent scouting, infrastructure development and creation of culture of health and fitness across the region. The Minister under-

scored the role of flagship programmes like Khelo India and Ab Khelega Jammu & Kashmir, supported by UT Capex funding, which together are



training and engaging thousands of young athletes annually.

Citing recent success stories, Minister Sharma drew attention to inspiring youth icons from J&K including Arjuna Awardee and para-archery champion, Sheetal Devi, who brought laurels at Paralympics, Asian Para Games, and World Championships; Chain Singh, Olympian shooter from Doda, who has represented India in several prestigious international events. He also talked about cricketing talents including Umrin Malik, Abdul Samad, Rasik

Salam, Vivrant Sharma, who have excelled in the IPL. He also mentioned about Nasir Sofi, a young volleyball player from Baramulla recently selected

in J&K, which include Special funding for Sports Research Centres and Academies, use of AI-powered technology for real-time performance tracking and monitoring of schemes, enhanced inter-departmental coordination and Public-Private Partnerships to create a robust youth-centric ecosystem, greater emphasis on sports science, psychology, and medicine to enhance athlete performance, besides positioning sports as a career pathway, creating employment opportunities, and encouraging startups in fitness, equipment manufacturing, and adventure tourism.

The Union Minister appreciated the initiatives taken by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and assured continued support of the Centre in strengthening youth and sports programmes across Jammu and Kashmir.

Satish Sharma reaffirmed the J&K Government's commitment to promote holistic youth development, build world-class sports infrastructure, and bring national and international sporting events, making it a hub of sports excellence and youth empowerment.

## DC Doda reviews essential services and road connectivity in Doda-Thathri

**DODA, SEPTEMBER 12 :** Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh today conducted a visit to Doda market to take stock of availability of essential supplies after giving relaxation of 2 hours for people to come out and get their supplies, etc. He interacted with Market Association and general public and assured them that all their issues and requirements shall be addressed on priority.

He also visited Kandhote in Thathri Subdivision to take stock of damages caused to NH-244 and power infrastructure

due to massive landslides in the area.

Col (Retd) Ajay Thakur,



GM NHIDCL briefed him about the ongoing restoration works and assured that

the stretch shall be made roadworthy for ensuring that essential supplies be

reviewed the supply chain mechanism and uninterrupted transit of essential commodities and supplies to the Kishtwar District and subdivisions of Thathri and Gandoh. The visit was aimed at restoring connectivity and power and maintaining uninterrupted supply of daily necessities and ensuring the smooth movement of people during the prevailing situation.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Doda, Anil Thakur and Sub-Divisional Magistrate Thathri, Sheetal Sharma.

## Chairperson DDC Ramban visits Mahakund, assesses damages due to heavy rainfall

**RAMBAN, SEPTEMBER 12 :** Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Ramban Dr. Shamshad Shan today conducted an extensive visit of Mahakund area of Sub-Division Gool to take firsthand stock of the damages caused by the recent spell of heavy rainfall.

Dr. Shan was accompanied by prominent civil society members. A large number of residents apprised her of the hardships faced by the community in the aftermath of the rainfall.

Dr. Shan inspected the extent of damage to private and public infrastructure including link roads, residential houses, agricultural fields, and other utilities. She expressed concern over the loss suffered by the people and emphasized the need for immediate relief and rehabilitation measures to mitigate their difficulties.

Interacting with the locals, the Chairperson patiently listened to their grievances who demanded

restoration of rain hit link roads, compensation for damage of crops and



restoration of essential services. She assured them that every possible support would be extended by the government to ensure that affected families receive timely relief and necessary assistance. She further

directed the concerned departments, especially the Public Works Department

of the damages to facilitate adequate compensation and relief. Highlighting the government's commitment to public welfare, Dr. Shan said that all line departments have been put on alert to respond swiftly to the situation and to work in close coordination with Panchayati Raj Institutions for ensuring smooth delivery of services at the grassroots level.

She also appreciated the resilience and cooperation of the local community in facing such natural adversities, while reiterating her commitment to continue regular field visits to monitor the pace of restoration works and ensure that relief reaches every affected household.

The visit of the DDC Chairperson was widely welcomed by the people of Mahakund who expressed gratitude for her timely intervention and personal concern for the issues faced by the rural population in difficult times.

## CM Omar Abdullah offers Friday Prayers at Hazratbal Shrine on Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) following

**SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 12 :** Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today joined thousands of devotees in offering Jumma (Friday) prayers at the revered Hazratbal Shrine on the occasion of the Friday following of Milad-un-Nabi (SAW).

On this blessed occasion, the Chief Minister also had the honour of witnessing the sacred glimpse (deedar) of the Holy Relic of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) after the congregational prayers.

He prayed for peace,



prosperity, and happiness for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Former Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Advisor to the Chief

Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, also accompanied him on the occasion.

## Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather attends 11th India Region Conference at Bengaluru

**SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 12 :** Speaker, Jammu & Kashmir Legislative Assembly, Abdul Rahim Rather, attended the 11th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Conference held in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

The prestigious conference is being held from 11th to 13th September 2025 and was attended by Speakers and Secretaries from all States and Union Territories across the country. The inaugural address was delivered by Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla.

Addressing the gathering on the theme "Debates & Discussions in the Houses of Legislature: Building People's Trust, Meeting People's Aspirations", Speaker Rather underlined the pivotal role of legislatures as forums of healthy debate and discussion.

"It is a matter of immense pride and privi-

lege to speak on a topic that lies at the very heart of our democracy. The legislature is not merely a building of

beyond disruption to discussion, beyond personal attacks to policy analysis, beyond noise to nuance.



He emphasized that debates must reflect the real issues faced by citizens, prioritize inclusive growth, and create actionable solutions. "Every time a law is passed after thorough debate, every time a policy is improved through suggestions in the House, it is the people's aspiration being honoured," he observed.

Calling for responsible conduct of members, he

also said, "When debates are reduced to shouting matches, when discussions turn into walkouts, the message that goes to the people is not of strength, but of weakness. We must demand that our representatives come prepared, respect decorum, and focus on solutions, not stunts."

On the sidelines of the conference, Speaker Rather also held a meeting with Secretary General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Stephen Twigg. The Speaker expressed gratitude to Secretary General for the restoration of Jammu & Kashmir's membership in the CPA.

The Secretary General extended an invitation to Speaker Rather to attend the upcoming CPA conference scheduled to be held in Barbados in the first week of October 2025.

Secretary, J&K Legislative Assembly, Manoj Pandita, also accompanied the Speaker to the conference.

## Sham Lal Sharma holds Public Grievances Camp at BJP headquarters

**Jammu, Sept. 12 :** Senior BJP leader and MLA, Sham Lal Sharma, strongly emphasized the pressing need to revive the damaged public infrastructure in flood-hit areas, urging the NC government and concerned departments to take swift action in restoring water and electricity supply.

Sharma was addressing public delegations during a Public Grievances Camp organized at the BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

He remarked that the administration's unpreparedness and the lethargic working of relevant departments had deepened the woes of common citizens. Highlighting the disarray in essential services, Sharma said that both water and electricity facilities collapsed in the wake of the crisis. "The government completely failed to put in place any contingency plan to respond to people's urgent needs, leaving Jammu residents to struggle without basic amenities," he asserted.

A large number of deputations from Udeydwala,

Ghagwal Samba, Nudd Samba, Udhampur Gadh, Karan Nagar Extension, Goutam Nagar, Rajouri, Gandhi Nagar, Nowshera,

of land Fards, clearance of drains, installation of dustbins near Har Ki Poudi, police-related matters, provision and repair of street

government has adopted a casual and indifferent stance. He criticized the impractical approach of departments tasked with



Akhnoor, Billawar, Lower Roop Nagar, Sarwal, Raipur Bantalab, Bari Brahmana, Bishnah, and other areas attended the camp to put forward their grievances.

Demands and issues raised by the public included construction of lanes and drains, shortage of drinking water, repair of tubewells and hand pumps, issuance

lights, frequent power cuts, damaged drain gratings, dilapidated roads, school building repairs, and concerns about Anganwadi Centres.

In his address, Sharma said that while BJP representatives have been continuously working on the ground since the calamity to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the people, the NC

maintaining public services, holding them responsible for aggravating the suffering of the people.

The camp was coordinated by Er. Dil Bahadur Jamwal, Party Incharge for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, who underlined the need to immediately address the water scarcity issue, by taking the pro-active measures on priority.

## NC leaders visit Ward 41, 33, Kalka Colony & Belicharana; distribute ration items

**Jammu, Sept. 12 :** On the tenth consecutive day of their ongoing Mass Contact Programme to assess flood damages and provide support to affected families, National Conference leaders Ankush Abrol, Provincial Joint Secretary, and Dr. Vikas Sharma, Coordinator and Secretary Central Zonal JKNC today visited Ward No. 41, Ward No. 33, Kalka Colony, and Belicharana.

The outreach drive, being carried out under the guidance of the party high command, has entered its tenth day with NC leaders continuing to directly engage with distressed communities in some of the worst-hit localities of Jammu.

During the visit, Abrol and Dr. Sharma interacted with residents who narrated their ordeal of flood damages, including loss of property, waterlogging, disruption of electricity and drinking water supply, and contamination of local water sources. Many fami-

lies also expressed concern about the lack of timely restoration measures by the

ate relief reaches the most affected families," said Ankush Abrol.



civic agencies.

In a bid to provide immediate relief, the NC leaders distributed ration items among affected families in Kalka Colony and Belicharana, while assuring them that their grievances would be taken up at the highest level. "We are committed to stand with our people in this hour of distress. Along with highlighting their issues before the administration, we are also ensuring that some immedi-

Dr. Vikas Sharma stressed the importance of prioritizing rehabilitation and sanitation work in the flood-hit belts. "The longer stagnant waters remain, the higher the risk of water-borne diseases. The administration must intensify restoration and relief measures to safeguard public health," he added.

Residents appreciated the presence of the NC leaders and welcomed the ration distribution, while

also submitting memorandums demanding adequate compensation, restoration of roads, and proper sanitation drives.

The National Conference's Mass Contact Programme, which began soon after the floods, has now become a vital outreach tool for ensuring that the voice of the people reaches the administration and leadership in real time. The party leaders reiterated that the programme will continue in other affected areas in the coming days.

Others who accompanied included Amit Sharma, Joint Secretary District Jammu Urban; Rajinder Singh, Joint Secretary District Jammu Urban; Dharminder Sharma, Block President Jammu West-B; Chetan Singh, Block Vice-President Jammu West-B; Ashwani Dubey, Ward President; Surinder Kumar, Block Secretary Jammu West-B; Rakesh Kumar, Rahul Sharma, Rahil Gupta, Vikram Gupta, Rohit Dogra, and others.