

Over 2200 fruit-laden trucks evacuated via Mughal Road during past 24 hours : Div Com Kashmir

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 16 : In a major relief to fruit growers and traders of valley, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Anshul Garg, today informed that over 2,200 fruit-laden trucks were successfully evacuated via the Mughal Road during the past twenty-four hours.

Taking cognizance of the situation, Div Com undertook a comprehensive visit to Peer Ki Gali Mughal Road to ensure smooth movement of fruit trucks. He also visited Fruit Mandi Aglar, Shopian, where he held detailed interactions with various stakeholders, including fruit growers, traders, transporters, and representatives of the horticulture sector.

During the visit, Div Com reiterated the administration's commitment to prioritizing the movement of fruit-laden trucks, along with ensuring the uninterrupted supply of fuel and essential commodities to the valley. He emphasized that coordinated efforts

between civil administration and security agencies led to the swift clearance of

which facilitated the smooth transportation process. Div Com also

accompanied by Director FCS&CA, Owais Ahmad; Deputy Commissioner



the fruit vehicles, bringing much-needed respite to the horticulture community.

Expressing appreciation for the prompt action, President of the Fruit Growers & Traders Association, Mohammad Ashraf extended gratitude to the Chief Secretary J&K for his timely & prompt intervention and directions,

urged all stakeholders to adhere to traffic regulations and designated movement timings to maintain order and ensure continuous flow along the Mughal Road. He further noted that restoration work on the National Highway (NH) is being carried out on a war footing to enhance connectivity.

During the visit, he was

Shopian, Shishir Gupta; SSP Shopian, Anayat Ali; SSP Traffic, and other senior officials from the district administration, BRO, and traffic departments.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch and SSP Poonch also joined Div Com during the visit to oversee coordination from the other end of the route.

Committee on Public Undertakings reviews Audit Paras of Industries & Commerce Department

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 16 : The Committee on Public Undertakings of the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly today held a meeting at the Assembly Complex, Srinagar, to review audit paras pertaining to the Industries & Commerce Department.

The meeting was chaired by Committee Chairman Ali Mohammad Sagar and attended by members including Saifullah Mir, Bashir Ahmad Veeri, and Saif Ud Din Bhat.

Also present were Principal Accountant General KP Yadaw, Commissioner Secretary

Industries & Commerce Vikramjit Singh, DG Expenditure Sajad Hussain, Director Handicrafts & Handloom Mussarat Islam, MD SIDCO/SICOP Pradeep Singh, MD JK Cement Vikram K Gupta, GM SICOP Waseem Bashir Dev, and Director Finance Reyaz Hussain.

The Committee held a detailed discussion on Audit Para 5.3 relating to JK Cements Limited and examined issues such as low capacity utilization of the cement grinding-cum-packing unit at Samba.

At the outset, the Chairman called for a comprehensive report on the

alleged failure of JK Cements Limited to fully utilize the Samba unit and effectively market its cement to private parties and government departments, which had resulted in an operating loss of Rs.1.26 crore during 2017-18.

He Instructed that responsibility be fixed on officers for lapses in ensuring smooth operations of the unit and directed that detailed information be submitted regarding account maintenance, asset valuation, and plans for revival of the unit.

Emphasizing the need to tap Jammu & Kashmir's

industrial potential for revenue generation and job creation, the Chairman called for sustainable measures to strengthen industrial units across J&K.

The Committee also directed the concerned departments to submit status reports on operations and defunct units in J&K.

Underscoring the importance of transparency and accountability, the Chairman stressed the need for rigorous audits, updated status reports of all public undertakings, and timely submission of relevant documentation to enable informed decision-making and necessary reforms.

J&K BJP receives relief consignment from Maharashtra for flood-hit families

Jammu, Sept. 16 : A consignment of essential relief supplies, sent by BJP Maharashtra under the leadership of its President Ravinder Chavan, reached Jammu today to support families reeling under the impact of the recent floods.

The relief trucks, loaded with everyday essentials and basic household items, were received at Industrial Area Gangval by J&K BJP President Sat Sharma (CA), which he termed as a strong demonstration of unity and compassion, and said that the consignment, reflects the spirit of "Nation First" in action.

He was joined by party Vice-President Rajeev Charak, General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria, MLA Satish Sharma, Treasurer Prabhakar Singh Jawal, Spokesperson Vikram Malhotra, District Akhnoor Prabhari Vinay Gupta, SC Morcha Seh-Prabhari Jagdish Bhagat, and other senior leaders and workers.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Sat Sharma expressed heartfelt thanks to BJP Maharashtra for promptly

shoulder with every victim and will ensure that no family feels abandoned in this

Maharashtra in last few days and similar consignments from other states are



extending help during this difficult time. He said that the aid will be swiftly dispatched to flood-affected areas so that the families in distress receive timely assistance. He said that the foremost concern is to provide immediate relief to those who have lost their shelter, household belongings, and livelihood. The BJP stands shoulder-to-

crisis, he said.

Rajeev Charak underlined that BJP has always prioritized the well-being of people and will continue to channel resources from across the nation until stability and normal life are restored in flood-hit regions of Jammu & Kashmir.

Baldev Singh Billawaria informed that this is the second consignment from

expected shortly, further boosting the relief operations already underway by BJP cadres and volunteers.

Satish Sharma assured that the distribution process will be carried out with full transparency and accountability and highlighted that the coordinated effort with administration and social organizations is ensuring efficient outreach.

Indian Army Conducts an Awareness Programme On "Road Safety" at Poshana, Poonch

Poonch, Sept. 16 : The Indian Army organized an impactful awareness programme on "Road Safety" at Poshana, focusing on enhancing commuter safety along the Mughal Road, a vital link between Poonch and Srinagar that passes through challenging mountainous terrain. The session aimed to sensitize local residents and travellers about potential road hazards, examine common causes of accidents and promote practical measures to prevent mishaps. The lecture highlighted the importance of responsible driving, adherence to traffic rules, use of safety gear and vigilance in difficult terrains,

especially along the winding stretches of the Mughal Road known for past accidents.



The event witnessed active participation from local commuters, residents and community members, who engaged in discussions, shared experiences

and exchanged ideas to enhance road safety. Several constructive suggestions were made to fur-

ther strengthen safety measures, reflecting a collective commitment to safer travel. The Army representatives emphasized the role of awareness, preventive

measures and community participation in reducing accidents and ensuring the safety of all commuters.

They encouraged locals to spread road safety messages within their communities and to practice caution, particularly in high-risk zones. The programme was highly appreciated by participants, who acknowledged the Army's proactive approach in promoting public safety and fostering a culture of responsibility and caution on the roads. This initiative demonstrates the Indian Army's commitment not only to national defence but also to the welfare, safety and well-being of the local communities.

DC Reasi finalises arrangements for Sewa Parv 2025

REASI, SEPTEMBER 16: Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik today finalised the arrangements for Sewa Parv 2025, which will begin tomorrow and continue till October 2, 2025.

Chairing a meeting of district and sectoral officers, the DC informed that the Parv will be formally launched at the District Headquarters, and simultaneously from all Sub-Division Headquarters under the supervision of the respective SDMs. She directed the SDMs to ensure that all planned activities are carried out as per the approved schedule and in a well-coordinated manner.

Detailed deliberations were held on the cumulative district plan as well as the department-wise programmes and Roaster. The DC emphasised that each

department must follow the daily activity roster to ensure smooth and effective implementation of the initiatives.

The Social Welfare



Department was tasked with intensifying awareness about Nasha Mukta Abhiyan and other welfare schemes, while CSC officials were directed to organise digital

literacy and cyber security camps at their centres.

Similarly, the Agro and Allied Departments will reach out to every Panchayat to sensitise farm-

The DC said that Special emphasis will be laid on cleanliness drives, disaster management awareness, promotion of Nasha Mukta Bharat campaign, social and financial inclusion schemes and Mission Yuva to encourage entrepreneurship and skill development among college students and the youth. The DC further stressed on making the Sewa Parv a genuine and participatory event with active involvement of people and volunteers. She urged all departments to maintain close coordination and work in synergy to ensure the successful execution of Sewa Parv 2025 across the district. ADDC Reasi Sukhdev Singh Samyal, CPO Narinder Kumar, SDOs joined virtually, CAO, CHO, CAHO, CEO, DSWO and other concerned officers were present.

JKJA organizes Technical Training Programme on Strengthening digital capacity within the judicial system

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 16 : Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy (JKJA), under the guidance of the Governing Committee, organized a one-day technical training programme on strengthening digital capacity within the judicial system.

The sessions were chaired by Anoop Sharma, Registrar IT, and Sonia Gupta, Director, JKJA and brought together senior experts from the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Pune who delivered comprehensive sessions on critical components of the e-Courts Project.

The training emphasised on modernising case management systems, data monitoring, and digital filing processes, with the objective of equipping staff with updated technical skills essential for effective integration of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in judicial functioning.

The programme commenced with address by Jagdish Chhailkar, Scientist-F, who introduced participants to the upgraded features of Case

Information System (CIS 4.0) and explained how its advanced functionalities can streamline court procedures and improve accessibility. This was followed by

Scientist-D, then addressed the gathering on e-Filing and the Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS), highlighting the role of these platforms in



Ashish Shiradhonkar, HOD COEE and Scientist-F, who spoke on the e-Courts Project, outlining its nationwide implementation and impact on ensuring uniformity and efficiency across courts.

In the subsequent session, Bharati Jadhav, Scientist-D, delivered a presentation on Data Centre operations, Virtual Machines, and Replication systems, stressing their importance for ensuring security, reliability, and continuity of judicial data.

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enhancing transparency, speeding up case processing, and enabling seamless coordination between courts, police, and other justice sector institutions.

This was followed by a session conducted by Amol Avinash, OIC-Infra and Scientist-F, who spoke on NJDG Intra, establishment tagging, JSON import, and data monitoring tools. He emphasized how these digital solutions support real-time analytics and enable better management of judicial resources.

The concluding techni-

cal session was conducted jointly by Wasim Khan, Senior Technical Officer, and Tajamul, Developer, who provided hands-on insights into practical aspects of system development, troubleshooting, and user support in the judicial ICT framework. They emphasized the importance of continuous monitoring, adaptive solutions, and user-oriented development in sustaining the digital transformation of courts. Their session blended technical depth with practical demonstrations, enabling participants to gain a clearer understanding of real-time challenges and solutions in judicial technology platforms. The programme remained highly interactive throughout the day, with participants actively engaging in discussions, seeking clarifications, and sharing their experiences, which enriched the overall learning environment.

The JKJA reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a technology-driven judiciary and to conducting regular training programmes for strengthening institutional capacity.

Conduct of Lecture On "Motivation To Join The Indian Army And Dietary Benefits" at Degwar, Poonch

Poonch, Sept. 16 : Christ School Degwar organized an enlightening lecture on the theme "Motivation to Join the Indian Army and Dietary Benefits", delivered by Regimental Medical Officer of Indian Army. The session aimed to inspire students about career opportunities in the Indian Army while promoting the significance of a balanced diet and overall fitness. During the lecture, RMO shared his experiences and insights into Army life, emphasizing discipline, patriotism and the rewards of serving the nation. He motivated students to consider a career in the Army, highlighting how dedication, resilience and commitment are key traits for aspiring officers and personnel. In addition to career guidance, RMO focused on the importance of nutrition and a well-balanced diet for maintaining physical and mental fitness, crucial not only for a military career but also for leading a healthy lifestyle. He encouraged students to adopt healthy eating habits, regular exercise and mindful living as part of their daily routine. The lecture witnessed an enthusiastic turnout of 350 students and faculty members, who

actively participated and interacted with the speaker. The session was highly appreciated and received positive feedback for providing valuable insights into Army careers and the role of diet in fitness and overall well-being. Principal expressed grati-

Army while emphasizing discipline, patriotism and the significance of nutrition and fitness, aligning with the school's commitment to holistic development.

Meanwhile, The Indian Army, in collaboration with State Bank of India (Budhal Branch), organised an

For students, affordable education loan opportunities under government supported schemes were also introduced.

Special emphasis was laid on facilities for ex-servicemen such as preferential loan schemes, simplified pension disbursement,



tude to RMO for his inspiring session and said, "This lecture has not only motivated our students to explore opportunities in the Indian Army but also educated them on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle."

Such sessions play a vital role in shaping our students' future and character." The event successfully created awareness among students about career prospects in the Indian

informative lecture on Financial Management for Ex-Servicemen (ESM), widows and local residents of the region. The session focused on spreading financial literacy, promoting smart banking practices and creating awareness about various welfare schemes. Bank officials highlighted key government initiatives including Kisan Credit Cards (KCC), crop insurance and easy agricultural loans to support farmers.

financial aid for entrepreneurship and exclusive support services. The interactive session saw enthusiastic participation, with queries on digital banking, subsidies and financial planning being addressed. The initiative was highly appreciated by the community, marking a significant step towards enhancing financial awareness and inclusivity through the joint efforts of the Indian Army and SBI, Budhal Branch.

Bag manufacturers call on Sat Sharma, seek GST revision on school bags

Jammu, Sept. 16 : A deputation of the All Jammu and Kashmir Bag Association today called on J&K BJP President Sat Sharma (CA) at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, and submitted a memorandum requesting revision of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on school bags.

J&K BJP General Secretary Sanjita Dogra, District President Adv. Rajesh Gupta, and Rajeev Pandita and other party leaders were also present on the occasion.

The deputation, representing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) engaged in the manufacturing and supply of school and college bags, highlighted that while essential educational items such as books, stationery,

shoes, tiffin boxes and water bottles fall under the 5% GST category, school bags remain excluded and are taxed higher. They stressed that school bags

of bag manufacturers belong to the MSME sector, providing employment to thousands of skilled and unskilled workers, including women and rural arti-



are indispensable educational utility items and largely cater to students and middle-class families, a highly price-sensitive segment. The Association pointed out that over 70%

sans. They appealed that a reduction in GST would not only make school bags more affordable for families but also help sustain this labour-intensive industry, promote Make in India,

Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan and Atmanirbhar Bharat, and allow domestic manufacturers to compete effectively with low-cost imports from neighboring countries.

While interacting with the deputation, Sat Sharma appreciated the concerns raised and said that the Modi government has always remained sensitive to the aspirations of the people. He stated that the GST reforms under present government have already brought relief to people's pockets, and the issues raised will certainly receive sympathetic consideration at appropriate forum. He further assured that the matter will be taken up with the concerned quarters for review, keeping in mind the wider interest of students, parents, and the MSME sector.