

## Div Com, IGP Jammu review relief operations in flood-hit Poonch, meet bereaved families at Sangla

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*Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar and Inspector General of Police Jammu Bhim Sen Tuti today visited the flash-flood affected areas of Poonch district to assess the situation and review the ongoing restoration works.*

During the visit, the Divisional Commissioner and IGP Jammu visited Sangla village in Tehsil Surankote, where they met the families who had lost family members in the recent flash floods and expressed heart-felt condolences.

The officers took stock of the situation and assessed the ongoing restoration works in the affected areas. The Divisional Commissioner directed officers concerned to expedite restoration works and ensure early restoration of essential ser-



vices and infrastructure. He asked officers concerned to provide timely assistance and necessary support to all affected families and directed departments concerned to take all required measures for the safety and well-being of the

affected population. The Divisional Commissioner and IGP Jammu were accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma, DIG Rajouri-Poonch Sandeep Wazir, SSP Poonch Shafket Hus-

sain Bhat, Additional Deputy Commissioner Poonch Tahir Mustafa Malik, ACR Muhammad Sayeed, SDM Surankote Farooq Khan, besides senior officers of the administration, police and line departments.

## MD JPDCL reviews flood restoration works in Rajouri, Poonch; directs expeditious restoration of power supply

**RAJOURI/POONCH, JULY 21:** Managing Director JPDCL Gurpal Singh conducted an extensive inspection of flood-affected areas in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch to assess the damage caused to the power infrastructure due to the heavy rainfall and flash floods during the intervening night of 18–19 July 2026.

The inspection commenced with a visit to the restoration site of the 33 KV Doongi–Keri, where restoration works are being carried out on a war footing. The Managing Director reviewed the progress of works and instructed the field officers to expedite restoration while adhering to prescribed safety standards.

The team also visited Dhangri, where the 33 KV Bypass Line and the dedicated 11 KV PHE feeder were extensively damaged in the flash floods. Officers informed the Managing Director that power supply to the area had been restored through the existing 33 KV network as an interim arrangement. Appreciating the prompt response of the field staff, he directed that permanent restoration works be completed at the earliest.

During the visit to Badala Mang, Panjpeer and Salani Bridge, the Managing Director inspected the ongoing restoration of the 33 KV and 11 KV Manjakote lines and reviewed the challenges being faced at various locations. At Bela Bus Stand, Rajouri, he assessed the extensive damage caused to



the 33 KV and 11 KV network, distribution transformers and associated infrastructure and directed the officers to mobilise all available resources for early restoration.

The inspection team later proceeded towards Thana-mandi via Fatehpura, where unloading of poles and restoration materials was in progress.

The Managing Director also visited locations where severe damage had occurred to the 132 KV transmission tower line of JKPTCL, resulting in disruption of power supply to Poonch district. He reviewed the restoration being implemented by the corporation concerned.

In Poonch district, the MD inspected the flood-affected areas of Mankote, Potha, Mehrote and Lassana, where restoration work of the damaged 33 KV and 11 KV network is in full swing.

He reviewed the progress of restoration works at each location and directed the field officers to expedite the restoration of power supply. The Managing Director also visited the NTPC Store at Poonch to assess the availability of materials and instructed that all available materials, including those at the NTPC Store, be utilised for emergency restoration so that works are not delayed for want of equipment.

Reviewing the overall situation, Gurpal Singh directed all field formations to work in close coordination and restore the damaged power infrastructure at the earliest so that power supply is restored to all affected consumers in the shortest possible time.

The Managing Director also chaired a review meeting at Surankote with senior officers of the Corporation, during which the progress of restoration works, availabil-

ity of materials and deployment of manpower were reviewed. He instructed the officers to maintain round-the-clock monitoring of restoration activities and ensure optimum utilisation of available resources.

The Managing Director was accompanied by Chief Engineer (Distribution) Jammu Arshad Hussain Reshi, Superintending Engineer (O&M Circle) Rajouri, Executive Engineer (STD) Kalakote, Executive Engineers of Electric Divisions Rajouri and Poonch and other senior officers of the Corporation.

JPDCL has already mobilised substantial quantities of emergency restoration material to the affected areas. The material dispatched includes ACSR conductor, poles and distribution transformers, enabling field teams to undertake restoration works without interruption.

## HD intensifies response to diarrhoea cases in Breswana, preventive measures underway

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Following reports of a diarrhoea outbreak in Village Breswana, Panchayat Pershulla-B, the Chief Medical Officer Doda Dr Vinod Sharma deputed a Rapid Response Team to the area to assess the situation, provide medical assistance and implement public health measures.

The team, supervised by Block Medical Officer Ghat Dr Abdul Gafoor and headed by Dr Hamid Par-ray, comprised Dr Touseef



Aslam, Ashok Shan (MM-PHW) and local health staff of AAM Sub Centre Breswana. It visited affected households and provided on-the-spot medical consultation and treatment.

The team distributed medicines, ORS packets, chlorine tablets and other essential drugs, conducted an awareness campaign on safe drinking water, hand hygiene, food safety, sanitation and early reporting of symptoms and initiated active surveillance to identify new cases, advising local health staff to maintain close monitoring.

## Joint inspection of pesticide dealers conducted in Jammu district to strengthen regulatory compliance

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Acting on the directions of Director Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department Jammu Anil Gupta, a joint inspection of pesticide dealers was conducted to ensure strict enforcement of the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985, the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Insecticides Rules, 1971.

The inspection was carried out by Plant Protection Officer Jammu Raju Mahajan, along with Assistant Director Law Enforcement Jammu Kuldeep Singh. The joint team visited the premises of M/s Akhil India Pvt. Ltd., Jammu, M/s Jammu Agri Inputs and M/s Vivek Enterprises to verify compliance with the statutory provisions governing the sale and distribution of pesticides and fertilizers.

The team conducted a detailed verification of pesticide stocks available at the establishments. Licences, Principal Certificates, validity of authorisations, stock registers and other statutory records were thoroughly examined to ensure



that the stocking, marketing and sale of insecticides and fertilizers were being carried out strictly in accordance with the prescribed rules and regulations.

The dealers were categorically instructed to stock, market and sell only those insecticide products covered under valid Principal Certificates and relevant licences and were directed to ensure complete adherence to all statutory provisions governing the storage, sale and distribution of insecticides and fertilizers.

The inspection team also reviewed the progress of

implementation of the Integrated Pesticide Management System (IPMS) Portal, a nationwide digital platform introduced by the Government of India for streamlining licensing and monitoring of pesticide trade.

The dealers were informed that uploading of insecticide products on the IPMS Portal is mandatory for all manufacturers, dealers and retailers and were further directed to ensure that all retailers operating under their Principal Certificates are onboarded onto the portal with their ac-

counts made fully functional without delay.

The joint team directed dealers to maintain complete statutory records, comply with the conditions of licences and Principal Certificates and strictly follow the provisions of the Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985, the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Insecticides Rules, 1971. The dealers were cautioned that any violation of the statutory provisions or licensing conditions would invite appropriate legal action under the relevant Acts and Rules.

## DC Kathua chairs Gati Shakti workshop, directs departments to strengthen portal use

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Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma today chaired a District-Level Capacity Building Workshop on the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (PMGS-NMP) at the Conference Hall, Kathua.

The workshop aimed at enhancing the capacity of district officers for effective utilisation of the PM Gati Shakti Portal to strengthen integrated planning, infrastructure development and inter-departmental coordination.

Addressing the participants, the Deputy Commissioner said the GIS-enabled platform would promote data-driven governance, informed decision-making and timely execution of development projects. He directed all departments to obtain portal access and utilise it effectively for planning, monitoring and implementation of projects and to nominate Maker, Checker and Approver for timely and



authenticated uploading of departmental data on the portal, besides ensuring greater inter-departmental coordination for optimum use of the platform.

The technical team from the Industries & Commerce Department, the nodal de-

partment for PM Gati Shakti in J&K, conducted detailed sessions on portal access, live demonstrations, Data Upload Management System (DUMS), analytical tools and data management.

The sessions were led by Santosh Kumar Rai, Techni-

cal Expert (PM Gati Shakti, J&K) and Yudhishter Seth, who provided hands-on training to the participants.

Among those present were General Manager DIC, PO ICDS, RTO, ACD and other district and sectoral officers.

## BJP Mahila Morcha holds organisational meet

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As part of its ongoing organisational strengthening campaign, BJP Mahila Morcha, Jammu & Kashmir, organised an organisational meeting of Jammu District under the guidance of Prerna Nanda, Vice President, BJP Mahila Morcha J&K and District Incharge, Jammu, along with Shalu Gupta, Co-Incharge of Jammu District.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Anuradha Sharma, District President, BJP Mahila Morcha Jammu, in the presence of Manu Bali and Ranju Sharma, District General Secretaries.

Addressing the meeting, Prerna Nanda congratulated all Mahila Morcha karyakartas for the successful conduct of the recently concluded organisational programmes and appreciated their dedication and



commitment towards strengthening the organisation. She urged every worker to maintain the same enthusiasm and ensure the effective implementation of all upcoming organisational programmes.

She called upon Mahila Morcha workers to intensify grassroots outreach by reaching every Mandal, Shakti Kendra and household, encouraging greater participation of women in organisational activities and nation-building. Highlight-

ing the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, she said that the Central Government has introduced several women-centric welfare schemes aimed at empowering women socially, economically and financially. She urged the workers to spread awareness about these schemes so that every eligible woman could benefit from them.

Prerna Nanda further stressed the need to strengthen the organisation by connecting more women with the BJP and expanding

the Mahila Morcha network at the grassroots level. She also directed all Booth Committees to organise collective listening sessions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Mann Ki Baat" programme with maximum participation of women. She instructed the workers to motivate women to attend the programme at the booth level and ensure that photographs and activity reports are uploaded on the designated digital platforms for proper documentation and wider outreach.