

Chari Mubarak marks culmination of Shri Budha Amarnathji Yatra in Poonch; Deputy CM, Legislators participate

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Amid religious and spiritual fervour, the Chari Mubarak Yatra was conducted in Poonch, marking the formal culmination of the revered Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra 2026.

Led by Shri Shri 1008 Mahamandleshwar Swami Vishavattmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj, the procession commenced from the Dashnami Akhara Mandir in Poonch, making its way to the sacred Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Shrine at Rajpura, Mandi.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, MLA Kalakote Thakur Randhir Singh, former MLC Vibodh Gupta, Deputy Commissioner Poonch Ashok Kumar Sharma, DIG Rajouri-Poonch Sandeep Wazir besides other officers of the civil administration and police were present.

The Chari Mubarak Yatra was preceded by a special Puja and Havan, amid the resounding chants of Vedic Mantras, at the Akhara Mandir Poonch. Swami Vishavattmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj, along with numerous religious dignitaries, Yatris and locals congregated for this auspicious occasion.

Following the puja, a guard of honour was accorded to the holy mace and the Yatra to Shri Baba Budha Amarnath Ji temple

was started amidst the participation of hundreds of devotees from across the nation, who offered prayers and chanted slogans in reverence to Lord Shiva.

Subsequently, a grand religious gathering was held at a nearby hall, where Swami Ji and other dignitaries delivered enlightening speeches on communal harmony, brotherhood and peace in the region.

The Chari Mubarak Yatra spanned a distance of 25 kilometers, with pilgrims making halts at various stalls arranged by the locals, providing food and refreshments.

The ancient Shrine of Lord Shiva, situated in the mountains of pir panjal, holds great significance as it is believed to be the place where Rishi Pulatsya, the grandfather of King Ravana of Lanka, engaged in worship for several decades. The Pulast River, flowing from the Loran-Mandi mountains of Pir Panjal to Poonch, derives its name from this revered saint. The Chari Mubarak was welcomed at Mandi with immense enthusiasm and spiritual zeal, as people from all faiths joined together in celebrating the procession. With resounding chants of Lord Shiva's name, the sacred Chari Mubarak was carried to the Baba Budha Amarnath Ji Temple, where special prayers were conducted, encompassing the entire place in divine spirituality.

The Chari Mubarak will remain in the temple for two days and will be brought back on the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan. With this, the ten-day-long Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra reached a formal conclusion, leaving behind a trail of devotion and blessings. The locals would continue to visit the temple to pay obeisance and receive blessings of the Lord Shiva.



DDC Reasi reviews vulnerable road stretches, calls for timely restoration

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District Development Commissioner Reasi Kumar Abhishek today chaired a meeting to review the progress of slope stabilization and road restoration works at the vulnerable stretch on the R-A-M Road. During the meeting, issues related to BMG Road and Mahore Market Road were also discussed in detail.

The meeting discussed the ongoing restoration works aimed at strengthening the road, preventing further slope failure and ensuring smooth and safe movement of traffic. Officials informed the chair that heavy rainfall, increased hydrostatic pressure and surface erosion had damaged the uphill formation and affected the road infrastructure.

The restoration plan includes construction of toe walls, retaining walls, breast walls and a lined drain along with other protective measures for long-term stabilization of the vulnerable stretch. Advanced slope stabilization measures, including anchoring and soil protection works, are also being taken up based on technical assessments.

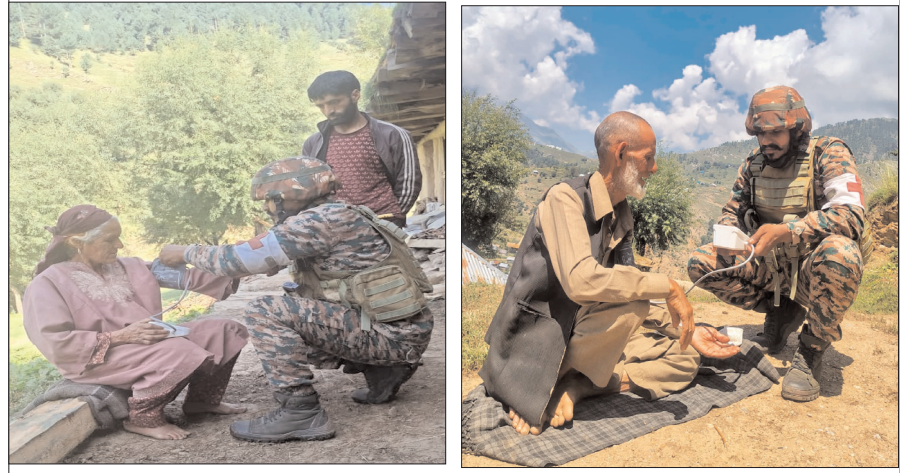
The DDC directed the executing agency and GREF officials to expedite the works while maintaining quality and adhering strictly to safety standards. He stressed the need for immediate protective measures at the vulnerable location to safeguard commuters.

He also directed the concerned agency to closely monitor the site and ensure timely completion of the restoration works, particularly in view of the ongoing monsoon conditions.

EO 58 RR S.K. Singh, ADC Rakesh Kumar and other concerned officers attended the meeting, while OC GREF Major Niranjan attended the meeting virtually.



Army conducts Khairiyat patrol to extend medical help



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The Indian Army conducted a Khairiyat Patrol at Hakwari, Tehsil Khari, District Ramban with the aim of strengthening engagement with the local population and addressing their immediate concerns. The initiative focused on ensuring the well-being of residents and extending essential support services in the remote area.

During the patrol, the Indian Army personnel interacted with locals to understand their requirements and assessed the impact of recent rains on the community and infrastructure. A medical team accompanying the patrol provided health check-ups, basic medical assistance and essential medicines to the residents.

The initiative also enabled the Army to gain first-hand awareness of local challenges and provide timely assistance wherever required. Such outreach activities reflect the Indian Army's continued commitment towards serving communities, particularly in remote and difficult terrains.

The residents appreciated the efforts of the Indian Army and expressed gratitude for the support extended to them. The Khairiyat Patrol reaffirmed the enduring bond between the Indian Army and the people, embodying the ethos of "Service Before Self" and strengthening the spirit of Sainik-Awam partnership.

Apni Party President visits Kupwara, holds meeting with district leadership

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Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Wednesday said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are grappling with serious and pressing issues, while the government appears least concerned about addressing their genuine concerns.

He said, "This government has failed to address the grave challenges confronting the people of Jammu and Kashmir. It does not even seriously discuss issues like unemployment, which is destroying the future of our youth and, in many cases, pushing them towards the menace of drug abuse."

Mr. Bukhari further said that even basic amenities remain unavailable in several areas, with people struggling for access to essential services such as safe drinking water.

"It is unfortunate that in this day and age, people in various parts of Jammu and Kashmir do not even have reliable access to basic necessities like drinking water," he said.

Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari was talking to the media on the sidelines of an extraordinary party meeting in Kupwara.

When asked about Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and the ruling National Conference's backtracking on several election promises, including the commitment to provide 200 units of free electricity to consumers, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "Omar Abdullah is a thorough gentleman, but the fact remains that his government has failed to deliver on several promises on the basis of which his party sought and secured votes from the people."

He added, "People voted for the National Conference with certain expectations, and they now have every right to question the government when those promises remain unfulfilled."

Electoral promises are not merely political statements; they carry a responsibility towards the people who place their trust in a government."

During the meeting, the party leaders apprised Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari of various local issues confronting the public, discussed the prevailing political situation, and also brought several important party matters to his notice.

Meanwhile, during his day long visit to Kupwara, Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari and his accompanying colleagues paid condolence visits at several places.

He extended condolences to party's District Secretary Kupwara Syed Javaid Geelani over the passing of his beloved mother Masooda begum.

He also visited to Peer Ramzan and condoled the demise of his maternal cousin Hayat Kumar of Herri Qadirabad. He also offered Fateh on the grave of Sufi Buzareg Qadir Sahib.

The prominent party leaders who were present in the meeting with the party chief included Chief Spokesperson & State Secretary Muntazir Mohiuddin, District President Kupwara Raja Manzoor, Provincial Secretary & Constituency In-charge Handwara Abdul Rashid Bhat, Provincial Joint Secretary Kashmir & Constituency In-charge Lolab Abdul Rehman Wani, Provincial Joint Secretary & Constituency In-charge Lolab Sofi Irfan, District Vice President & Constituency In-charge Trehgam Dr Noor Din Shah, Senior Vice President Kupwara Mohammad Amin Bhat, District Coordinator Kupwara & Constituency In-charge Langate Mohammad Munawar Khaja, President Women's Wing Kupwara Fidousa Geelani, Women Vice President Kupwara & Office In-charge Kupwara Sabiha Bhat, Secretary Constituency Handwara Syed Qayoom Geelani, Zonal President Handwara Constituency & Media Coordinator Khan Akash Ashraf, Secretary Constituency Karnah Mohammad Ashraf Mir, Zone President Kupwara Constituency Manzoor Ahmed Ganaie, Zone President Tregam Parvaiz Ah Mir, Zone President Lolab Pir Shamsudin, Senior Leader Kupwara Ashiq Hussain Mir, Block President Sogam Mohammad Maqbool Najar, Block President Chakibal Ghulam Nabi Lone, Town President Shabir Ahmad Magray, Zone President Keerh Javaid Ahmed Lone, Zone Secretary Keerh Mohammad Yaseen, Block President Langate Mushtaq Ahmed, Block President Chamkote Qazi Ahmed Rehman, Zonal President Chamkote Ghulam Nabi Lone, Zonal President Tregam Parvaiz Mir, Zonal President Handwara Akash, Zonal President Karnah Javaid Lone, District Committee Kupwara Soniya Sadaf, Party Leader Bilal Arif, Senior Worker Farooq Ahmad, and others.



DC Poonch visits District hospital to enquire about the well being of injured

POONCH, AUGUST 26: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Ashok Kumar Sharma, along with Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik visited District hospital immediately after receiving information about a tragic road accident at Shindra in Tehsil Surankote in which six persons lost their lives and three others sustained injuries.

During his visit to the hospital, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the attendants of injured persons. He enquired from the medical staff about the condition and the treatment being provided to the injured.

The Deputy Commissioner was apprised that soon after the accident, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Parvez Ahmed Khan, mobilised eight ambulances from the DH and Sub-District Hospital Surankote to the accident site for the rescue and evacuation of the injured.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the health department to ensure that all possible medical care is provided to the injured.

The accident occurred when a vehicle on way from Poonch to Shindra went out of control and plunged into a deep gorge.

The district administration expressed deep sorrow over the loss of precious lives and conveyed its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.



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