

JMC Strengthens Tawi River Conservation with Installation of Visarjan Patras at Gujjar Nagar Bridge

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To preserving the ecological sanctity and religious significance of the Surya-putri Tawi, the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today installed and inaugurated dedicated Visarjan Patras at Gujjar Nagar Bridge to facilitate the proper disposal of religious offerings and prevent pollution of the sacred river.

The initiative was inaugurated by Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS, Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation and Mission Director, SBM-U 2.0, in the presence of Shri 108 Swami Mahadev Saraswati Maharaj of Har Ki Pauri Mandir and Pujari Naresh Sharma of Shri Raghunath Mandir. The occasion was attended by Dr. Shahid Hussain, Health Officer, JMC, Dr. Priyanka Malhotra, Nodal Officer, IEC, Swachhata Executives and other officers/ officials.

The installation of Visarjan Patras provides devotees with a designated and dignified facility for depositing flowers, cotton wicks, incense ash, paper and other materials gener-



ated during religious rituals, thereby discouraging their direct disposal into the River Tawi. The initiative reflects JMC's continued efforts to integrate environmental protection with religious practices and strengthen sustainable waste management along the riverfront.

As part of the Corporation's waste management approach, the collected material will be segregated for appropriate processing. Biodegradable offerings will be channelled for composting and utilised to support greenery in municipal parks and green belts, while recyclable materials will be sent for further processing. The initiative will help minimise waste enter-

ing the river and promote the principles of resource recovery and a circular waste management system.

Appreciating the initiative, Shri 108 Swami Mahadev Saraswati Maharaj and Pujari Naresh Sharma urged devotees and citizens to cooperate with JMC in maintaining the cleanliness and sanctity of the Tawi. They appealed to the public to refrain from throwing polythene, plastic and other non-biodegradable materials into the river and to adopt environmentally responsible practices while performing religious rituals. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Devansh Yadav emphasised that protecting the Tawi River is a shared responsibility that requires

active public participation and sustained Jan Bhagidari. He appealed to residents and devotees to make proper use of the designated Visarjan Patras and support the Corporation's efforts to keep the river clean, preserve its ecological balance and maintain its spiritual significance.

JMC reiterated its commitment to promoting environmentally responsible religious practices, strengthening scientific waste management and protecting the city's natural resources. The initiative is another step towards building a Clean, Green and Garbage-Free Jammu through collective action and responsible civic behaviour.

Sukhnandan seeks compensation for farmers hit by hailstorms, heavy rain

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Former minister Sukhnandan Choudhary has urged the Central Government and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to provide adequate compensation to farmers in the Jammu region whose crops and vegetables have suffered damage due to heavy rain, storms and hailstorms.

Choudhary called for the immediate deployment of special teams to assess crop losses in the affected areas and ensure fair compensation based on the actual damage suffered by farmers.

He said the adverse weather conditions had caused significant financial losses to farming families, affecting their livelihoods



and agricultural activities. Stressing that farmers are the backbone of the country's economy, he urged the authorities to expedite the

assessment and relief process.

Choudhary appealed to the Central Government and the J&K administra-

tion to take immediate measures to support affected farmers and help them recover from the losses.

BJP J&K organises 'Seva Ke Rang, Rashtra Ke Sang'

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir, organised 'Seva Ke Rang, Rashtra Ke Sang' at Srijan International School, Jammu, under the nationwide 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan', commemorating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 25 years of public service and dedicated service to the nation.

Sat Sharma CA, BJP J&K President and Rajya Sabha MP; Chandra Prakash Ganga, MLA; Dr Devender Kumar Manyal, MLA; Rekha Mahajan, BJP J&K Vice-President and Programme In-charge; Rashpal Verma, Vice-President, BJP General Secretaries Sanjita dogra and Gopal Mahajan District President Asha Rani; Seh Prabhari Manmohan Singh Prerna Nanda; Santosh Sharma ,Amit dubey ,Inderjeet sharma ,Jaideep Samyalt and other senior BJP leaders attended the programme.

Sat Sharma appreciated the students for their creativity and patriotic enthusiasm, stating that such initiatives encourage the younger generation to embrace the values of service, dedication and nation-building.

He emphasised that en-



gaging students in creative activities centred on national themes strengthens their sense of social responsibility and inspires them to contribute to the vision of a developed India.

As part of the BJP's 'Seva Sankalp Abhiyan', students created beautiful and colourful rangoli designs conveying the themes of seva, samarpan and rashtra nirman. The students also formed a human chain, symbolically showcasing their collective resolve with the message "We Will Do It", reflecting their confidence, unity and commitment towards building a stronger and developed India.

The initiative highlighted the importance of

creativity, youth participation and collective action in promoting patriotism, cultural awareness and the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'.

Rekha Mahajan said that the programme provided a meaningful platform for students to express their patriotic sentiments through art and collective participation. She highlighted the importance of nurturing service-oriented values, social responsibility and national pride among the younger generation.

MLAs Chandra Prakash Ganga and Dr Devender Kumar Manyal appreciated the students' artistic efforts and highlighted the importance of engaging young citizens in activities that promote national val-

ues, cultural awareness and collective responsibility.

Concluding the programme, Sat Sharma expressed his sincere gratitude to Srijan International School, Jammu, its management, Vice-Principal Kiran Jeet Kour, Headmistress Sushma Choudhary, teachers and students for their cooperation and enthusiastic participation.

Vice-Principal Kiran Jeet Kour expressed her gratitude to the BJP leadership. The programme reinforced the message that service, dedication, unity and strong values are essential to nation-building and achieving the goal of a developed India.

DC Bandipora reviews winter preparedness for Gurez

BANDIPORA, OCTOBER 09: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Indu Kanwal Chib, today chaired a comprehensive meeting to review winter preparedness for Gurez and Tulail at Dak Bungalow, Badugam, Tulail, with concerned district and sectoral officers.

The meeting focused on ensuring uninterrupted essential services, timely snow clearance, road connectivity, availability of essential commodities and adequate healthcare arrangements in the snowbound areas ahead of the winter season.

Reviewing the status of roads, bridges and ongoing infrastructure projects, the DC sought details from the concerned engineering departments, including the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and PMGSY. She directed the officers to expedite pending works, resolve bottlenecks and road alignment issues, and adhere to strict timelines to ensure completion of critical projects before heavy snowfall.

The DC stressed the need for advance planning and effective coordination among BRO, Roads and Buildings (R&B) and Mechanical Engineering Department (MED) for timely snow clearance. She directed the concerned departments to submit road-



wise snow clearance plans to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM), Gurez, and ensure the availability of adequate machinery, equipment and manpower, with priority to main roads and vital link roads.

On the occasion, SDM Gurez, Mukhtar Ahmad highlighted the requirement for snow clearance machinery at Razdan Top and Kanzalwan, particularly for clearing the Z-Khushi curve and Rane Mode. The issue regarding mechanised snow clearance of the Dawar helipad was also discussed. The DC directed the Executive Engineers of PWD and MED to formulate a coordinated plan to ensure timely clearance of the helipad for emergency requirements.

The meeting also reviewed arrangements for the deployment and monitoring of emergency vehicles, including GPS-based tracking, and the availability of adequate

fuel and other essential resources to ensure an effective response during snowfall and emergencies.

Reviewing the preparedness of the Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (CAPD) Department, the DC took stock of ration distribution and the advance stocking of essential commodities in Gurez and Tulail before the onset of winter. The availability of LPG cylinders across the subdivisions was also reviewed, with directions to ensure adequate supplies and uninterrupted distribution.

The DC further reviewed the healthcare preparedness including the stocking of medicines and other essential medical supplies, availability of staff and arrangements for providing healthcare services during winter. The Chief Medical Officer, Bandipora, informed the meeting that pregnant women at different stages

of pregnancy had been identified for their timely relocation to the district headquarters, as per the established schedule, to facilitate safe deliveries and ensure access to necessary medical care.

The preparedness of the Power Development Department was also reviewed. The Executive Engineer, KPDC Bandipora, apprised the DC of the department's winter action plan, including the routine operation of generator sets to support power availability. Arrangements of the Jal Shakti Department for uninterrupted water supply were also discussed.

The DC additionally reviewed winter preparedness measures of the Sheep Husbandry, Animal Husbandry, Education and Social Welfare sectors, including Anganwadi services, and stressed the need for advance planning to minimise inconvenience to residents during the harsh winter months.

Emphasising the strategic importance of advance preparedness in Gurez and Tulail areas, the DC directed all departments to remain vigilant, strengthen interdepartmental coordination and ensure that men, machinery and essential supplies are positioned well in advance to meet any eventuality during the forthcoming winter.

Advisor Aslam Wani highlights Kashmir Marathon, winter experiences at TTF Hyderabad 2026

HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 9: Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, today invited people from Hyderabad and other parts of southern India to explore the diverse tourism offerings of Jammu and Kashmir. He also called upon fitness enthusiasts and professional runners from across the country to participate in the upcoming Kashmir Marathon, scheduled to be held in Srinagar on October 25.

Addressing the media at the Travel and Tourism Fair (TTF) Hyderabad 2026, where Jammu and Kashmir is participating as the Partner State, the Advisor highlighted the region's rich cultural heritage, breathtaking land-



scapes and expanding adventure tourism opportunities. He emphasised the need to strengthen tourism linkages with southern India and encourage more visitors from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring states to experience the diverse attractions of Jammu and Kashmir.

Giving a special push to

the upcoming Kashmir Marathon, Wani invited runners and fitness enthusiasts from across the country to participate in the event and experience the natural beauty and hospitality of Kashmir. He said the marathon offers an opportunity to promote Kashmir as a destination for sports tourism while showcasing

its scenic landscapes to participants and visitors.

The Advisor also called for enhanced strategic collaboration and closer liaison between the travel trade fraternities of Jammu and Kashmir and Hyderabad to expand tourism opportunities, facilitate greater tourist inflows and forge stronger regional partnerships.

The Department of Tourism, Jammu and Kashmir, is showcasing J&K's diverse tourism potential at the three-day TTF Hyderabad 2026, with a focus on strengthening its presence in the southern Indian market and attracting visitors for the upcoming winter and spring tourism seasons.

'BJP committed to addressing concerns of border residents, ensuring benefits of Central schemes'

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Reaffirming the BJP's commitment to strengthening its organizational network in border areas and addressing the concerns of border residents, BJP Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary Baldev Singh Billawaria emphasized the need to ensure that the benefits of Central Government schemes reach every eligible family living in border villages.

Billawaria was speaking during a programme organized by the J&K BJP Border Cell, led by its State Convenor Akash Chopra, to announce the new team of the Samba District Border Cell.

On the occasion, Jhankar Choudhary was announced as the new Convenor of the Samba District Border Cell.

Baldev Singh Billawaria, addressing on the occasion, said that border residents are an integral part of the nation's strength and security, and their welfare must remain a priority.



He stressed that the BJP is committed to taking public welfare initiatives to the grassroots level, ensuring that eligible beneficiaries in border areas are not deprived of the benefits of government schemes due to a lack of awareness or accessibility.

Billawaria further emphasized that a strong organizational structure in border areas would help the party remain connected with the people, understand their local issues, and facilitate the effective delivery of welfare

schemes. He urged the newly appointed team to work with dedication, maintain regular public contact, and act as a bridge between border residents and the government's welfare initiatives.

Speaking on the occasion, Akash Chopra said that strengthening the party organization in border areas is essential for addressing the specific needs of border communities. He said the newly constituted district team would work actively to expand the Cell's out-

reach, highlight the concerns of residents, and spread awareness about various Central Government schemes.

Jhankar Choudhary expressed gratitude to the party leadership for entrusting him with the responsibility.

He assured that he would work with sincerity and dedication to strengthen the organization, remain accessible to border residents, and ensure that their genuine concerns are brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities.